

HOW TO VISIT A MUSEUM WITH PEOPLE WITH DEMENTIA

Museum program and events for people with dementia

If we want the program to be successful, good preparation is necessary. In addition to the importance of a well-designed program, such as a guided discussion about a work of art or the participation of visitors in workshops, it is very important to learn more about the PwD you will meet and who will be your visitors in time.

Learn more about for example:

- the degree of dementia the person is facing
- a person's specific way of communicating
- habits, what a person likes
- special working conditions, lighting or sound system
- interesting details from the person's life, such as daily routines, favorite sweets, colors or sounds that the person likes
- find out how a person calms down in situations where tension and anxiety may arise

Make a list of shops or museum aids that can help you work with PwD especially in crisis situations. Of course, it is not always possible to react to unforeseen situations, but good preparation is half the job, and as your work experience grows, so will your confidence and success in working with PwD.

