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York Museums Trust Museum Development Yorkshire

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Dear <<First Name>>

This bulletin is issued fortnightly to keep you up to date with all the latest news from the Yorkshire museums sector.

We hope you find something of interest below - we always welcome new subscribers so please feel free to circulate the bulletin to any friends or colleagues who may also find it useful. However, if you decide not to receive future bulletins please click the unsubscribe button in the footer below.

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**** Date of next bulletin ****

Friday 25 October 2019

**** Deadline for submissions ****

5pm on Mon 21 October

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MDY Notices

Labelling and Marking Training - Free

31 October
Castle Museum, York

A practical hands on workshop looking at the various techniques for labelling and marking museum objects.

The numbering of objects is vital to any museum documentation system but this should be done in a robust yet reversible way. The session will be led by Sarah Brown from the Collections Trust.

Find out more and book a place at:

mdyctlabellingandmarkingyork.eventbrite.co.uk.

Northern Museums Volunteer Pass 2020-22

The Northern Museums Volunteer Pass is one of the largest Volunteer schemes in England, with over 160 participating museums and over 8,000 participating volunteers. It is open to ALL accredited museums, or those working towards accreditation, in the North East, North West and Yorkshire and Humberside Museum Development regions.

The scheme **raises awareness** of your museum - previous participants said that their involvement in the scheme resulted in:

- "A greater awareness of the sites we manage therefore, a potential of more visitors to our sites with a heritage focus."
- "Extra footfall, coffee shop sales & some craft gallery sales."
- "Spreads the word about our Museum."

Learning Opportunities - museums said:

- "The feedback from volunteers visiting other museums is very helpful and helps to see where we might improve."
- "Helps increase volunteer knowledge of museums which in turn greatly benefits our organisation."

Networking and Benchmarking - museums said:

- "As well as promotion of our museums, the scheme illustrates how museums and cultural attractions can successfully work together and that we all recognise the huge value of volunteers."
- "Involvement within the wider community of northern museums and their volunteers"
- "Our Museum benefits from the networking opportunities the scheme provides."

To find out more [download the 2019 leaflet](#) which includes a list of participating museums in 2019-20, or [download the PDF outlining the scheme](#). Or contact Gillian Waters by email Gillian.waters@ymt.org.uk.

To sign up to the scheme please complete the survey form to express your interest: www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=156819133297.

Deadline: Monday 13 January 2020.

Small Development Grant Scheme 2018-22

Does your museum have a project which just needs that small amount of money to:

- turn a great idea into reality to move the museum forward and better care for its collections
- provide better experiences for your visitors and users
- develop new fundraising ideas
- attend training courses

If so, why not submit an application for a Museum Development Yorkshire small grant?

The Museum Development Yorkshire Small Grants Fund can provide funding for a variety of projects in your museum. Our Small Development Grant Scheme assists museums to implement advice, test new ways of working and make good things happen. It also supports personnel to attend training courses and conferences.

The amount awarded is up to £3,000 per project with a sliding scale of match funding required. The fund for this financial year is now live and available on an open application basis, with assessments made on a monthly basis. All monies must be spent and claimed by the end of the financial year.

For the guidance notes and links to the online application form, visit: bit.ly/MDY18SGApp.

If you need any further advice please contact your local Museum Development Officer who will be pleased to comment on potential projects for funding and assist with any queries on the paperwork.

Regional Forum Meetings

Date for Diaries:

Yorkshire Industrial Collections Network Meeting

**4 December
Elsecar Heritage Centre**

The theme of the next meeting will be 'Reaching Out', which can be fairly broadly interpreted covering collaboration, co-operation, community work, sharing collections etc.

Booking details to follow.

If you know of any good case studies that might make interesting papers please drop Dieter Hopkin a line - dieter.hopkin@ymt.org.uk.

Join Us at a Museum Forum Meeting Near You!

Booking links are now live for all our autumn forum meetings

Please remember that you can attend any of the meetings regardless of where your museum is located, if a date, theme or venue is more suitable for you.

Please also share booking links with colleagues who may be interested in a specific topic.

