

Mindfulness

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Rooted in meditation techniques, the term mindfulness is often equated to "awareness, attention, intention, purpose, fullness." In the museum context, it has served as inspiration for generating new visitor experiences, such as yoga and meditation or relaxing arts & crafts workshops. However, mindfulness in the museum can also be applied to the practices of the staff. When we contextualise it in this sense, we should focus on its characteristic of careful introspection. This means actively shaping and re-shaping your mindset, being reflective about your place in the museum as a practitioner, aware of your biases as an individual and as an institution. It's an act of break-taking, questioning, and adaptation.

This mindset considers our practice as an act of perpetual improvement, of continuous-learning. This can be complicated, because it goes against the socially-conditioned impulse to act and react instantly, to offer answers and solutions. These moments of reflection are what give meaning to our work behind the scenes but they're effects are also visible to visitors. We need to learn to identify the moments to step back and look at the bigger picture or to zoom in and highlight details. This is what I understand by being mindful.

We need to actively choose to be fully present.







