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1. Name of resource	Supporting Decolonisation in Museums	
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8. Languages in which available	English, Welsh	
9. Geographic area resource relates to	UK, but with wider relevance	
10. Does the resource relate to a specific time frame?		
11. Type	Report	
	Toolkit/Framework/Roadmap	Yes
	Sign-post to other resource (database)	
	Case studies	Yes
	Other	
12. If this is part of an initiative, what is the initiative?	Museums Association Decolonising Museums initiatives	
COLLECTIONS AND COLLECTIONS-BASED INSTITUTIONS		
13. Explicit links to collections	Yes	
14. Explicit links to museums/libraries/archives	Yes	
15. Types of institutions the resource covers	Museums	X
	Archives	X
	Libraries	X
	Other	X
16. Does the resource relate to specific disciplines?	Arts, humanities and social sciences: philosophy, psychology, religion, social sciences, law, politics, language, arts and recreation, architecture, literature, history,	X

	geography and ethnology, anthropology, archaeology	
	Science, natural history, technology, medicine, engineering, manufacturing	X
17. If no explicit links to collections, justification for inclusion		
HOW IT CONTRIBUTES TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
18. Collections-related activities the resource relates to (mark all that apply)		
Develop collections to protect and safeguard wider cultural and natural heritage more effectively , for example by targeting collecting to threatened forms of heritage in strategic ways		X
Use collections to promote learning and educational opportunities that contribute to sustainable development more effectively , for example education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development and/or skills development relating to collections		X
Use collections to promote cultural participation/social inclusion more effectively , for example by reducing barriers to participation, to ensure no-one is 'left behind'		X
Use collections to promote sustainable tourism more effectively , for example by developing new products based on local cultural heritage, and/or considering the rights of stakeholder groups in relation to collections		
Use collections to support research that contributes to sustainable development (including all forms of personal and self-directed research at all levels that make use of stored collections) more effectively, for example by providing effective facilities, collections and information to meet researchers' needs		
Make decisions around collections that contribute to sustainable development more effectively		
i. employment (recruiting, staff training, staff safety)		X
ii. energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, reduction, monitoring and reporting		
iii. waste management and reduction of waste		
iv. transport (forms of transport, energy use)		
v. commercial activities including copyright and IP		
vi. governance and management		X
vii. security, disaster preparedness and risk reduction		

Direct external leadership, partnerships and collaborations towards sustainable development more effectively , for example by developing impactful partnerships	X
19. Does the resource relate clearly to any international conventions (mark all that apply)?	
Culture conventions:	
1952, 71 Protection of Copyright and Neighbouring Rights	
1954 Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict	X
1970 Fighting Against the Illicit Trafficking of Cultural Property	X
1972 Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage	X
2001 Protection of the Underwater Cultural Heritage	
2003 Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	X
2005 Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions	X
Rio Conventions:	
Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)	X
AIMS AND CONTENT	
20. What issues does the resource aim to address?	<p>“Our 2019 Empowering Collections report found there was a growing interest in decolonising museums, but there was a lack of confidence in how to put this concept into practice. This document is intended as a prompt for thinking, discussion and action on decolonising. It offers tools for those who want to improve their practice through decolonial thinking and suggests initial steps for those who are committed to this work, but don’t know where to start. It also aims to give strength and support to those already doing this work.</p> <p>In creating this document, we are taking steps to reflect on our own structures and ways of working. We are on this journey with the sector.” (p.5)</p>
21. Intended audience of resource	Museum sector, including funders.
22. Process of development	“This guidance was produced by our Decolonisation Guidance Working Group, with support from our Ethics Committee and a range of critical friends. It was developed following the findings of our 2019 Empowering Collections report which recognised the growing interest in decolonising museums, but a lack of confidence in how to put this into practice.” [webpage]
23. Organisation/structure/contents	
FRAMEWORKS	

24. Framework structure	The recommendations, templates and model documents in the resource can be considered as frameworks.
25. Relevant policy considerations	Yes
26. Resources for implementation identified	Yes
27. Specific assessment points/indicators/milestones/action plan for monitoring	Yes
28. ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
People (social sustainability)	X
Planet (environmental sustainability)	
Prosperity (economic sustainability)	X
Peace	X
Partnerships	X
29. CROSS-CUTTING CONSIDERATIONS COVERED BY RESOURCE (mark all that apply)	
Gender perspectives	X
North and South perspectives	X
HOW THE RESOURCE CONTRIBUTES TO AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs	
HOW AGENDA 2030 AND THE SDGs FEATURE IN THE RESOURCE	
30. SDGs and Agenda 2030 specifically mentioned?	No
31. SDGs specifically mentioned?	No
32. SDG targets specifically mentioned?	No
33. SDG indicators specifically mentioned?	No
SDGs AND SDG TARGETS AND LINKAGES	
34. Comments on SDG linkages	Implementing the resource supports a number of SDG targets relating to access to services, representation and decision making, including 1.4 (access, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, including inheritance), 10.2 (promoting universal social, economic and political inclusion of all), 10.3 (eliminating discriminatory policies and practices), 10.4 (adopting policies and practices that support inclusion and sustainable