As well as discussing our main theme, all meetings will offer an opportunity to

network with colleagues over lunch, share knowledge and ideas, and explore current exhibitions at the host museum. There will be opportunities to share key updates from individual museums and hear updates from the wider sector.

See below for upcoming forum meetings.

South Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum

Monday 21 October
Experience Barnsley

Theme - Attracting Visitors: knowing and developing your audiences

This will be an opportunity to:

- Increase your understanding of what audience research can do for your museum
- Understand some options for visitor surveying and audience databases
- Learn how other museums are using audience data and what they gain from it
- Share the challenges and consider how you can improve your audience knowledge and develop your audience

Reserve a place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-yorkshire-museums-forum-tickets-69176999267.

North Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum

Monday 11 November
North Yorkshire Moors Heritage Railway, Pickering

Theme - Making It Work For Everyone: volunteer management and development

This will be an opportunity to:

- Review your volunteer management practices
- Reflect on how to address volunteer management challenges
- Identify new ideas for volunteer development, such as succession planning or broadening volunteer participation

Reserve a place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-yorkshire-museums-forum-tickets-69177079507.

From the Region

In this new section of the bulletin we aim to feature a good news story from one of the regions' museums.

Do you have anything you would like to share across the region? A short paragraph will suffice, so we can share your success and good news with others.

Please submit to mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk or speak to one of the Museum Development Team.

Other Notices

Call for Papers: Research and the Museum Ecosystem Conference

Deadline: 1 November

The subject specialist British Art Network, jointly led by Tate and the Paul Mellon Centre for Studies in British Art, invites proposals for contributions to a day-long conference entitled 'Research and the Museum Ecosystem' to be hosted in Cardiff by Amgueddfa Cymru – National Museum Wales on 19 March 2020.

The theme, 'Research and the Museum Ecosystem', goes beyond British art specialism, with a focus on arts-based research in the museum, gallery and academic worlds and the ecosystem concept as a framework for research and curatorial practice.

Submissions are welcome from curators, academics, artists, independent scholars, museum and heritage sector professionals and beyond.

[Download the PDF for full details.](#)

Deadline for proposals: 1 November 2019.

Prosper North Business Support Programme

Prosper North's aims are to improve the capabilities of around 80 cultural heritage organisations in the North of England– from music venues to community art groups, and independent museums to literature festivals – to increase income and impact, becoming more resilient businesses. It is aligned with the Northern Cultural Regeneration Fund (NCRF), managed by the Key Fund, which is offering social investments (mix of grant and loans) to creative and cultural organisations in the north of England who deliver positive social impacts.

Between May 2019 and May 2021, 3 cohorts of participants will benefit from a series of free workshops on subjects such as business modelling, social investment and change management, and one-to-one business advice. There will be three enrollment points over the 2 year period: September 2019, March 2020 and September 2020.

If you are looking to start the programme in March, please submit your application by

3 February 2020. Applications for the other editions of Prosper North will be open until August 2020.

Find out more at:

www.creativeunited.org.uk/services/prospernorth.

Grants and Funding

Conferences and Events

Dementia Friendly Heritage Network Meeting

Monday 21 October, 10.00am - 4.00pm
Brodsworth Hall, Doncaster

The Dementia Friendly Heritage Network (DFHN) is an informal network of people from across the UK who are interested in and committed to developing dementia friendly initiatives in the heritage sector. In 2017, the DFHN published 'Rethinking heritage: A guide to help make your site more dementia-friendly'. The group meets regularly to share skills, provide peer support and explore best practice across sectors.

To find out more and book a place visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/dementia-friendly-heritage-network-meeting-tickets-73135760027.

Sharing Collections Symposium: What's been achieved? What's next?

Friday 15 November, 10.00am - 5.00pm
Natural History Museum

Over the past five years, the lending and borrowing landscape in UK museums and galleries has been the subject of increased focus, activity, training and funding. Art Fund, the National Museum Directors' Council (NMDC) and the Touring Exhibitions Group (TEG) invite you to join them, and colleagues from Arts Council England (ACE) and the National Museums, to:

- be inspired to lend and borrow to achieve your organisation's objectives
- review and reflect on the loans activity resulting from programmes including the Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund, Ready to Borrow and Preparing to Borrow, and the wider context and agenda set by the Mendoza and DCMS Reviews
- consider what changes and adaptations still need to be made to facilitate and maximise the impact of loans
- consider future opportunities for lending and borrowing between museums and galleries

Bursaries:

A number of bursaries are available to support attendance and travel. For further information please email charlotte@teg.org.uk.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sharing-collections-symposium-whats-been-achieved-whats-next-tickets-74609028613.

