



Memorandum of Collaboration for

The Association of Dress Historians (ADH) Mentoring Scheme with Dress and Textile Specialists (DATS) subject specialist network

We are pleased to initiate this memorandum to formalize a collaboration between The Association of Dress Historians (ADH) and the Dress and Textile Specialists (DATS). The purpose of this collaboration is to reciprocally foster support to the mentoring scheme of ADH and the initiatives of DATS, specifically in the realm of dress and textiles museum, conservation and object-based research practices.

The ADH mentoring scheme plays a crucial role in cultivating professional growth and development within the field of dress history. Recognizing the importance of textiles, collections, and object-based research practices, we believe that a collaboration with DATS will enrich the mentoring options available to our mentees and mentors.

The primary objectives of this collaboration are to:

- Provide mentees and mentors with specialized mentoring opportunities focusing on dress, textiles practices relating to museum work, conservation and, more generally, object-based research practices.
- Provide mentees with connections to UK and Irish dress and textile collections, offering valuable resources for mentees to engage in meaningful research and learning experiences.
- Foster a collaborative environment that encourages knowledge exchange and skill development within the textile and dress history community.

To materialize this collaboration, we propose the following actions:

- Advertise the mentoring with DATS and acknowledge the collaboration by referencing their logo on our mentoring webpage. DATS will advertise ADH mentoring on their webpage and with members through their appointed website sections and newsletter.
- Explore providing mutually discounted rates to selected events allowing members from each organization to access the other at a beneficial price.
- Coordinate from time to time joint events, workshops, and research seminars that bring together professionals, researchers, and enthusiasts from both ADH and DATS.

We extend our sincere gratitude to DATS for this collaboration, and we are confident that the partnership between our two organizations will significantly contribute to the better fulfilling of members needs within our respective communities.

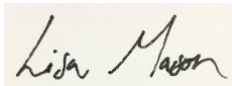
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