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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI723596153**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council museums.

You have requested the following information:

Part A - If applicable

**In relation to the museums/galleries owned/funded/overseen by the council
For the past two years up to date**

Q1

- a. What work has been carried out to “decolonise” collections: addressing colonial legacies, racism, and to make the museum more racially inclusive**
- b. For example, what labelling has been added to contextualise potentially harmful narratives about slavery etc**
- c. What has been removed from display?**
- d. Can you please provide any interval guidance/manuals provided to staff to assist them with this work**

Q2

- a. For the past two years up to date**
- b. What work has been carried out to make collections, events and education work to make it more inclusive for the LGBTQ+ community ?**
- c. Tours, new displays, new labels?**
- d. Can you please provide any interval guidance/manuals provided to staff to assist them with this work**

Q3

**Could you please provide details of formal approaches for the return of cultural artefacts, and for all requests for the repatriation of cultural artefacts
For example, for the return of Aboriginal material**

- Can you break this down by the date of the first approach, with details of the objects in question, the parties requesting them, and the status of discussions/negotiations at present

Part B

Q1

In relation to any council owned/funded/overseen venues: for arts, music, or other cultural activities:

a. What has been done to ensure racial and LGBT inclusion?

b. What policies are in place with regard to referencing the use of the shape to certain groups or those with certain political views?

In response to your request, we confirm that we do not hold this information and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Coventry City Council does not manage or oversee museums, galleries nor any other cultural events within the city.

However, in order to fulfil our obligation under Section 16 of the FOIA to advise and assist you, we would advise you to contact the individual independent venues directly to request this information, and they should be in a position to assist with your request.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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