

## **NMS Loans Service 2010 & 2011**

National Museums Scotland are currently undertaking the Royal Museum Project, a £46.4 million initiative to transform the magnificent Victorian building and its facilities into a world-class venue, re-opening in 2011.

As we move further into the delivery phase for the galleries the project will be drawing on all the resources within the organisation, in particular our conservation and curatorial staff. As a result we will be unable to offer a full loans service during 2010 and 2011. While the service will not fully close, we will be decreasing the number of loans we make during the period January 2010 – December 2011, by prioritising loans that will fulfil our national and international strategies.

If you wish to borrow from us during 2010 or 2011 you must submit your loan request as soon as possible. As a guide, please submit a request to us by 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009 for loans desired in 2010 and 30th November 2009 for loans desired in 2011. We aim to have an agreed list of loans out for the restricted period by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2009.

In order to request any objects on loan from the National Museums please send a letter of request to our Director, Dr Gordon Rintoul, stating what objects you would like to borrow, your exhibition dates and venue details. The more information you can provide, and the earlier you can submit your request, the more likely we will be able to deliver the loan.

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