

MUSEUM LONDON

BOARD POLICY

EXHIBITIONS

Preamble

Exhibitions are the main attraction for most visitors to Museum London. This statement is supported both by our vision, *“Where our community discovers exceptional art, rich history, and new possibilities”* and our mission, *“We inspire and educate our community by preserving and sharing our art and history.”*

In keeping with Museum London’s mandate *“to collect, preserve, exhibit and interpret works of art and material culture,”* the purpose of the exhibition program is to involve visitors in the process of discovery, to spark curiosity, to inform, to provoke thought, to stimulate imagination, and to heighten appreciation of art and history.

Policy

Museum London will:

- Stage exhibitions consistent with its mandate, vision, mission, and strategic imperatives as approved by the Board. The exhibitions shall meet the necessary conservation requirements for art, artifacts, and exhibition design and materials.
- Implement a thought-provoking, accurate, objective and diverse exhibition program that reflects both the history of London, Ontario, and the arts in the London region, as well as in the national and international spheres.
- Build an appreciation for the achievement of regional artists, curators, historians, writers and other cultural producers, and provide a broader context for these initiatives by enhancing local dialogue on art and history as the recipient of touring exhibitions.

Engagement

- Create exhibitions and programs with an emphasis on local relevance and appeal through the development of focus groups and other community engagement methods while also engaging regional and national communities.
- Make accessible to the public the collections and the collections-based research by featuring ideas and objects for their social, aesthetic, and historical interest, and by implementing innovative interpretation strategies to enhance the exhibition experience and reach more diverse audiences.

Criteria of Excellence

- Museum London is committed to assessing its exhibition program qualitatively and quantitatively, and to supporting and improving the performance of Museum London personnel who deliver the exhibition programs.

Planning

- Develop and maintain an exhibitions program in keeping with the Museum London's values of *"welcoming the community, engaging with the public and each other, celebrating our accomplishments;" "valuing diversity, encouraging shared leadership and authentic communication;"* and *"sharing and supporting dynamic presentations and education with the community and each other."*

Last Revised Date: 30 October 2013

MONITORING:

Adherence

The Executive Director will report to the Board on any areas of non-adherence within a timely manner.

Policy Review

Method: Internal Report

Responsibility: Policy Committee

Minimum Frequency: Three Years