

ICOM CECA Special Interest Group for Professional Development of Museum Educators Calendar 2026 - 2027

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Date		Topic
Thursday	29. oktober 2026	Burnout, Boundaries and Sustainable Careers Start the semester strong and exchange practical strategies for protecting our mental space, setting boundaries, and building sustainable working lives in museum education.
Wednesday	11. november 2026 Wencke Maderbacher, Denmark	Are you prepared to facilitate in these divided times? LIVE Workshop at ICOM CECA Annual Conference 2026 Jakarta Museum educators increasingly navigate polarization, contested histories, emotional topics, and diverse visitor expectations, often without sufficient tools or time for reflection. Through peer exchange, case discussions, and practical exercises, this workshop explores how we can strengthen our professional skills, confidence, and resilience while preparing ourselves and our teams for these challenges.
Thursday	17. december 2026 Maria Kalaridi, Sweden	Museum Educators at the Epicenter of Epistemicide: Navigating the Tension Between Knowledge and Care Economies Drawing on the International Museum Day 2026 theme, "United Museums in a Divided World," this session explores the position of museum educators at the intersection of institutional knowledge, contested knowledge, and care-based practice.
Thursday	21th January 2027	Designing Learning with Communities, not for Communities Co-creation has matured. It is time to move beyond participation buzzwords and examine what genuine power sharing means in museum education.
Thursday	25th February 2027	AI as a Colleague: How Artificial Intelligence is Changing Museum Education AI is becoming part of everyday professional life worldwide. How is it already changing our work, and how might it transform our tasks, professional roles, and interactions with audiences?
Thursday	18th March 2027	Multigenerational teams: Gen Z educators meet veterans How do different generations approach work, authority, learning, technology, feedback, and professional identity in the museum education field? And what can we learn from each other?
Thursday	22nd April 2027	Measuring Impact Beyond Visitor Numbers Funders increasingly ask for evidence of learning, wellbeing, and social impact rather than attendance alone. What should we measure, and how can impact evaluation become part of our future practice?
Thursday	20th May 2027	Career Paths for Museum Educators: How to shape our future? Many museum educators still encounter a career ceiling. What realistic career paths, professional identities, and development opportunities can we create?
Thursday	24th June 2027	Museum Educators as Change Leaders Museums increasingly expect educators to drive inclusion, sustainability, participation, and organisational change. But what leadership skills do educators need to make this happen?

All sessions are held in English, with Zoom translation
The sessions start at 3 p.m. CET and last for about 90 minutes.

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