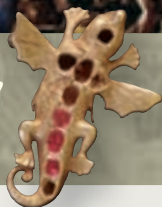




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Accessing Ireland's Heritage



## **An Irish Museums Association Touring Exhibition exploring the richness and diversity of museum collections in Ireland**

The Exhibition will be launched in Dublin  
On 28 May 2008 at the  
National Library of Ireland,  
Kildare Street, Dublin 2

The Exhibition continues at the National Library  
until 8 June 2008

The Exhibition will be launched in Belfast  
On Wednesday 11 June 2008 at the  
Linen Hall Library,  
17 Donegall Square North, Belfast BT1 5GB

The Exhibition continues at the Linen Hall Library  
until 8 July 2008

The **Irish Museums Association** is dedicated to supporting  
and promoting the interests of museums and the museums  
community, throughout Ireland.

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Gold and Ruby Salamander from the *Girona*, an Armada ship that sank off the coast  
of Antrim in 1588. Photo courtesy the Trustees of National Museums Northern Ireland.



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## Accessing Ireland's Heritage

Irish museums are major cultural resources providing places of learning, curiosity and enjoyment. To celebrate this, the Irish Museums Association has created a touring exhibition: ***Museums Matter: Accessing Ireland's Heritage*** to let everyone know about the great treasures waiting to be discovered in our museums.

***Museums Matter*** is accompanied by a book, activity sheets, handling collection, a/v presentation and a programme of talks and workshops - designed to encourage the public to visit and use their local museums more. The exhibition features images from collections across Ireland, including folk life, archaeology, costume, natural history, transport, marine life, science and technology, fine art and the decorative arts. Starting in the north, the exhibition will travel throughout the country, the initial 2008–2012 venues are:

Date	Venue	County
<b>2008</b>		
May	National Library of Ireland	Co. Dublin
June – July	Linen Hall Library, Belfast	Co. Antrim
July – August	Ulster American Folk Park	Co. Tyrone
Sept – October	Lisburn Library	Co. Antrim
November	Old Museum Arts Centre, Belfast	Co. Antrim
<b>2009</b>		
Dec – January	Bangor Carnegie Library	Co. Down
Feb – Mid/March	Tower Museum	Co. Derry
Mid/March – Mid/April	University of Ulster Riverside Theatre	Co. Derry
Mid/April – May	Fermanagh County Museum	Co. Fermanagh
June – Mid/July	Donegal County Museum	Co. Donegal
Mid/July – August	Galway City Museum	Co. Galway
Mid/Sept – November	Ballymena Museum	Co. Antrim
<b>2010</b>		
Dec – January	Bagenal's Castle, Newry	Co. Down
Feb – April	Museum of Country Life	Co. Mayo
May – June	Dundalk County Museum	Co. Louth
July – August	Áras An Chontae, Tullamore	Co. Offaly

Check the IMA Website to see when the exhibition is in your area and to download the museum activity sheets.

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