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Mayowa Ochere appointed Trustee for the Horniman Museum and Gardens

The Board of the Horniman Public Museum and Public Park Trust, which runs the Horniman Museum and Gardens in south London, has appointed Mayowa Ochere to its Board of Trustees.

Mayowa brings with her valuable experience in the financial, education and communications sectors.

Mayowa works as a policy adviser within Her Majesty's Treasury covering financial services and tax policy, and has previously worked for the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government and global communications firm Brunswick.

She also serves as a Governor at Kelvin Grove Primary School in the London Borough of Lewisham and was previously a trustee at First Story charity, which improves access to creative writing for young people in secondary schools serving low-income communities.

Mayowa Ochere says: 'As a born and bred South Londoner, I am excited to contribute to the best that London has to offer as trustee for the Horniman. I have fond memories of visiting the Museum and Gardens as a child, and I look forward to building on the Horniman's successes by working with a great team to implement our ambitious strategy over the coming years.'

Eve Salomon, Chair of the Board of Trustees says: 'We are delighted to welcome Mayowa to the Horniman. Her appointment to the Board comes at an exciting and challenging time for the Horniman as it develops a 10-year strategic vision for the future. As the only museum in London where nature and culture can be seen side by side the Horniman is committed to diversifying audiences, delivering greater social and environmental impacts, improving the use of its collections and building a more sustainable business for visitors to enjoy for years to come. We look forward to working with Mayowa and welcome her valuable contribution in achieving this goal.'

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Picture shows: Mayowa Ochere

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Notes to Editors:

- **The Horniman Museum and Gardens** opened in 1901 as a gift to the people in perpetuity from tea trader and philanthropist Frederick John Horniman, to 'bring the world to Forest Hill'. Today the Horniman has a collection of 350,000 objects, specimens and artefacts from around the world. Its galleries include natural history, music and an acclaimed aquarium. A new World Gallery of anthropology opened in June 2018 and a new arts space, The Studio, opened in October 2018. Indoor exhibits link to the award-winning display gardens – from medicinal and dye gardens to an interactive sound garden, Butterfly House and an animal walk – set among 16 acres of beautiful, green space offering spectacular views across London. horniman.ac.uk
- The Horniman Museum and Gardens is core-funded by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and since 1990 has been governed by an independent charitable trust, registered charity no. 802725. The Horniman Museum and Gardens also receives funding from Arts Council England as one of its National Portfolio Organisations.
- On 29 July 2019 the **Horniman Museum and Gardens declared an ecological and climate emergency**, pledging to place carbon reduction and environmental issues at the heart of its work. The declaration is both a consolidation of existing work and a commitment to renewed ambitions to reduce the Horniman's environmental and pollution footprint, increase biodiversity, and inspire others to do so. Find out more about the Horniman's specific commitments as part of the declaration at horniman.ac.uk.
- **Opening times and admission.** The Horniman Museum is open daily 10am-5.30pm, except 24 - 26 December, when it is closed. The Gardens open at 7.15am Monday to Saturday and 8am on Sunday and Bank Holidays, and close at sunset. Entry to the Museum and Gardens is free but charges apply for the Aquarium, Butterfly House and some special exhibitions and events. Horniman Members and Benefactors go free – horniman.ac.uk/members.
- **Access.** The Museum and the Gardens are both wheelchair and pushchair friendly with accessible toilets. Limited on-site parking is available for Blue Badge holders. horniman.ac.uk/visit/disability-and-access.
- **Travel.** The Horniman is situated at 100 London Road, Forest Hill, London SE23 3PQ on the South Circular Road (A205). It can be reached easily by train to Forest Hill station (London Overground/Southern, travel time approx.15-20 minutes from east/central London or East Croydon) and by local buses (176, 185, 197, 356, P4).