The Museum Test

Recommendations

Q I, 2, 3.

Efforts should be made to address and incorporate the voices and experience of POC when dealing with topics involving slavery and Empire.

Consider re-directing research to involve POC groups such as Scottish BPOC Writers Network or conducting external resarch sessions

Q 2a.

External consultation does not only mean specialists in the field but also:

- Youth feedback sessions
- -Anti-racist groups
- -Research from external POC sources

It is important to get to know your audience and how you can incorporate POC history into displays

Q4.

Language which celebrates the British Empire and those who benefitted from it can invalidate and belittle the experience of those who were affected by it. Language which recounts for an accurate potrayal of the British Empire and slavery should be considered.

(See language guide for more information)

Q 5. Short term displays can often feel tokenistic when addressing POC experience. Perhaps efforts should be made to make displays like this are permanent in person and online.

Q 6, 7, 8.

Objects which were unethically aquired including looted objects, or objects in which the provenence is unknown or violent should be clearly labeled on how they have been aquired and whether plans to repatriate the object are being made.

There should be complete transparency on how objects were aquired which can be achieved through information panels

e.g. The red Museum of Empire panels in Kelvingrove demonstrate how objects of this nature can simultaneously be displayed and address the provenance in a way that does not celebrate or minimize the attrocities of the British Empire.

