

John
Gray
Centre

Library Museum Archive

The Talking Museum

at the **John Gray Centre**

Resources and activities for
reminiscence and visual impairment



Guided tours
Audio guides
Creative workshops
Handling objects
Replica costumes

Accessible activities and resources

The John Gray Centre is fully accessible and enjoyable for visitors of all ages – why not come and explore East Lothian’s past with us?

Everything we offer is free though we gratefully receive donations, which help us continue to run the programme.

Resources

Available every day at the museum – just drop in and ask at the desk.

Audio guides

- Listen to fascinating background information and vivid visual description of the objects on display
- Explore with optional navigational guidelines for visually impaired visitors
- Choose different display tracks on different visits, for shorter tours



Handling objects and replica costumes

- Touch our tactile objects relating to the displays
- Try on our replica costumes and hats, from times gone by
- Talk about them, and find out more in discussion

Reminiscence loan boxes

Phone or email to arrange a loan box – see next page for contact details.

- Choose a topic from our reminiscence collection
- Borrow history in a box
- Think what the objects and pictures remind you of
- Tell your group your stories and anecdotes

Group activities

Friendly and sociable opportunities to find out more about the museum exhibitions and take part in activities.

Guided tours of the museum

- Visual description of the paintings and displays
- Discussion of the history and background of the objects
- Share your own memories and knowledge

Reminiscence and object-handling sessions

- Sit and chat around the table about our handling objects
- Feel and explore the objects and costumes
- Share your memories and stories with the group

Creative workshops

- Hands-on art and craft activities
- Guided by a supportive artist
- Designed for people with disabilities or visual impairment

Booking information

All these activities are available to book.

We welcome groups of between four and eight people (plus helpers/carers). Guide dogs also welcome.

Please contact us at least two weeks in advance to find out more and arrange your visit.

**Contact us on 01620 820 690
or email jgc@eastlothian.gov.uk.**

Accessible activities and resources at the John Gray Centre

Here's a taster of what we offer, but get in touch to find out more

Exhibition audio guides with visual description and navigational guidelines

Guided tours of the exhibitions for groups

Handling objects and replica costumes

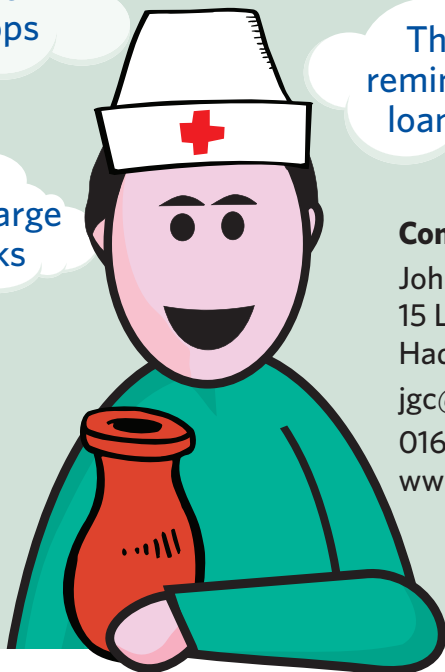
Reminiscence sessions



Creative workshops

Themed reminiscence loan boxes

Audio and large print books



Contact us to find out more

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