How to book

We welcome many groups to our venues so you must book your visit in advance. All of our activities, including both our museum-led and practitioner-led sessions, facilities and new displays are listed in full in the learning sessions database on our website: www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/learningsessions

Simply visit the website, decide which session(s) you want to attend and then get in touch:
- Group bookings phone line: 0151 478 4788
- Group bookings email: educationbookings@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk
- Our website: www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/groupvisits

We will confirm your booking shortly after.

There is also information on our website to help you plan your visit, including risk assessments.

Stay in touch
Sign up for our termly education e-newsletter and receive the latest news on our learning sessions, facilities and new displays. www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/register

If you are interested in museum-based Continuous Professional Development, please email us stating the subjects or venues you are interested in.
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Helen Chambers, teacher, Woodchurch Road Primary School, Birkenhead

Enter a world of learning

Museums and galleries are inspiring places for children, and we offer our Early Years visitors a wide range of sessions, activities and topics.

We offer:
• Free admission to our venues
• Sessions specifically tailored to the Early Years Foundation Stage
• Essential information and advice on planning your visit
• Sessions led by trained museum and gallery staff
• Resources to support your practitioner-led visits
• Pre-bookable lunch spaces
• Resources for use back in your setting
• CPD sessions for staff

This booklet provides just a taster of what we offer – visit our website for a full list: www.liverpoolmuseums.org.uk/groupvisits

World Museum

William Brown Street,
Liverpool L3 8EN

The museum where pupils learn about the world around them – from rockets to totem poles, dinosaurs to ancient Egypt and Greece. The Planetarium is a big favourite, but don’t forget our Aquarium, Bug House and Weston Discovery Centre where the emphasis is on touching, looking closely and having hands-on fun.

Focus on… Incy Wincy Spider story sack

Max number: 30 pupils
Duration: 35-40 mins
Type of activity: practitioner-led

Welcome to the world of insects and arachnids at World Museum! Here our younger visitors learn about the fascinating creepy crawly world around them through our Incy Wincy Spider story sacks. With puppets, music, games and our favourite story, Aaargh! Spider! they are sure to learn lots and have fun. A follow-up visit to the Bug House on the second floor of the Museum allows children to see nature in action.

Other activities you might like
• Sunshine – meet Sunshine, the cartoon sun, in this interactive show in our Planetarium
• Ameny’s Adventure – smell, touch and examine ancient Egypt through the story of a little boy, Ameny
• Stone Age to Iron Age story sack

Max number: 30 pupils
Duration: 35-40 mins
Type of activity: practitioner-led

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**Focus on... Big Art for Little Artists**

- **Max number:** 30
- **Duration:** various, 30-60 mins
- **Type of activity:** gallery-led

Play, exploration and creation are the emphases at Big Art for Little Artists, a unique space where young visitors aged 0-6 get arty. We have several activities waiting for you including treasure baskets, craft activities, mark making, dressing up, puppets and ‘story and rhyme time’.

Young visitors aged 0-3 years will love this opportunity to get creative in just about the only place where they can paint on the walls and floor. Using a wide variety of colours, textures, paint and objects, these sessions are designed to encourage sensory exploration and support the EYFS framework.

**Focus on... Arty adventurers**

- **Max number:** 15
- **Duration:** 1 hour
- **Type of activity:** gallery-led

Join a member of our education team for a voyage of discovery as your children take on the role of explorers. This fun and interactive introduction to art allows children to explore our paintings and objects using their imaginations and creativity, whilst developing communication and language skills. Afterwards, a mark making, role-play or building session in Big Art gives children time to reflect on their adventures.

**Focus on... Pitter patter painters**

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**Other activities you might like**

- Popular parent and baby sessions for carers and their little ones
- Themed trails such as On The Farm, Me and My Family and Seasons
- The Walker’s own storybook Something Wild... at the Walker Art Gallery

**You gave an opportunity for little ones to let go with paint without the worry of making a mess – there was real creativity in this.**

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**Walker Art Gallery**

William Brown Street, Liverpool L3 8EL

The Walker is the gallery where art comes to life. With a pre-bookable, dedicated children's gallery it is the perfect venue to bring younger visitors to experience art for the first time. We offer gallery-led sessions, practitioner-led trails, role-play, crafts, dressing up, puppets and painting. Big Art also supports EYFS, particularly around Expressive Arts.

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**This place is brilliant – the children could have spent all morning in here. I will definitely be recommending you to all my teacher friends.**

Reception teacher, Kingsway Primary School

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Lady Lever Art Gallery

Port Sunlight Village, Wirral CH62 5EQ

As well as a stunning collection in a beautiful building, the Lady Lever also has a fantastic activity space for our younger visitors. Here they can play, experience and learn with puppets, books, drawing, colouring and costumes, before taking to the Gallery and seeing art for themselves.