	<p>development) and 11.4 (strengthening efforts to protect and safeguard cultural and natural heritage).</p> <p>Ensuring collections are returned to their rightful owners supports SDG 16.3 (support the rule of law), and returning stolen or illegally held property supports SDG 16.4 (combat illicit flows, strengthen recovery of stolen assets). Effective institutions and relationships supports 16.6 (effective, accountable and transparent institutions), and ensuring decisions are made in inclusive and participatory ways with relevant communities and their representatives supports SDG 16.7, as well as SDG 16.10 (support fundamental freedoms, in line with human rights) and 16.B (uphold and promote laws and policies for sustainable development).</p> <p>Ensuring policies and practices are compliant with broader sustainable development supports SDG 17.14 (policy coherence) Close partnership working with source communities supports SDGs 17.16 (global and international partnerships) and 17.17 (cross-sector, local and national partnerships for sustainable development).</p> <p>Ensuring source communities are able to access and make use of their cultural heritage relies on their access to infrastructure (including museums) for social inclusion and economic development (9.1), and also ensures they can draw on heritage as part of SDGs 4.5 (eliminate barriers in education) and 4.7 (Education for Sustainable Development).</p>
35. SDGs and SDG targets the resource helps advance	
<p>SDG 1: End poverty in all its forms everywhere 1.4 By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance</p>	<p>Numbers and proportions of people from particular groups using collections in comparison with demographics in broader society.</p> <p>Numbers of people accessing collections.</p> <p>Number of targeted programmes that aim to enhance access to collections by disadvantaged groups.</p> <p>Sustainable tourism that enhances local communities' access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property (including cultural and natural heritage), as well as to technology and markets.</p>

	Involvement of people from disadvantaged groups in decision-making activities and processes relating to collections and collections-based institutions.
<p>SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p> <p>4.5 By 2030, eliminate gender disparities in education and ensure equal access to all levels of education and vocational training for the vulnerable, including persons with disabilities, indigenous peoples and children in vulnerable situations</p>	<p>Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of Indigenous peoples' groups.</p> <p>Number of educational and/or training programmes drawing on collections directed to meet the particular needs of children in vulnerable situations.</p>
<p>SDG 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all</p> <p>4.7 By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development</p>	<p>Numbers of people in each type of programme drawing on collections from different demographic groups.</p> <p>Increases in numbers of people in each type of programme from different demographic groups.</p> <p>Proportion of people involved in such programmes in relation to overall audience size.</p> <p>Evidence that learners have acquired knowledge and skills to promote sustainable development.</p>
<p>SDG 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation</p> <p>9.1 Develop quality, reliable, sustainable and</p>	<p>Development of research-useful collections to support reliable, sustainable and resilient use by researchers and others.</p> <p>Number and proportion of collections facilities and stores that support economic development and human well-being.</p>

<p>resilient infrastructure, including regional and transborder infrastructure, to support economic development and human well-being, with a focus on affordable and equitable access for all</p>	<p>Number and proportion of collections facilities and stores that provide affordable and equitable access for all.</p> <p>Investment in collections facilities.</p> <p>Inclusion of collections information in regional and transborder initiatives, notably via digital access for discoverability.</p>
<p>SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries 10.2 By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status</p>	<p>Collections development to ensure that collections effectively meet the needs of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of people making use of collections in relation to the demographic of the local population.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of people involved in focused programmes aimed at promoting social, economic and political inclusion.</p> <p>Numbers and proportions of people from different demographic groups involved in decision-making processes relating to collections and collections-based institutions.</p> <p>Number and types of partnerships that build relationships with marginalized groups, individuals and communities.</p>
<p>SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries 10.3 Ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including by eliminating discriminatory laws, policies and practices and promoting appropriate legislation, policies and action in this regard</p>	<p>Identification of discriminatory policies and practices, with clear plans to address these, to ensure equal opportunity for all and reduce inequalities of outcome.</p>
<p>SDG 10. Reduce inequality within and between countries 10.4 Adopt policies, especially fiscal, wage and social protection policies,</p>	<p>Number and proportion of policies that proactively address equality issues relating to fiscal, wage and social protection considerations.</p>

