

## Creaviva Children's Museum, Bern and Leeds Museums & Galleries joint winners of the 2022 Children in Museums Award

On Friday 9 September, in a ceremony during the European Museum Academy Conference in Luxembourg, the results of the 2022 Children in Museums Award were announced. 13 museums took part in the competition from 13 countries, with a short-list of six finalists. This is the tenth year the Award has been presented. This year, exceptionally, the judges were delighted to give the Award jointly to Creaviva Children's Museum, Bern and Leeds Museums & Galleries.

The winners each receive a cash prize of 2,500 Euros and each will hold for six months a bronze statue of Miffy, the world-famous children's character created by Dick Bruna. The sculptor is Marc Bruna, Dick Bruna's younger son.

### Background of the Award

The Children's Museum Award was established in 2011 by the European Museum Academy and Hands On! International Association of Children in Museums to enhance the recognition of excellence in the specific sector of international children's museums. In 2014 the name of the Award was changed to the Children in Museums Award, to reflect the wider range of provision for children in today's museums. Applications are welcomed from children's museums and from education, children departments in museums and science centres, both long-established and recently opened.

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### Summary from the Judges' Report:

**Creaviva Children's Museum, Bern, Switzerland – Children curate Klee** As an integral component of the Zentrum Paul Klee in Bern, Switzerland, Creaviva aims to arouse curiosity in art by enabling children to be creative themselves. With its summer exhibition '**A Shining Secret - Children Curate Klee**', Zentrum Paul Klee and Creaviva have pushed the boundaries of art experience by enabling children to *be* the curators, choosing the theme, the works and the method of presentation for this major exhibition. The process used to achieve this is explained in a separate exhibition in Creaviva itself. This project is an outstanding demonstration of what can be achieved when we develop things together with children as equal partners in a project.

### Leeds Museums and Galleries, United Kingdom – The Leeds Curriculum

This city-wide arts and cultural project led by Leeds Museums and Galleries was created to build a sense of identity, pride and connection with city, community and self, amongst children across all of the diverse areas of Leeds. Through a vast network of organisations, professionals and school children, over 300 'real-life' stories were gathered and shared on a freely accessible website as a resource for teachers to use in their classrooms and on visits to the museums and cultural organisations of Leeds. This project is exceptional in terms of its potential to have a long-term impact on the children of Leeds and the scale of engagement across the city's cultural organisations.

### 2022 Short-listed Museums

Hidrodoe, Herentals, Belgium  
Hans Christian Andersen House, Odense, Denmark  
ANOHA – Children's World of the Jewish Museum, Berlin, Germany  
National Gallery of Slovenia, Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Creaviva Children's Museum, Bern, Switzerland  
Leeds Museums & Galleries, Leeds, United Kingdom



### Previous Winners of the Award

- 2012** Tropenmuseum Junior, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- 2013** Please Touch Museum, Philadelphia, USA
- 2014** National Gallery of Denmark (SMK), Copenhagen, Denmark
- 2015** Lifetime Achievement Awards: Boston Children's Museum, USA and ZOOM Children's Museum, Vienna, Austria
- 2016** GeoFort, Herwijnen, The Netherlands
- 2017** National Museum of Science and Technology, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2018** The Keppel Centre for Art Education, National Gallery Singapore
- 2019** Ker ImagiNation, Dakar, Senegal
- 2020-**
- 2021** The Dutch Open Air Museum, Arnhem, The Netherlands

### The European Museum Academy (EMA)

EMA is a non-profit Foundation established to reflect museums at the international level, to promote research on museography and museology as a high cultural activity, to provide constructive criticism and promote discussion on new exhibitions and museums, and to disseminate museological knowledge and ideas among members of the profession. It aims to promote the conception and development of new as well as of traditional museums as tools of social change. EMA co-operates with Hands On! International Association of Children in Museums for this Award. European Museum Academy members of the Jury of the Award are also members of EMA's Pool of Experts.

[www.europeanmuseumacademy.eu](http://www.europeanmuseumacademy.eu)

### Hands On! International Association of Children in Museums

Hands On! International Association of Children in Museums is an international professional organisation representing and advocating for its non-profit member institutions. It actively stimulates the creation and development of children's museums (including science centres, large collections based institutions serving young visitors) and more space for cultural and educational activities for children and young people. Hands On! supports the important role of children's museums as centres where play inspires creativity, informal and lifelong learning.

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