

Dr David Fleming OBE
Director
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David became director of National Museums Liverpool in 2001. This is a national museum service which employs about 600 staff and runs 8 museums the Liverpool area. He has overseen a radical change management process that has resulted in Liverpool audiences quadrupling, rising from around 700,000 per year to 3 million, at the same time increasing markedly in diversity. Previously, David was director of the multi-award-winning Tyne and Wear Museums for 10 years, where he led teams delivering major capital developments and massive audience growth. Before that he was Principal Keeper at Hull Museums. He started his museum career as founder-curator of the Yorkshire Museum of Farming, York, and has also worked at Leeds City Museums.



Internationally, David has advised a number of governments and municipal authorities on national museum strategy, project management and museum governance, including the Netherlands, Norway, Egypt, Moldova, Latvia and Germany. He has published extensively on museums and lectured on museum management and leadership, social inclusion, city history museums, and human rights museums and is Founding President of the Federation of International Human Rights Museums (FIHRM). He is currently Vice-Chair of the European Museum Forum, Chairman of ICOM's Finance and Resources Committee, and past President of the international ICOM Committee on Museum Management, INTERCOM.

David is a past President of the UK Museums Association and has served on several Government committees and task forces. He is currently a member of the Museums Association's Board. In 2002 he was named in the Independent on Sunday as one of the ten leading people in UK museums. He was awarded an OBE in the 1997 New Year's Honours List for services to museums.