<p>and progressively achieve greater equality</p>	
<p>SDG 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable 11.4 Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world’s cultural and natural heritage</p>	<p>11.4.1 Total expenditure (public and private) per capita spent on the preservation, protection and conservation of all cultural and natural heritage, by type of heritage</p> <p>Plans, policies and procedures in place for the safe use of collections for a variety of purposes, protecting and safeguarding both collections and those who use them.</p> <p>Plans, policies and procedures in place for the identification, safeguarding and protection of cultural and natural heritage at risk.</p> <p>Collecting programmes in place to protect, safeguard and make use of cultural and natural heritage, addressing the needs of communities and stakeholders, and ensuring that collections can be an effective resource for sustainable development.</p> <p>Number and diversity of educational, awareness-raising, research programmes, and partnerships that aim to strengthen protection of cultural and natural heritage.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.3 Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all</p>	<p>Collections development that relates to the rule of law, equality before the law, and justice for all.</p> <p>Number of activities drawing on collections, for example educational, research and partnership activities, that promote the rule of law at national and international levels, and that promote a culture of lawfulness, and the right of all to justice.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.4 By 2030, significantly reduce illicit financial and arms flows, strengthen the recovery and return of</p>	<p>Identification of stolen assets, return of stolen assets.</p> <p>Collections development, education, awareness-raising and partnership activities relating to organized crime, with a view to combatting organized crime everywhere.</p>

<p>stolen assets and combat all forms of organized crime</p>	
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.6 Develop effective, accountable and transparent institutions at all levels</p>	<p>16.6.2 Proportion of the population [audience/users/non-users] satisfied with their last experience of public services Access to information, and accountability policies and mechanisms, in place.</p> <p>Effective institutional arrangements, both for own working and for working in partnership with other sectors, in place.</p> <p>Plans and arrangements in place for extraordinary circumstances such as natural and human-caused disasters.</p> <p>Effective arrangements in place to fulfil legal and social obligations and responsibilities.</p> <p>Effective arrangements in place for transparent communication and reporting of institutional performance.</p> <p>Effective arrangements in place for transparent decision-making and accountability.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.7 Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels</p>	<p>16.7.1 Proportions of positions (by sex, age, persons with disabilities and population groups) in public institutions (national and local legislatures, public service, and judiciary) compared to national distributions 16.7.2 Proportion of population [audience/users/non-users] who believe decision-making is inclusive and responsive, by sex, age, disability and population group</p> <p>Decision-making addresses societal, environmental and economic challenges related to the community, considering short-term and long-term risks and opportunities.</p> <p>Decision-making draws on diverse backgrounds, viewpoints and interests, reflecting a broad base of stakeholders, and working to promote inclusion and provide effective services for all of society.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.</p>	<p>Adopt and implement constitutional, statutory and/or policy guarantees for public access to information.</p> <p>Plans in place, and plans implemented to enhance public access to information relating to collections.</p>

<p>16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements</p>	<p>Plans in place, and plans implemented to support fundamental freedoms, in line with human rights, national and international agreements and legislation.</p> <p>Plans and procedures in place for public access to information relating to the operation and management of collections-based institutions.</p> <p>Complaint mechanism in place for public to use where public access to information and fundamental freedoms not supported or fulfilled.</p>
<p>SDG 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. 16.B Promote and enforce non-discriminatory laws and policies for sustainable development</p>	<p><i>16.B.1 Proportion of population [audience/users/non-users] reporting having personally felt discriminated against or harassed in the previous 12 months on the basis of a ground of discrimination prohibited under international human rights law</i></p> <p>Number and proportion of policies that incorporate sustainable development considerations, in the full sense of recognizing all three of social, economic and environmental considerations.</p>
<p>SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals 17.14 Enhance policy coherence for sustainable development</p>	<p>Proportion of policies that incorporate sustainable development considerations, linking to SDGs and targets.</p> <p>Incorporation of policy considerations from outside the collections sector into policies of collections-based institutions, to facilitate partnerships and effectiveness.</p>
<p>SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals 17.16 Enhance the global partnership for sustainable development, complemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships that mobilize and share knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources, to support the achievement of the sustainable development goals in all countries, in particular developing countries</p>	<p>Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of global and international multi-stakeholder partnerships that share collection-related knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to address the SDGs, or that otherwise involve collections-based organisations and institutions.</p> <p>Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of global and international multi-stakeholder partnerships involving developing countries that share collection-related knowledge, expertise, technology and financial resources to address the SDGs.</p>

SDG 17. Partnerships for the goals 17.17 Encourage and promote effective public, public-private and civil society partnerships, building on the experience and resourcing strategies of partnerships		17.17.1 Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private and civil society partnerships Number and/or increase in number, and diversity of local, national and regional multi-stakeholder (public, public-private and civil society) partnerships that address the SDGs drawing on collections, or that otherwise involve collections-based organisations and institutions.			
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