Focus on... Artplay

Max number: 30 pupils
Duration: 90 mins
Type of activity: drop in (no need to book)

Monday mornings are for under 5s at the Lady Lever with our creative play art sessions, run in partnership with Wirral Children’s Centres. Each week there is a different arty activity including painting, drawing, craft and play. Visiting families can also enjoy activities in our Activity Room.

Other activities you might like

- Animals in Art – a fun interactive session discovering animals in paintings and objects. Sing, play and imagine!
- Animal trail – discover animals in our art works using our practitioner-led trail.
- Story sacks – themed bags for practitioner-led tours, featuring knights and dragons, picnics and elephants.

Merseyside Maritime Museum

Albert Dock
Liverpool L3 4AQ

Get ready to cast away on a learning adventure with a difference. A visit to the Merseyside Maritime Museum – surrounded by docks and ships – brings learning to life. We have discovery sessions especially for our younger visitors, with lots of role-play, tactile experiences, singing and fun.

Join our pirate captain to discover the truth about life on a pirate ship – was it as glamorous and exciting as people think? Young recruits can dress up as fearsome shipmates, sing shanties to help them work, and test their muscles! But what about life on board? Where would you sleep and would you like the food? And most importantly, is there treasure to find? Perfect for any would-be swashbucklers!

Focus on... Pirates Ahoy!

Max number: 30 pupils
Duration: 60 mins
Type of activity: museum-led

Other activities you might like

- Animals in Art – a fun interactive session discovering animals in paintings and objects. Sing, play and imagine!
- Animal trail – discover animals in our art works using our practitioner-led trail.
- Story sacks – themed bags for practitioner-led tours, featuring knights and dragons, picnics and elephants.
- Sea Urchins – practitioner-led trails to track down the characters hidden in the displays.
- At the Seaside – experience holidays like your great-grandma took.
- Titanic Storytelling: Polar, the Titanic Bear – the story of Douglas and his favourite toy bear on board the famous ship.

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Focus on... My Liverpool, My Museum

Max number: 30 pupils
Duration: 60 mins
Type of activity: museum-led

What is a museum? What does it contain? Very young, first time visitors get to find out in a session that helps them think about the Museum, the city, its people and the special objects that tell our stories. Our young curators also get to choose a favourite object from a gallery and to sing songs. A perfect session for a big day in any would-be curator’s life!

From their place on top of the adjacent Liver Building, the Liver Birds can see an awful lot. This session is about encouraging our young visitors to imagine what those things might be. Using a giant play mat of Liverpool, which is populated with trees, transport and children’s ideas, we explore the city, making noises and actions that the Liver Birds might see and hear. Then it’s off around the Museum to find examples of transport that characters who don’t have wings might use.

What an excellent space for little ones. So much to explore and do and yet learning as you have fun. I’m really impressed and want to bring lots of children here.

Early Years Carer

Focus on... Little Liverpool

Max number: 50 people (inc adults)
Duration: 30 mins
Type of activity: museum-led

A gallery created by children, for children (with a bit of help from some early years practitioners), Little Liverpool is hands-on heaven for under 7s. Children take part in a museum-led, structured play session which includes water play in the Liverpudlies river interactive, exploring an A to Z of objects from the collection, and making connections with the view through the window. The space can also be pre-booked for your group’s exclusive use.

Little Liverpool – a Clore Learning Space

"A fantastic and beautifully presented selection of learning activities... Our children loved it. Little Liverpool is very clean, the staff are very knowledgeable and friendly and we will definitely come again.

Early Years Carer"

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International Slavery Museum
Albert Dock
Liverpool L3 4AQ

The sights and sounds of West Africa are brought to life for our youngest visitors at the International Slavery Museum. This multi-sensory experience features traditional music, materials and customs. Why not also visit the Merseyside Maritime Museum or Seized! while your group is in the building?

Focus on… Baba’s musical voyage
Max number: 30 pupils
Duration: 60 mins
Type of activity: museum-led

Story telling, traditional African costume and African musical instruments create a wonderful atmosphere for young visitors to the Museum. They can play, listen to and learn about different instruments, then learn about and dress up like Baba, an African child who is just like them. What are the instruments made from?

Other activities you might like
• A teacher-guided tour of the Life in West Africa section of the Museum.

Thank you so much for your help and enlightening demonstration today. Your knowledge and experience certainly made for an interesting and enjoyable visit.

Mrs Sowler, parent

Seized!
Albert Dock,
Liverpool L3 4AQ

The world of smuggling and smugglers is brought to life at Seized! Young visitors will experience this mysterious world in a fun, accessible and easy to understand way using role-play, hands-on activities and our handling collection. Why not also visit the Merseyside Maritime Museum or International Slavery Museum while your group is in the building?

Focus on… Little Smuggle Busters
Max number: 30
Duration: 60 mins
Type of activity: museum-led

Many of our young visitors will have passed through Customs and wondered what was going on! This session, which is suitable for both nursery and reception children, teaches them by looking at the job of Customs in a fun and informative way. Young Customs Officers will get hands-on with suitcase search activities, dress up, learn about passports, search for treasure and smuggled items, sing and generally have fun.

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