

Young Explorers - Family and Learning Conference - 19th November 2014

...an inspiring day. I came away with plenty of ideas and a new enthusiasm with regards to attracting families to Little Hall Museum Lavenham - Lindsay Panton (Little Hall Museum)

On 19th November 2014, we ran the very first of our free training days to support museum development in the region.

The event was held at [Parham Airfield Museum](#) and was open to all museum volunteers, learning officers and general members of the public interested in engaging young people with the story of the 8th USAAF in the region.

The young explorer's conference consisted of a day of workshops, sharing, advice and presentations on how best to engage young people, schools and families with museums. It was truly a great chance to share and gather best practice. Speakers included **Kathy Moore** the *Museum Development Project Officer for Children & Young People and Audience Development* for SHARE Museums East and *Heritage Freelancer and Consultant* **Claire Driver**. There was also a chance for delegates to get the first sneak peak of our [new learning programme](#).

The event was attended by a diverse range of museum professionals from across the region and generated many interesting discussions and topics from how to incorporate the national curriculum into museum outreach, to running activity trails and open days, to maximising the benefits of working together in partnership.

The feedback from the event has been hugely positive, and we are hoping to run similar events in the region across the next couple of years. If there are any particular topics you think would be helpful to discuss at a future conference then please do not hesitate to contact the project and we will try to incorporate these into our future plans.

we enjoyed meeting colleagues from other museums and organisations and are looking forward to networking with them in the future - Tim Brett (Parham Airfield Museum)

It has given me lots of ideas of how to engage children and families without much expense - Ann Howlett (389th Bomb Group Memorial Exhibition)

Finally, a massive thank you is due to [Parham Airfield Museum](#) for opening up especially in order to host the event.