Cultural Enterprises Conference and Trade Show

19-20 March 2020
Harrogate

Commercial revenues are helping to sustain culture now and in the future. Hear case studies and recommendations from across the sector, network with other cultural entrepreneurs to share experience, ideas and learnings, and discover bespoke and ethically sourced products at our design-led trade show. A number of bursary places are available for smaller organisations.

Find out more and book a place at:

culturalenterprises.org.uk/conference2020.

Workshops and Training**Creative Collaborations:
Museum and Artist Partnerships**

28 October, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Ferens Art Gallery, Hull

****Last chance to book****

This session will offer practical tips on working with artists. This will include where to meet them, how to develop projects, where you can get funding, contracts and agreements, and marketing the finished product.

You will hear from heritage professionals who have had success with art commissions and what they got out of the partnership, and artists on what they look for when they are looking for commissions. Sector support agency Art&Heritage will offer practical tips on working on artistic commissions from idea to reality.

Book your place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creative-collaborations-museums-artist-partnership-projects-tickets-71703241325.

Guide Books and Exhibition Catalogues

The Hospitium, York

Case studies and expertise from publishing professionals at a range of cultural venues about how to get started in print, especially if you're a small or medium sized organisation with limited resources and budgets.

To view the full programme and book a place visit:
culturalenterprises.org.uk.

Still time to book...

Sporting Heritage Summit

Wed 23 Oct - Thur 24 Oct 2019
CC4 Museum of Welsh Cricket, Cardiff



****Last few places remaining****

Our annual conference is always incredibly popular and allows us to bring together key members from the heritage and sport sectors, along with sharing best practice case studies, providing hands on advice and guidance, and increasing the confidence and knowledge of those wishing to develop sporting heritage activity. This year we are extremely grateful to have the support of the Welsh Government to deliver the conference in Wales.

The summit will aim to explore the key issues affecting the sector and work together to draw conclusions about how to ensure sporting heritage in the UK is able to grow and thrive.

The full 2-day programme is available now at: www.sportingheritage.org.uk.

Find out more and book your place now at:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sporting-heritage-summit-tickets-62635922731.

Community First Training Meet the Heritage Funders

Thur 24 October, 10.00am - 1.00pm
YMCA Scarborough

Cost: Free (refreshments included)

The National Lottery Heritage Fund provides grants for heritage of all shapes and sizes from nature and landscapes, through to museums and celebrations. The Two Ridings Community Foundation manages six community based grants in the Scarborough and Ryedale Area.

The Arts Council open access programme for arts, museums and library projects. It is

apply. If you have a project in mind there will be an opportunity to book a 1:1 appointment with funders.

Find out more and book a place at:

communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/event/17956.

Safeguarding Adults at Risk in the Arts and Cultural Sector

7 November, 10.00am - 4.15pm
Yorkshire Dance, Leeds

This engaging course will look at sector specific case studies and examples and will offer practical advice and tools to help you develop sensible structures and build confidence around issues relating to working with adults at risk. You will spend some focussed time exploring the particular challenges facing young adults (age 18-30).

To find out more and book a place please visit:

www.eventbrite.com/e/safeguarding-adults-at-risk-in-the-arts-and-cultural-sector-tickets-59534749037, telephone: 02380 332491 or email: training@artswork.org.uk.

New Kids in Museums Symposium:

How can museums support young people's employability?

Tue 12 November, 10.00am to 4.30pm
London Transport Museum

Whether you are already undertaking work in this area or want to know where to start, this day is aimed to provoke your thinking. From sector-specific apprenticeships to examples of those organisations who are taking a broad approach to employability skills, it will inform your work and enable you to take action in your own practice.

