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Museums' local schools project longlisted for national award

Pitt Rivers Museum and the Oxford University Museum of Natural History have been longlisted for the Clore Award for Museum Learning for their work with children from local primary schools.

"Orchard Meadow regards your 'Making Museums' project as one of the jewels in the crown offered to Year 6." Grace Slater, Deputy-head teacher Orchard Meadow Primary School.

'Making Museums' is an innovative project that uses object-based learning to encourage every child to succeed in a positive learning environment. The children track what happens to a museum object, from acquisition to display, before finally making a museum in their own classroom.

"The Making Museums project has developed from real teamwork between museum educators, teachers, curators, conservators, volunteers and a lot of children. Being long-listed for the Clore Learning Award is a real boost to our museums, and a credit to MLA's Renaissance funding stream which supports us" Andrew McLellan, Head of Education, Pitt Rivers Museum.

This sustainable project began in 2003 and has grown over the past few years. In 2009 and 2010 nearly 1200 year six children from 11 primary schools in Blackbird Leys, Greater Leys, Rose Hill, Littlemore, Cowley, Barton, Woodfarm and Headington took part in the project.

Ten museums across the UK have been long listed for the inaugural £10,000 Clore Award for Museum Learning. The award is aimed at championing excellence in museum learning and is run in parallel with the Art Fund Prize. The award recognises quality, impact and innovation in using museums and galleries for learning activities and initiatives.

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Notes for editors

- **The Clore Duffield Foundation** sponsors the Clore Award for Museum Learning. The Clore Duffield Foundation is chaired by Dame Vivien Duffield DBE and has a strong focus on supporting cultural learning, particularly within museums and galleries and at heritage sites. www.cloreduffield.org.uk. It is one of the founding partners of the Cultural Learning Alliance, a collective voice working to ensure that all children and young people have meaningful access to culture in this difficult economic climate. www.culturallearningalliance.org.uk
- **The Art Fund** has sponsored The Museum Prize since 2008. The Art Fund is the national fundraising charity for works of art and plays a major part in enriching the range, quality and understanding of art in the UK. It campaigns, fundraises and gives money to museums and galleries to buy and show art, and promotes its enjoyment through its events and membership scheme. Current initiatives include sponsoring the UK tour of the ARTIST ROOMS collection, and the recent successful campaign in partnership with the National Trust to raise £2.7 million to save Brueghel's *The Procession to Calvary* for Nostell Priory. The Art Fund is funded by its art-loving and museum-going members and supporters who believe that great art should be for everyone to enjoy. Find out more at www.artfund.org. Press contact | 020 7225 4888 | media@artfund.org The Art Fund is a Registered Charity No. 209174.

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