

Remembering Nurit Shilo-Cohen

The children museum's community has lost a one of his most competent, inquisitive curious, creative professional as well as an exceptional and powerful human being. Nurit Shilo- Cohen passed away last night (October 30th, 2020), surrounded by her beloved family. We are truly saddened by this loss.

Always willing to share knowledge and experiences from her work in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, her innovative thoughts and ideas have influenced many other cultural museum professionals as well as the artist community. As the chief curator and director of the Ruth Youth Wing she always felt a strong commitment to children's museums and their potential for fostering children's creativity.

Whoever had the opportunity and pleasure to work closely with Nurit on the improvement of the quality of (children's) museums, will keep in mind her profound knowledge of art and art education, her dedication improving learning methods, her sharp thinking, her deep passion and her great enthusiasm for the profession.

With her diverse expertise, she also shaped Hands on as board member and later, as long-term member, the concept of the Children in Museums Award. In discussions, Nurit loved to push the target-oriented confrontation and to argue about positions, sometimes impulsively, but always with an eye out for the future of children's museums.

Adieu, dear friend and colleague. You will be missed by so many who felt inspired by talking and working with you. You gifted the world of children's museums with your expertise and moved us all forward.

Our deepest sympathies for the family.

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