The political museum

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Our mission

To change lives by enabling millions of people, from all backgrounds, to engage with our world-class museums.
Our values (extract)

• We are a democratic museum service and we believe in the concept of social justice: we are funded by the whole of the public and in return we strive to provide an excellent service to the whole of the public.

• We believe in the power of museums to help promote good and active citizenship, and to act as agents of social change.
National Museum of Australia (Canberra, Australia)

http://www.nma.gov.au
Museum of New Zealand - Te Papa Tongarewa (Wellington, New Zealand)

http://www.tepapa.govt.nz/
District Six Museum (Cape Town, South Africa)

http://www.districtsix.co.za/
The Museum of Genocide Victims (Vilnius, Lithuania)

http://www.muziejai.lt/
Museum of the Occupation of Latvia (Riga, Latvia)

http://okupacijasmuzejs.lv/en
Museum of the Romanian Peasant (Bucharest, Romania)

http://www.muzeultaranuluiroman.ro
Vietnam War Remnants Museum (Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_Remnants_Museum_%28Ho_Chi_Minh_City%29
DDR Museum (Berlin, Germany)

http://www.ddr-museum.de
National Underground Railroad Freedom centre (Cincinnati, USA)

http://www.freedomcenter.org/
National Museum of the American Indian (Washington, USA)

http://nmai.si.edu/visit/washington/
International Slavery Museum
International Slavery Museum and the Campaign Zone
INTERCOM Declaration of Museum Responsibility to Promote Human Rights:

INTERCOM believes that it is a fundamental responsibility of museums, wherever possible, to be active in promoting diversity and human rights, respect and equality for people of all origins, beliefs and background.