



Media Statement on proposed restructure of the V&A Curatorial, Research and National Art Library departments, within the Collections Division

Due to the ongoing financial impact of Covid-19, and the need to find £10m sustainable savings per year, the V&A is reviewing the structure of its Curatorial teams, as part of the V&A-wide recovery strategy announced last September. The proposed changes will simplify department structures, retaining curatorial expertise and specialisms across all key material types. The V&A's Archives and National Art Library will be brought into one directorate under the V&A Research Institute, alongside a transformation of digital and public access to the National Art Library, and the introduction of a new department of Asia and Africa Cultures. The proposals will enable new, collaborative ways of working and will strengthen our areas of expertise in national collections. Our focus remains on consulting openly and meaningfully on the proposals with our staff and trade union colleagues, and to support our staff community through this difficult process.