

Textile Conservation Centre (TCC) Under Threat

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It came as a shock within the museum world to learn of the proposed closure of the Textile Conservation Centre in Winchester. The TCC is one of the world's leading centres in textiles research, conservation and development. Having merged with the University of Southampton in 1999, it offers a range of postgraduate courses in textiles studies and applied textiles arts, and is considered by museum and conservation professionals to be a centre of excellence in this field. Even with a track record for high level publications by leading scholars of conservation and textiles research, and innovative research projects such as the AHRC-funded Concealed Garments project, the University of Southampton proposes to close the TCC on financial grounds in 2009. For further details:

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