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40 Emerging Children's Museums

Children's museums worldwide are embracing intentional and meaningful spaces, with the **Association of Children's Museums (ACM) proudly welcomes approximately 40 emerging museum members.** These intentional spaces are complemented by the valuable contributions of emerging museums, bringing a fresh vision, unique perspectives, and innovative ideas to the field. Despite not yet being open, these institutions play a vital role in the growth of children's museums, infusing our community with new energy.

Children's museums facilitate meaningful interactions between children and adults by serving as local destinations, nurturing positive child development through child-centered and naturalistic learning approaches. This holistic approach equips children with the skills and confidence they need to navigate an ever-changing world. Together, we can shape a bright future for children's museums and leave a lasting impact on the lives of young minds.



<https://childrensmuseums.org/>

From Oldest to Newest

As the Brooklyn Children's Museum celebrates 125 years of service to its community, the **children's museum movement continues to grow stronger worldwide. One of the newest children's museums, the Young V & A, opened recently in Bethnal Green, London.**

Association of Children's Museums Executive Director Arthur Affleck represented the association at the Grand Opening. After seven intensive years of dedicated planning and design, the free national museum will showcase the power of creativity in children's lives as they build new skills and develop the creative confidence needed to thrive in our fast-changing world.

Mr. Affleck's remarks convey the heart and vision of those dedicated to the development of children's museums:

"Children's museums are the fastest growing sector of the museum community because there is an increased recognition of the power of the hands-on, interactive, and playful learning exhibits and experiences they provide.

We have found children's museums and targeted programming serving as an extension of the home and school environments. **This 'third space' allows for stronger communities, safe spaces for growth and discovery, and a world of opportunity."**

Teaching Children about Tornado Safety

Hands-on activities can be a valuable tool when teaching our children about tornado safety and the importance of finding a safe place during severe weather. One engaging and educational experiment is making your own tornado in a bottle.

Here's what you need for this fun experiment: Any size bottle with a secure lid or cap, dish soap, and food coloring (optional).

- Fill the bottle about three-quarters full with water, allowing room for the tornado formation.
- Add a few drops of dish soap to the water. The soap helps create a swirling effect.
- Please securely tighten the lid or cap to prevent any water from spilling.
- Hold the bottle upright with one hand and give it a quick, forceful circular motion. Keep rotating it consistently in the same direction.

Watch as a mini tornado forms inside the bottle!

This is the perfect opportunity to discuss tornado safety. Talk about finding a safe place during severe weather.