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Exploring museum spaces and their collections as tools for interdisciplinary Education for Sustainable Development

This paper reflects upon a pedagogical research project that sought to evaluate how museum spaces, collections and resources can assist interdisciplinary pedagogies for sustainable development. Evidence was collected from students of distinct disciplines collaborating during workshops at differing museum sites. Findings revealed that students valued their museum experiences. Not only did these learners gain new understandings from interactions across other subject areas; they were also able to extend their initial individual thinking in relation to sustainability. In addition, Personal Meaning Mapping tools provided a visual record of their knowledge and understanding being constructed, each time they were stimulated to extend their thinking on sustainability through designated tasks. In the paper I will consider the implications of this research for future pedagogical collaborations between museums and universities.

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