

Guided Conversation: Museum Education

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Sample Discussion Questions

1) *Who is here today?*

- a) What is your primary role at the museum?
- b) How many staff members work on education programs?
- c) What types of education programs did you do this year?
- d) How do you feel overall about educational efforts at your museum?

2) *COVID's Impact on Existing Programming*

- a) What were your educational experiences and programs like pre-COVID?
- b) How did COVID impact your ability to offer educational programs?
- c) What changes or new educational opportunities did COVID allow?

3) *Barriers in Museum Education*

- a) What are the main barriers or challenges to providing museum education?
 - i) For you personally and your institution?
 - ii) For reaching your audience?
- b) How did the pandemic impact these barriers?
- c) What barriers do you and your institution have the power to help address?
 - i) What steps are you taking and/or hope to take to reduce these barriers?
 - ii) Who can help you reduce these barriers? (individuals, departments, outside organizations, other)
- d) What barriers are you having (or anticipate having) the most difficulty addressing?

4) *Museum Educational Experiences and Programs*

Think broadly about synchronous, asynchronous, offsite, and other educational experiences

- a) How did you transition your programming in response to COVID?
- b) What audiences did you reach? Is this the same or different than pre-COVID?
- c) What was successful that you want to continue post-pandemic?

