

British Sign Language Interpreted Events Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service

Following the success of the summer special events programme, Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service is delighted to announce that a selection of events in the autumn/winter programme will be British Sign Language (BSL) interpreted.

Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service is a leader in making its museums, exhibitions and events accessible to all kinds of visitors' needs. The continuing development of BSL interpreted events emphasises the museum service's already strong access provision and will continue over the coming year.

The first event to be BSL interpreted for this season's event programme is **Dragon Stories** at **Colchester Castle**. On **Saturday 20th September** the storytelling sessions will be interpreted at 12.30pm and 2.30pm. In this session visitors can meet two young dragons and enjoying hearing stories from around the world.

Thereafter the following events and sessions will be BSL interpreted:

Time-Machine Drama Fun

Visitors can take part in a fun and imaginative journey through time and act out historical characters along the way.

Ipswich Museum, High Street, Ipswich

Wednesday 29th October - 1pm & 2.30pm

Book on 01473 433554. Textphone users dial 18001 followed by the full number you wish to call.

Tea and Talks

A series of fascinating lectures in the beautiful surroundings of Colchester Castle. Full details are available at www.colchestermuseums.org.uk

Colchester Castle, Colchester

Saturdays 18th October until 15th November – 2.30pm to 4.30pm

Christmas Open Evening

Enjoy traditional Christmas carols, fun and magic, as well as the Christmas quiz and the chance to meet Father Christmas.

Colchester Castle, Colchester

Wednesday 10th December – 4pm to 8.30pm

A Tudor Christmas

Get into the festive spirit and enjoy traditional crafts, costumed characters, carols and the chance to meet Father Christmas.

Christchurch Mansion, Ipswich

Sunday 14th December – 10am to 5pm

Sophie Weaver, Colchester and Ipswich Museum Service's Access Officer says

"Following the success of our summer events programme I am delighted that we are once again offering BSL interpretation to our deaf visitors for our autumn and winter events programme. This provision highlights the museum service's dedication to providing suitable access for all of our visitors and firmly keeps us as a leader and fine example of good disability access."

For comment or option:

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Our vision is to create a museum service that is a source of pride, inspiration and fun.

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