6. Public memory sector

200 years of Western museum history is long enough to inspire and too short to oblige. Therefore: PM sector



Transfer of collective experience

> Source Need Process

Newer institutions in public memory domain

- Visitor centres
- Visitor attractions
- Theme parks
- Trails
- Science centres
- Interpretation centres
- Exhibition centres
- Amusement/heritage parks
- Heritage tourism actions
- Wider cultural phenomena like events, festivals...
- Digitally-born actions & institutions
- Hybrid institutions
- Non-collecting museums
- Pop-up museums
- Temporary museums



The global memory environment consisting of man made electric impulses & social actions, - a pulsating shell of a giant, primitive, hypermnesic brain.

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The forgotten whole of heritage or the PUBLIC MEMORY sector



Memory institutions - the usual state



Memory institutions



Four main reasons for convergence



















Jewish Museum, Daniel Liebeskind









NS Dokumentationszentrum



















E-Heritage

UNESCO's programme aiming at preservation and dissemination of valuable archive holdings and library collections worldwide





Transfer of collective experience

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Wisdom, Basic social project, PMIs



NS Dokumentationszentrum



German Emigrants' Museum

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Does it sound mad to want to try and build an **online catalogue of every book ever published**, anywhere in the world?

The Open Library



EUROPEANA

The circles of re-distribution, re-introduction, re-vitalisation

- The heritage system as network (public+private)
- Giving on loan to other public institutions
- Giving back to cultures, places, institutions

The context:

- ICT
- Competition
- **3** C new understanding of heritage as PM
- Mission (value system, identity, societal project)
- Place in developmental strategy
- Re-afirmation of the true nature of heritage institutions (avoidance of market, open society)

A public service is a service which is provided by government to people living within its jurisdiction, either directly (through the public sector) or by financing provision of services.

The term is associated with a social consensus (usually expressed through democratic elections) that certain services should be available to all, regardless of income.

Public services sector

- Electricity
- Education
- Emergency services
- Environmental protection
- Fire service
- Gas
- Health care
- Law enforcement
- Military
- Postal service

- Public broadcasting
- Public library
- Public security
- Public transportation
- Public housing
- Social services
- Telecommunications
- Town planning
- Waste management
- Water supply network

Why not Public museums, or Public archives or simply Public Memory Service?

The forgotten whole of heritage or the PUBLIC MEMORY sector





The non - profit nature of heritage or the first premise



The Public Memory Management Sector

- Unique accumulation of evidence, information and knowledge
- True meaning only if the potential is used for the common good.
- Institutions and collections as means/tools of selected, collective memory: wisdom instead of mere information and knowledge.
- Immense power of unbiased communication: possibly decisive means of democracy.
- Public institutions are best equiped to provide help to citizens when about the basic qualities and rights of civil society.
- Decidedly non-for-profit institutions as unalienable public institutions

The Public Memory Institutions



Based on Salzburg Research, 2001

Redefining memory institutions: The shifts implied

• Core concept:

from specific, specialist notion of heritage to the inclusive, total heritage (this is why we have had attempt at "special institutional theories")

• Spread and applicability:

from museum institution to any institution or quasi regular activity containing the critical quality of a working process upon uses and consequences of collective and social memory

• Use and rationale:

from education or contribution to development, to guiding society by counter-activity and participation in the operating societal value systems

