# Managing and Curating Museum Collections - Hessenpark

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## Objective

Opened in 1974, the Hessenpark is Hesse's largest open air museum. Enclosed by the forests and valleys of the Taunus hills, the 64-hectare site brings 400 years of Hessian social and agricultural history to life. The museum invites visitors to explore the rich diversity of Hessian timber-framed architecture and provides an in-depth look into historic trades and crafts, the lives and work of craftsmen, housewives and farmers. Hessenpark has a varied year-round programme of guided tours, craft demonstrations, school projects and workshops.

The Hessenpark regularly organises special exhibitions addressing transregional topics and everyday culture. Artists present their view of rural life, technical changes and advancements are put on show and creative responses to social issues are analysed.

## Description

Our short workshop will provide you with an insight into the work of museum collectors and educators at the open air museum.

It will show you how educational theory is put into practice, how it is adapted into everyday hands-on programmes.

It will also look at the demographic challenges and contextual changes modern museum work is confronted with.

- Which standards determine the museum collectors' work?
- Why do open air museums document and collect?
- What does the work in the field of museum education entail?
- How is a museum's educational department put together?
- Which steps are necessary to develop and organize an educational programme?

The workshop will take place in the Hessenpark Open Air Museum. The ride will be organized by GRADE.

## Organizational Information

| Language | English and German |
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| Target group | Doctoral Candidates at all stages and Postdocs from Humanities and Social Sciences |
| Date | Friday, 25 May 2018, 15:00– 17:00 + travel time |
| Registration | **For registration click here** |