

## MUSEUM IRELAND – Style Guide

### Text

Texts submitted for publication in Museum Ireland should comply with the following style guide. Texts are also sub-edited and proofed with regard to the style guide.

- Irish-English spellings should be applied to all texts. Our primary spelling and style guide reference is the *Oxford English Dictionary*.
- Set your default language for the document to English (Ireland) or English (UK).
- Leave single spaces between sentences
- Titles of articles should be self-explanatory
- Articles should commence with an introductory paragraph or abstract suitable as a summary for online access to the journal.
- Subheadings should be used to identify changes in topic within an article and will appear in small caps.
- Reviews of exhibitions or events should give the summary in the form of title, venue, dates.
- For reviews of publications the details should be given as in the examples for bibliography below, with the addition of ISBN and price.
- Punctuation marks are not used in acronyms and initials – eg the preference is for USA, UK, IMMA, S B Kennedy ...
- Italics should be used to indicate the title of individual works of – this also includes the titles of songs, films, television and radio programmes, theatre productions.
- Reported speech and quotations should be indicated by double quotation marks.
- Single quotation mark should be used to indicate the titles of exhibition and projects.
- Single quotation marks or italics may also be used sparingly for emphasis. Bolding should not be used within text for emphasis.
- Institutions, long running projects or the names newspapers and journals should neither be italicised nor appear in single quotes. eg EV+A not *EV+A* / The Irish Times not *The Irish Times*
- Please note the difference between hyphens and dashes. The shorter hyphen should only used in compound words (eg pre-millennial). Only the longer dash should be used to extend sentences – this longer dash being assessed by holding down the ‘alt’ and the hyphen / dash key. This is software dependent.
- Please note that titles of exhibitions, artworks and projects, as a rule should be follow conventional rules of capitalisation and non-capitalisation – even if an eccentric or idiosyncratic form of capitalisation is part of the graphic identity of the event, artwork, project etc.



- Grammatical abbreviations should be italicised and in lower case thus: *eg/ ie/ ect*
- Dates of exhibitions and projects should be written day (numerals only), month, year (only include if not the present year) with the duration indicated by a dash *eg* 11 March – 15 July.
- Captions for images should be provided. Captions for artists works should be written artist name, title of work (in italics), materials, date – if relevant, the location and exhibition where the work can be included as well.
- Bibliography: Please structure references as follows:  
Andrews, Malcolm, 'A Picturesque Template: The Tourists and their Guidebooks', *The Picturesque in Late Georgian England*, ed. Dana Arnold, The Georgian Group, London, 1995, pp. 3 – 12  
Smith, John C. 1961. 'The Museum of London' *Museum Ireland*, 3, pp. 7

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