

ICOM CECA Special Interest Group for Professional Development of Museum Educators Calendar 2025 - 2026

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Date	Topic
Thursday 18th September 2025	Cross-Department Collaboration: From Silos to Synergy How do we build strong, respectful collaborations across departments—curators, marketing, guest services, educators? What works, what gets in the way, and how can we better align for our audiences? Join us to share your stories, challenges, and strategies for working across silos.
Thursday 09th October 2025 SIG Young Members, Angela Manders	The Educator's Essential Toolkit What tools help you thrive as a museum educator—whether you're just starting out or have years of experience? In this playful and practical session, we invite everyone to share the five physical or mental tools they always carry. Let's learn from each other's everyday wisdom.
Wednesday 12th November 2025 Wencke Maderbacher	CECA Special Interest Groups – Review of 5 years LIVE Session at ICOM General Conference Dubai 2025 We have come a long way: our Special Interest Group of Professional Development had its first meeting in february 2020 and ever since met on a monthly base. In these years we have gathered more than 200 colleagues from around the globe in more than 50 online meetings and live workshops. At the conference we will together with the other succesful Groups celebrate our success and review on the topics of the last years.
Saturday 15th November 2025 Jelena Tsekulajeva, Estonia	Pause & Reflect – Slowing Down After the Storm LIVE Workshop at Louvre Abu Dhabi; ICOM General Conference Dubai 2025 After an intense week of inspiration, networking, and input, this session offers a moment to pause and reflect — not just to recharge in the moment, but to explore concrete tools and mindful practices that can support you once you're back home. Together, we'll slow down to reconnect with clarity, energy, and purpose — and leave better equipped for the pace of everyday museum life.
Thursday 11th December 2025 Maria Kalaridi, Sweden	A-mused: Exploring Tourism's Disneyization in Museum Education When entertainment starts to outweigh education, who benefits—and who loses? In this critical reflection session, we'll explore how tourism pressures are reshaping museum education. Bring your experiences and questions as we unpack the balance between engagement and integrity.
Tuesday 20th January 2026 Filipa Leite, Portugal	Mid-Career Check-In: How to Reignite Your Passion and Direction You've built your skills—so what's next? This reflective session is for anyone navigating mid-career questions. Together, we'll explore motivation, realignment, and how to stay inspired in a changing field. All voices welcome, whether you're mid-career or curious about what lies ahead.
Thursday 12th February 2026 Amalia Tsitouri, Greece	The Educator as Facilitator of Difficult Conversations Climate, colonialism, gender, war—big topics need thoughtful facilitation. How do we hold space for complex conversations in public settings, while caring for ourselves and our audiences? Join us to share strategies, struggles, and support.
Tuesday 17th March 2026 Tejshvi Jain, India	Partnerships That Actually Work Everyone talks about partnerships—but what makes them truly work? In this session, we'll share real-world examples of collaborations that succeeded (or didn't), and explore what makes partnerships sustainable, equitable, and impactful.
Tuesday 21st April 2026 Mila Chiovatto, Brazil	Invisible Labour: The Emotional and Administrative Load in Museum Education From emotional support to endless coordination—so much of our work is invisible. Let's talk about the hidden labor in museum education, how we value it, and how we can better support each other and advocate for change.
Tuesday 19th May 2026 Stéphanie Wintzerith, Germany	Reaching Non-Visitors: How Do We Understand Who Doesn't Come? Our biggest audience might be the one that never walks through the door. How do we understand and connect with those who aren't visiting? This session explores tools and approaches for identifying barriers, listening deeply, and designing truly inclusive access strategies together with Stéphanie Wintzerith, expert for audience research.
Thursday 18th June 2026 SIG Young Members, Angela Manders Asmah Alias, Singapore	Systematizing Experimentation for Development How can we turn trial-and-error into intentional growth? In this session, we'll explore how to build a culture of experimentation—through frameworks, team mindsets, and leadership support. Bring your experiments, your flops, and your insights!

All sessions are held in English.

The sessions start at 3 p.m. CET and last for about 90 minutes.

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