



CULTURE GRID

Culture Hack East 16th – 17th June 2012

[Culture Grid](#) gives easy access to approx 2 million records from 100's of collections of all kinds from across the UK, covering a huge range of topics: from arts to zoology – joining and opening up UK collections information for more use by more people in more ways.

- UK collections information is brought together within Culture Grid to be openly re-used and experimented with and it has featured at many Hack events
- Most records in Culture Grid (c1.8 million) are about the items within museums, galleries, archives and libraries i.e. works of art and design, science and industry; or historical photos, recordings and documents
- Many item records (c730,000) reference images with some referencing audio and video items
- There are also c8,000 institution records giving contact and access details of museums, libraries, archives etc (the 'Institutions' dataset)
- And c35,000 'collection records' giving details of the scope of collections and access details (e.g. 'UK Theatre Collections')
- All records contain links to their original online source and thumbnail images where available and carry rights statements provided by the owners of the collections

Collections in Culture Grid include:

- Government Art Collection
- National Museums of Science & Industry
- University Museums in Scotland
- English Heritage Viewfinder
- Visual Arts Data Service
- Manchester City Galleries
- Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums
- Leodis – Leeds photo archive
- Picture Sheffield
- Museum of London
- Beamish Museum
- Nottingham City Museums
- Folk Archive North East
- South Tyneside Image Archive
- Exploring 20thC London
- Leicestershire Museums
- Northamptonshire Museums
- The Fitzwilliam Museum

We'd love to see new content added from the East of England!

Using Culture Grid

"It's amazing that they are bringing together all the museums and galleries in one place so that you can search what they have..." CultureHack2011

The Culture Grid [Search API](#) and data feeds can be used to create a diverse range of services. Examples include:

- [University Museums Scotland](#)
- [Find a Library](#)
- [Culture Grid: North East](#) inc twitterbot, slideshow & colourapp

We'd love to see new examples that:

- Visualise the range of content in Culture Grid
- Combine collections information with event and community information and social media
- Present collections in new and exciting ways!

Further information: www.culturegrid.org.uk

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