

Bexhill Museum wins National Lottery support for Migration Project.

Bexhill Museum has received £20,300 from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for an exciting new project, **People-Object-Place**, taking place in the Bexhill and Hastings area. Led by students from the local community, the project focuses on the heritage of migration in the region and the contributions made to the local area, and considers contemporary topics of migration today.



Students of Art and Design from Bexhill 6th Form College and Sussex Coast College Hastings will be working with Bexhill Museum, Hastings Museum and Art Gallery and the De La Warr Pavilion, exploring the heritage of migration in the area through archived material and artefacts which date back to 80AD. The students will curate three innovative exhibitions displays at each cultural venue, exhibiting the heritage uncovered by the project alongside contemporary artworks responding to migration.

Stuart McLeod, Head of HLF South East, said: "We're delighted that money raised by National Lottery players can help young people in Bexhill and Hastings to connect with their rich local heritage. This project will not only provide fantastic opportunities for students to learn from professionals and develop their skills, but participants will also gain an appreciation of the impact and value of migration, which is so relevant today".

Bexhill Museum strives to be a valued cultural and educational resource for all and is proud to be working with other organisations in the area with this shared belief. The People-Object-Place project aims to identify and raise awareness of the rich and varied heritage relating to the migration of people, design and material culture to the area over many centuries, dating from Roman occupied Britain. The project will enable the student led team to create exhibitions that will showcase the influences and contributions migration has had on the region and demonstrate that the movement of people from place to place can relate to us all. The project will discuss topics contemporary migration through engagement with community groups in the area and through a variety of artworks created by the students for the

John Betts, Chairman of Bexhill Museum, said: "On behalf of all involved with Bexhill Museum our thanks go to the Heritage Lottery Fund National Lottery players for supporting this unique and exciting project which will enable students from Bexhill and Hastings to explore the heritage of their home environment."