

## Press Release:

### **#FunnyStuff from Manchester Museum**

For National Tell a Joke Day Manchester Museum, part of The University of Manchester, is putting some of their funny looking taxidermy from the depths of the stores in the spotlight.

The bad taxidermy from many decades ago will be on display at The Comedy Store. Animals include a brush-tailed Phascogale, Greater Slow Loris, Red Squirrel, Rodents and a Monkey. Alongside this, the museum is hosting a competition to hear your funniest joke about what conversation the animals are having. To enter your joke you need to follow Manchester Museum on social media, write your joke on a speech bubble, take a photo of it and share using the hashtag #FunnyStuff. The competition will close on 9 November and winners announced on 28 November.

Manchester Museum takes the responsibility for animals very seriously; including taxidermy animals in the museum, the welfare of live animals in the Vivarium or animals in our world. The museum hopes humour will encourage all to be curious and care about the lives of animals today.

Manchester Museum will be displaying objects and artefacts across Greater Manchester over the next 2 years, as the museum is transforming through a £13 million development, hello future. From Autumn 2018, Manchester Museum will be partially open until 2021, and reopen s a bigger, more inclusive and more wondrous Manchester Museum. If you are a venue that would like to provide a temporary home for the museum's collections, contact Manchester Museum on social media or email [museum@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:museum@manchester.ac.uk)

## Notes to Editor

### About Manchester Museum

Manchester Museum, part of The University of Manchester, first opened in 1890. It is the UK's largest university museum with a collection of about 4.5 million items from every continent. Its combination of the academic and the popular is what makes the museum so distinctive and lies at the heart of its widespread appeal. The Museum's vision is to promote understanding between cultures and work towards developing a sustainable world. In 2015, visitor numbers exceeded half a million visitors for the first time in its history, reflecting an institution that has become a leading visitor attraction. Each year, Manchester Museum provides an exciting schools programme to approximately 30,000 children and delivers pioneering family programmes and adult learning opportunities to more than 95,000 people of all ages and backgrounds. [www.manchester.ac.uk/museum](http://www.manchester.ac.uk/museum) @mcrmuseum

### Further information

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