

Women's traditional Craft group (in partnership with Plymouth Museum)

This group meets every Friday from 10 – 12 in the Museum's Education room, exploring a range of crafts, predominantly knitting and crochet. The rationale for this group has been to bring women together from varied backgrounds and help build up tolerance and understanding, and breaking through some of the prejudices that exist around different cultures. The age range and abilities of this group is very diverse. We have individuals who have physical disabilities and some who have mental health problems. The ages run from early twenties to the eldest member who is 85 years old. The group is predominantly 'white British' but we also have women from Iraq, Japan, Romania, Zimbabwe, Chile, India and Spain.

The women share skills and techniques, support each other and are currently engaged in making knitted clothes and blankets for children. These are distributed through a local children's centre that has a large proportion of BME and ASR participants. They also work on their own projects and the museum displayed a selection of their work from April – July which looked at craft skills over the last 100 years and similarities and differences between cultures in the way in which work is produced.







