

Museum Essentials: Working with Collections

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My name is Paula Viscardi I'm the Zoology Curator for the National Museum of Ireland and I'm also the chair of the Natural Science Collections Association which is a subject specialist network specialising in natural sciences. Subject specialist networks are often grassroots organisations but sometimes funded organisations which have been created for a particular role to try to ensure that people within the museum sector are able to get the best information that they can about specialist collections, understanding the materials, understanding ways of making good use of those collections and making sure they are safeguarded for the future. And really, it's just a way of sharing information. Aspirationally I think getting collections accessible to everyone who wants or needs to access them is the most important thing. And to my mind that means knowing the collections well enough and being able to make those connections with anyone who might need to access them. And that really hard, it's not small ask but I think that's something we can achieve.