
Neighbors: Sciencenter's Trautmann leads international initiative

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Sciencenter executive director **Charlie Trautmann** joined five other leaders in the fields of education, media and community development to launch the Association of Children's Museums' (ACM) international project "Reimagining Children's Museums" at a symposium May 9 in Portland, Ore.

During the project, which is scheduled to last three years, the association will envision and promote new models for children's museums to help them meet the changing needs of youth and families in the 21st century.

Trautmann was elected to a two-year term on the association's board of directors. The association is based in Washington D.C. and serves as an advocate and worldwide resource for children's museums, which provide play-based learning experiences for children and families.

"The goal of this initiative is to envision museum visitors of the future and to empower children's museums with the tools to provide this new generation of visitors with rich, early-learning experiences," said Trautmann. "It's an exciting opportunity to embrace what we've learned about the changing faces and motivations of museum visitors and to strengthen children's museums as vibrant community anchors for increasingly diverse families."

For information about Reimagining Children's Museums, visit www.ChildrensMuseums.org.

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