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Shortlist announced for prestigious Museums & Heritage Awards for Excellence

Museums and visitor attractions across the UK and Europe have been shortlisted to receive prestigious industry awards at the national Museums and Heritage Awards for Excellence ceremony in May.

Innovative and groundbreaking exhibitions have been selected from more than 300 entries across 10 hard-fought categories.

National treasure, comedienne and broadcaster Sue Perkins will announce the 11 lucky winners at the Awards ceremony on Wednesday 11 May at Church House, Westminster.

The Awards applaud projects ranging from groundbreaking achievements of national institutions to those crafted with limited resources and budget. The winners are selected by a panel of sector judges including: Diane Lees, Director General, Imperial War Museums; Sam Mullins, Director, London Transport Museum and other leading sector professionals.

Diane Lees, Director General of Imperial War Museums, said: "The Museums & Heritage Awards is the only scheme which recognises the breadth of scope and scale of operation in museums across the globe. In times of budget cuts they inspire museums and their partner providers to continue to achieve great things and recognise the success of their efforts. They also raise the profile of the participants with their stakeholders which is also critical during times of difficulty."

The shortlisted projects are shown below:

Company Name	Project title	Category	Town
Martello Media Ltd	Glasnevin Museum, Dublin	International	Dublin
Studio Adrien Gardère	The Museum of Islamic Art - Cairo - Egypt	International	Paris
Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios	Valence House Museum	Restoration/Conservation	Bath
Brunel's ss Great Britain	40th Homecoming Anniversary/Lets Celebrate	Marketing	Bristol
Scott Polar Research Institute, University of Cambridge	The Polar Museum: Promoting Britain's Polar Heritage	Permanent	CAMBRIDGE
Chelmsford Borough Council	Chelmsford Museum & The Essex Regiment Museum	Winstan Bond	Chelmsford
Barleylands Farm Museum	Barleylands Education Programme	Educational	Billericay
Coventry Transport Museum	Ghost Town?	Limited Budget	Coventry
Coventry Transport Museum	Driving Conferences Forward	Winstan Bond	Coventry
BRC Imagination Arts	Exploration Space: Explorers Wanted	International	DURHAM
The Bowes Museum	Fashion & Textile Gallery	Permanent	Barnard Castle
Discover Children's Story Centre	Facing Forward	Limited Budget	LONDON
GR/DD	'Carbon Cycle' for the Atmosphere gallery, Science Museum	Innovations	London
Museum of London	Galleries of Modern London	Marketing	LONDON
Museum of London	Galleries of Modern London	Permanent	London
Historic Royal Palaces	Enchanted Palace, Kensington Palace	Marketing	LONDON
Museums Galleries Scotland	Remembering Scotland At War	Educational	Edinburgh
Glasgow School of Art Enterprises Ltd	The Glasgow School of Art	Winstan Bond	Glasgow
Camlin Lonsdale Landscape Architects	Bury Mount and the Watermeadows	Restoration/Conservation	Towcester
Historic Royal Palaces	Henry VIII's Tapestries Revealed	Innovations	London
Beck Interiors Ltd	1001 Inventions	Temp/touring	London
National Museums Liverpool	Merseyside Maritime Museum	Classic	LIVERPOOL
National Museums Liverpool	Plantastic!	Temp/touring - Plantastic	LIVERPOOL
Lakeland Arts Trust	Blackwell, The Arts & Crafts House	Classic	Cumbria
Mostyn	Mostyn Gallery Re-development	Classic	Llandudno
People's History Museum	The New Main Galleries - Peoples History Museum	Permanent	MANCHESTER
Imperial War Museum North	Shaped by War, Photographs by Don McCullin	Temp/touring	MANCHESTER
People's History Museum	Re-branding of the People's History Museum	Marketing	MANCHESTER

LAARC	Visitor Inclusion Project	Educational	LONDON
Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums	The Late Shows	Marketing	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
The British Library	Evolving English: One language, many voices	Marketing	LONDON
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Kilmartin House Trust	Kilmartin House Museum	Classic	Argyll
Imperial War Museum London	The Lord Ashcroft Gallery: Extraordinary Heroes	Permanent	LONDON
Drinkall Dean and Tim Hatley	Diaghilev & The Golden Age of The Ballets - Russes 1902 - 1929	Temp/touring	London
Dulwich Picture Gallery	Good Times: Art for Older People	Educational	London
South London Art Gallery	The Expansion of the South London Gallery	Limited Budget	London
Westminster Abbey	Conservation of Westminster Cosmati Pavement	Restoration/Conservation	LONDON
Tate Gallery	The Tate Movie Project	Educational	London
Science Museum	Welcome Wing Redevelopment	Classic	LONDON
Science Museum	Antenna Science News Now	Innovations	LONDON
Natural History Museum	Who do you think you really are?	Innovations	LONDON
Shropshire Museum Service	Acton Scott Historic Working Farm	Classic	Ludlow
National Maritime Museum Cornwall	150 years of the docks	Limited Budget	Falmouth
Wallace Collection	Bringing Music back into the Galleries	Innovations	LONDON
Historic Royal Palaces	The Enchanted Palace, Kensington Palace	Winstan Bond	London
The British Museum	Young Explorers	Educational	LONDON
Acoustiguide Ltd	Monet 1840-1926 Smartour App	Innovations	FRANCE
Wigan Leisure & Culture Trust	The Museum of Wigan Life	Limited Budget	Wigan
Farnham Castle	Farnham Castle: Keep Restoration	Restoration/Conservation	Farnham
Coniston Ltd	Closer to Home - Leighton House	Restoration/Conservation	London
Event Communications	The Robert Burns Birthplace Museum	Permanent	SCOTLAND
Beck Interiors Ltd	National Charter Monument Bahrain	International	BAHRAIN

*The Winstan Bond Trophy is a special award for entrepreneurialism sponsored by the Association of Independent Museums

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Notes to editors:

The Museums & Heritage Awards were launched in 2003 by the organisers of The Museums & Heritage Show – the sector’s biggest trade event for museum and heritage/cultural visitor attraction professionals. The Museums & Heritage Show is an annual event and next takes place at Earls Court, London on 11 and 12 May, 2011.

Judging panel for the 2011 Museums & Heritage Awards:

Diane Lees, Director-General, Imperial War Museum
Bernard Donoghue, Head of Government and Public Affairs at VisitBritain
Sam Mullins, Director, London Transport Museum
Matthew Tanner, Director, ssGreatBritain
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