



Case Study 5

Event	Storytelling: Trim, the Ship's cat
Event type	Drop-in storytelling event
Archive	National Maritime Museum
Details of event	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interactive storytelling based on the biographical tribute to ship's cat Trim, written by his master, the 19th century British explorer, Captain Matthew Flinders, held at the National Maritime Museum. • The story is told using a series of props and replica objects. • The programme was developed originally for Key Stage 1 children and has been adapted for family learning at NMM. • A resource pack for schools has been developed. • Trim's story is available at www.nmm.ac.uk/trim
Estimated cost of event to the archive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial materials: £250 • Running cost: £100 per session
Additional funding (if any)	N/A
Duration of event	Approximately 40 minutes at 13.30/ 14.30/ 15.30

Location of event (if outside archive)	N/A
Number of participants	45
Partner organisations involved	N/A
Main resources required and who provided them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freelance tutor for storytelling sessions • Props: maps, globes, toy animals, diaries – all purchased by the Education Department as part of a continuing programme with Trim. • NMM Education and Collections team staff time for research into programme development.
Who project managed the event?	Education and Interpretation Department
Who ran the event on a day-to-day level?	Education and Interpretation Department Visitor Services Freelance Tutor
What, if anything, could be done to improve this event?	Incorporation of genuine artefacts into the session
Publicity Achieved	N/A
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