**Free Guided Tours of The Great Exhibition of the North (GNM:Hancock)**

Would you like to come along and have a free guided tour around the new and exciting exhibits in the GNM:Hancock? If so read on!

Four free tours have been arranged for different communities who may need particular assistance to access and enjoy the Great Exhibition of the North. You will find their details below:

**1.** A tour for blind, partially sighted and visually impaired people will take place on Wednesday 27th June between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. A tour guide will be provided who can give both description and information about the various exhibits as well as audio description as the tour takes place. Places must be booked by contacting via email on robert.latham@twmuseums.org.uk or telephone on 0191 277 2313. Bookings must be received by no later than midday on Monday 25th June.

**2.** A tour for people with learning disabilities or who consider themselves to be on the autistic spectrum will take place on Wednesday 4th July between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. The tour guide will have received training in communicating with a wide range of people and will be able to answer most questions that may be posed about the exhibition. Places must be booked by contacting via email on robert.latham@twmuseums.org.uk or telephone on 0191 277 2313. Bookings must be received by no later than midday on Monday 2nd July.

**3.** A tour for older people or those have dementia will take place on Tuesday 10th July between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. The tour guide will be aware of specific communication and interpretation issues that older people may have and therefore the tour will cover as much of the exhibition as possible in the time available. This will mean people attending the tour will not feel rushed or hassled and can enjoy their museum visit fully. Places must be booked by contacting via email on robert.latham@twmuseums.org.uk or telephone on 0191 277 2313. Bookings must be received by no later than midday on Friday 6th July.

**4.** A tour for Deaf and people who have significant hearing loss will

take place on Wednesday 18th July between 3:30pm and 4:30pm. The tour guide will have worked with communication support including BSL interpreters so will be fully aware of all related issues. Places must be booked by contacting via email on robert.latham@twmuseums.org.uk or telephone on 0191 277 2313. Bookings must be received by no later than midday on Wednesday 4th July this is to allow enough time to secure the services of any communication support including BSL interpreters.

There are up to 16 places available on each tour which includes support workers, guides or assistants. Please book early to avoid disappointment. Further information about the Great Exhibition of the North at <https://greatnorthmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/accessible-exhibition-tour>