



**FIHRM offsite meeting:**  
**Museums, human rights and climate activism**

**5 September 2019, 10.00-13.00**

**Soka Gakkai Kyoto International Culture Center**

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**10.00-10.30 Welcome and greetings from Soka**

**10.30 -12.15 Interactive Workshop**

For our offsite meeting, FIHRM will continue to consider the wider ICOM conference topic of museums and cultural hubs and the role they can play in society. In this interactive workshop we will talk about how museums can respond to the calls for action for environmental change in the effort to promote and protect human rights. We will consider the role museums can play in joining the growing calls for action to address the global climate emergency. Together we want to consider how museums can contribute to campaigning for climate change and what a call to action from museums might look like.

There will be short provocations from:

- David Fleming, FIHRM President, UK
- Tracy Puklowski, Director Creative Arts and Cultural Services, City of Launceston, Tasmania
- Laura Pye, Director National Museums Liverpool, UK
- Susana Meden, CEO, FIHRM Latin America, Argentina
- John Young, CEO, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Canada
- Ying-Ying LAI, Graduate School of Arts Management & Cultural Policy, and Research Center of Museum Studies, National Taiwan University of Arts, Taiwan

Group discussion and activity - come along and be prepared to join a lively discussion!

**12.15-13.00: Exhibition [Transforming Lives: the Power of Human Rights Education](#)**  
*Refreshments will be served*

**AFTERNOON – OPTIONAL EXCURSION**

After the workshop there will be an optional excursion to the famous Bamboo Groves. Participants cover their own costs.

**BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW! Places are limited.**

Please confirm your place by 31 July 2019 by email to [fihrm@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk](mailto:fihrm@liverpoolmuseums.org.uk)

## Further information: Getting to Soka Gakkai Kyoto International Culture Center

### Location

Address: [532 Hachichome Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto, Japan, 604-0074](#)

**Train:** 30 min (From Kokusaikaikan Station to Marutamachi Station plus some walking)

**Car:** typically takes 15 – 35 min (From ICC Kyoto: depending on traffic)



### Brief explanation of the venue

Located in front of the [World Heritage Site Nijo-jo Castle](#), the Kyoto International Culture Center is used by Soka Gakkai members as a place to meet and deepen their faith to make positive changes in their lives and their society.

The center also hosts various events for raising awareness and stimulating dialogue on shared issues facing humankind. These events include creating and showing of exhibitions that focus on nuclear abolition, human rights education, sustainable development, and humanitarian challenges.

More information can be found here:

- Soka Gakkai International (SGI) general introduction: <https://www.sgi.org/snapshot/>
- SGI's focus areas: <https://www.sgi.org/about-us/focus-areas.html>

### Exhibition

#### Transforming Lives: The Power of Human Rights Education

The exhibition Transforming Lives: The Power of Human Rights Education aims to raise awareness of the vital role of human rights education in promoting dignity, equality and peace and in preventing human rights violations and abuses.

<https://www.power-humanrights-education.org/exhibition/>