

The Knowledgeable Object

Training Workshop: 10am-4pm 27th November 2018



Museum of Ancient Cultures, Macquarie University

Objects are often said to be sticky with meaning.

Ever since antiquity they have been a fundamental way of knowing the world. They are also a focus for transmitting our understanding of the world to others and, as such, are both vessels that embody meaning and understanding the human experience in museum collections around the world, and primary source materials for a diverse range of learning and teaching possibilities.

Some scholars note that objects have a dual character, or contradictory nature. Their nature is definitive, observable, readily described and immutable. On the other-hand they lack fixity, are readily re-contextualised, multiply reinterpreted and ascribed highly variable values in their engagement with our ever-changing knowledge systems. Is it the tension between object and context that makes them such effective educational tools and mediators of meaning?



Objects from the Australian History Museum, Macquarie University Library

We will be hosting a full day professional development workshop, before the symposium, that will explore what is it that makes objects so valuable in educational and museum contexts?

Workshop areas covered: -

- What is Object Based Learning?
- Teacher feedback on pilot program
- Different learning styles and the benefits of OBL
- Case study presentations showcasing different ways of using objects to educate.
- Panel discussion with industry and education professionals and academics
- Hands-on group tasks

Who is it for? -

The workshop is aimed at early career professionals and students working/ studying in education and the GLAM sector as well as teachers involved in the pilot project.

Registration (including full program details) will open in late September, and applicants will be expected to briefly explain why they wish to participate and what they expect to gain from the workshop.

There will be a selection process and to allow for hands-on and work in small groups, the workshop is limited to a maximum of **30** participants.

Registration fee: -

There is no fee for attending the workshop. Parking, food and drink during the day will also be provided. Participants, or their organisations, will be expected to cover any travel and accommodation costs.

When and Where: -

The workshop will be held on Tuesday 27th November 10am-4pm, at 10 Hadenfeld Ave, Macquarie University, NSW 2109.

If you are interested or would like to know more please email ahmuseum@mq.edu.au.

Anyone who has registered interest will be notified as soon as the program is finalised and the online registration is open.

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