

Course Description	<p>The culture of the ancient Egyptians lasted for more than 3000 years. Their remarkable buildings and objects were preserved by the dry desert climate, capturing the imagination of many people long after the rule of the final pharaohs. Styles, fashions and object types changed hugely over 3000 years. These changes can provide an insight into larger economic, political and religious changes. This infinite variety can often present museum professionals with a challenge- to explain this variety succinctly and with authority.</p> <p>This workshop aims to provide an understanding of the long history of the ancient Egyptian culture in brief, from the formation of the Egyptian state to the introduction of Islam. It will also explore this history through objects typically found in museum collections across the world. Such as: coffins, shabtis and ceramics.</p> <p>The day will also include a guided tour of the newly opened ‘Ancient Egypt Rediscovered’ gallery at the National Museum of Scotland, highlighting the topics discussed.</p> <p>There will be time throughout the day to meet colleagues, share information and ask questions.</p>
Outcomes	<p>Following this workshop participants should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a basic understanding of the broad history/chronology of ancient Egypt. • Appreciate the links between cultural and political changes and object types. • Have a better understanding of the development of common object types, including: coffins, shabtis and ceramics. • Know where to go for further information on ancient Egyptian History, object types and dating criteria.
Course Leaders	<p>Margaret Maitland, Senior Curator, Ancient Mediterranean Dan Potter, Assistant Curator, World Cultures</p>
Advance preparation required	<p>Feel free to bring images of displays, storage or objects to discuss.</p>
Cost	<p>Free of charge</p>
No of participants	<p>16</p>
Venue	<p>National Museum of Scotland, Seminar Room</p>

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