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It has been stated that museums and cultural institutions can change people's lives. They are pillars of healthy communities and ideal spaces to connect people. While communities around the globe address issues of immigration, religious expression, cultural diversity, discrimination, gender identity, and equality, the commitment of museums to diversity, equity, accessibility, and inclusion has never been more important.

At the seventh edition of the Museum Conference, museum and cultural professionals from the U.S., the UK and Greece will examine the social impact of museums, their role in promoting social inclusion and cohesion, and how diversity and accessibility programs

are directly linked with audience engagement, funding sources, resilience and sustainability.

The Museum Conference will explore how cultural institutions can reach and retain diverse audiences beyond race, ethnicity, age, class, ability, language and gender; how can museums give voice to underprivileged groups and become places for creative exchange and open dialogue.

The conference will also examine how arts professionals can make accessibility a lifelong process for museums and cultural organizations and how cultural organizations can approach wellbeing and become central elements of their communities.

PROGRAM

09:00 – 10:00

Registrations

10:15

Welcome Remarks

10:30 – 11:30

Nicole Ivy

Director of Inclusion, American Alliance of Museums (USA)

The Futures We Create: Museums as Agents of Social Change

Matoula Scaltsa

Professor of Art History and Museology,
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Accessibility: For Whom and How

Moderator: **Maria Tsantsanoglou**, Director,
State Museum of Contemporary Art

11:30 – 12:30

Sarah Plumb

Research Associate, Research Center for Museums
and Galleries (UK)

*The Role of Museums in Nurturing More Equitable and
Inclusive Societies*

Matt Turtle and Jess Turtle

Co-founders, Museum of Homelessness (UK)

*Changing All Our Lives: What Can Working with Socially
Excluded People Offer your Museum?*

Moderator: **Thouli Misirloglou**, Director,
Macedonian Museum of Contemporary Art

12:30 – 13:00

Break

13:00 – 13:30

Georgia Krantz

Independent Accessibility Trainer and Consultant (USA)

*Small Steps: A Practical Guide to Accessibility
in Museums*

13:30 – 14:30

**Local Community Engagement Organizations:
Case Studies**

State Museum of Contemporary Art

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Artcitya

Moderator: **Chryssa Nanou**, Press Officer,
Telloglion Foundation of Art, AUTH

15:00 – 17:00

WORKSHOPS

(All workshops will be in English with no translation available)

1. Open the Doors

Jess Turtle and Matt Turtle

2. Creating a Space Where All Voices Can Be Heard

Sarah Plumb

3. Next Steps: A Practical Guide to Accessibility in Museums

Georgia Krantz

4. Forecasting Inclusive Museum Futures

Dr. Nicole Ivy