



Foundling Museum loan requests

The Foundling Museum welcomes requests to borrow items from its Collections from both UK institutions and those overseas.

It may be helpful to contact us in advance to discuss the potential loan, and enquiries should be directed to exhibitions@foundlingmuseum.org.uk for Foundling Hospital related items, or Katharine Hogg, Librarian katharine@foundlingmuseum.org.uk for Gerald Coke Handel Collection material.

Formal requests should be made in writing with a minimum of six months' notice to: The Director, The Foundling Museum, 40 Brunswick Square, London WC1N 1AZ, with a copy emailed to Alison Duke, Collections Manager alison@foundlingmuseum.org.uk

Loan requests are considered by the curatorial staff and the Director prior to a decision by the Museum's Board of Trustees. In addition, some loans may require further approval from Coram (the children's charity which began in 1739 as the Foundling Hospital).

Please include relevant information about your exhibition and some context to why you are requesting the particular loan from our Collections. It is helpful to include with the formal request the UKRG Facilities and Security reports, as well as UKRG Display Case Supplement (if relevant), along with any other information you think will be useful. This will assist in a quicker assessment of whether your venue is suitable for the loan.

The Foundling Museum does not generally charge a loan fee but does operate a full cost recovery policy for any direct costs associated with a loan such as conservation, framing etc. The Museum may send a courier to accompany the objects while in transit and for installation and de-installation and will decide this on a case-by-case basis. The borrower would also be expected to cover all insurance, transport and courier costs.