

Celebrating Africa: Speaker's Corner

Call for speakers: Invitation to take up the talking stick

Date and Time: Saturday 27th October 10.45 am to 4pm; Sunday 28th October 11.15am to 4pm

Place: Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum



'We desire to bequeath two things to our children; the first one is roots, the other one is wings.' Sudanese proverb

African cultures have always been outward looking. For thousands of years, until European colonisation in the 1840s, many of its cities were centres of creativity, science, wealth and commerce. International connections allowed learning, trade, culture and art to flourish.

- How does this powerful heritage influence the dynamic and vibrant Africa of today?
- Is this heritage celebrated by the peoples of Africa's many and varied Diasporas?

Join us as we celebrate the rich and diverse history of Africa and its people by sharing what you feel shines, through themes including (but not limited to):

- Performance and performing traditions
- Language and communication
- Body, style and fashion
- Art and Architecture
- Cultural Heritage
- National and international connections and influences
- Looking forward/looking back
- Community and society
- Land and landscapes
- Diaspora experiences

You will have 5 minutes to present your idea followed by 10 minutes for audience reaction, discussion and participation. No Power Points please but you can use any other means to illustrate your views – be as creative as you like.

The audience will be a family audience and children are encouraged to be part of the event.

If you would like to take up the talking stick and speak, please send your ideas to patricia.allan@glasgowlife.org.uk - we look forward to hearing from you.

