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Reardon Smith Lecture Theatre (RSLT), NMW Cathays Park, Cardiff at 10.30am

Talk by Stella Grace Lyons - William Morris

'Have nothing in your house that you do know to be useful, or believe to be beautiful'

William Morris was an artist, a visionary and a radical. He spearheaded the Arts and Craft movement, vehemently objecting to the machine-dominated mass production of the Industrial Revolution, which he believed to be 'dishonest'.

Morris instead championed craftsmanship, the revival of traditional skills, and handmade production. He and his firm, Morris and Co. developed products with an ethos of simplicity, integrity, and useful beauty. These included designs for wallpapers, fabrics and stained glass.

Morris believed in an 'Art for the people'. *'What business have we with art at all unless all can share it?'* His radical socialist beliefs, and his wonderful natural designs continue to exert a powerful influence today.

Stella Grace Lyons is a freelance Art History lecturer, speaker and writer accredited with The Arts Society. She has lectured across the UK, Ireland, Spain, Norway, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, and Malaysia.

After gaining a BA degree in the History of Art at the University of Bristol, Stella went on to Warwick University to complete her MA. Subsequently, she spent a year studying Renaissance Art in Italy at the British Institute of Florence, and three months studying Venetian art in Venice. In addition, she attended drawing classes at the prestigious Charles H. Cecil studios in Florence, a private atelier that follows a curriculum based on the leading ateliers of nineteenth century Paris.

Stella has gained an enviable reputation with her on-line lectures 'Stella Talks', which frequently attract listeners from across five continents. You can find out more about Stella via her website: www.stellagracylyons.co.uk.

NB: This talk will be complemented by the Friends' NMW visit to William Morris's house Kelmscott Manor, and Stow-on-the-Wold on Wednesday 7th June.

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WEDNESDAY 10th MAY AT 10.30am IN RSLT, NMW CATHAYS PARK , CARDIFF

Cost is £10. This includes the talk itself, followed by coffee/ biscuits in the Oriel Suite after the talk. Please pay on the day by note/s or a cheque (made payable to Friends of National Museum Wales).