The symposium will be run in partnership with London Transport Museum, who have a successful and long-established young people's skills programme.

We are offering a reduced rate for young freelancers (25 and under) and small museums. Each standard ticket holder can bring along a colleague who is 25 or under, or who can influence decision making, for free! It would be great if you could support and share with your Yorkshire network.

Find out more and book a place at: bit.ly/2kFfKgi.

Discovering Collections, Discovering Communities Conference (DCDC19)

DCDC19 brings together colleagues from across the archive, library, museum and academic sectors to explore shared opportunities, collective challenges, and to discuss how each sector can work more effectively with one another. The theme of this year's conference is 'Navigating the Digital Shift', with panels exploring the possibilities of digital for collections, audience expectations, and professional practices. The conference includes practical workshops and exciting networking opportunities.

View the programme and register for your place at: dcdconference.com.

Yorkshire History Forum Bookings Now Open

**Wed 13 November, 4.00pm to 8.00pm
Leeds Trinity University**

Join colleagues to examine new ways to think about and develop our curricula while dispelling myths about exactly what the new Ofsted framework does and does not mean for schools.

Michael Maddison will give the primary keynote address - There's so much to worry about... or is there? - based on his experience as a former Ofsted National Lead for history.

Supporting primary workshops include Jules Wooding on A creative approach to exploring the Second World War and Glenn Carter on Apps for bringing history to life.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.history.org.uk/ha-news/categories/455/news/3735/book-now-yorkshire-history-forum.

Reap the Rewards: Benefiting from Rural Networks Seminar

**21 November 2019
Yorkshire Museum of Farming**

If you are a non-specialist working with, or looking after, rural and agricultural collections in any role, the Rural Museums Network (Specialist Subject Network) has created a practical knowledge-development seminar specifically for you.

Be inspired and acquire practical experience from our host museums across the regions on a variety of projects related to using rural collections to create better experiences for visitors, and sustainable organisations. Experience the value of rural collection networking, and gain knowledge about how you can access RMN information, advice or help.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/rural-museums-network-subject-specialist-network-24344928893.

In It Together: Heritage and Community Engagement

25 November, 10.00am - 4.00pm
West Yorkshire History Centre,
Wakefield



Yorkshire & Humberside
Federation of Museums
and Art Galleries

Community projects are a rich way of understanding shared heritage. Exploring ways of working together with community groups can be a meaningful and exciting way to understand more about diverse histories and build partnerships to explore our heritage in different ways.

This day will feature training on developing community engagement projects. You will hear from project managers as well as community participants. With input from the West Yorkshire Queer Stories project, Make More Arts and West Yorkshire Archive Service, this will be a practical day looking at community heritage partnerships.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/in-it-together-heritage-and-community-engagement-tickets-63049989215.

Jobs, Volunteering & Consultancy Opportunities

Museum of the Wagoners Special Reserve

Mentor Required

We are looking for a museum mentor to advise the trustees on professional museum matters.

The museum is very small, just 270 objects displayed free of charge to visitors in a small 10 feet by 15 feet museum in Sledmere, East Yorkshire. The museum is fully accredited and is owned and managed by the Museum of the Wagoners Special Reserve Charitable Trust, a registered charity with the Charity Commission.

The museum tells the story of the men who joined the Wagoners Special Reserve in 1913 and 14 and then went to fight in WW1.

We are looking for a mentor not for our current accreditation return in early 2020, but to advise on all professional museum matters. They would take up their role in the early summer of 2020. The mentor is invited to attend trustee meetings (2 per annum). The mentor is also asked to write a short report (200 words) on the museum every year to be considered by Trustees.

We are looking for a cheerful outgoing and friendly museum professional with experience of collection care and conservation and an interest in Social and military history.

If you are interested or require any further information please contact Martin Watts on: martinwatts@museumofwagoners.co.uk or telephone 01947 895 645 for a chat.

English Heritage Project Manager – Shout Out Loud London, Bristol or York

Salary: £42,457 (depending on skills, experience and location)
Fixed term until 31 October 2021

The Shout Out Loud project is one of England's most exciting creative engagement programmes with, and for, young people. This is a great opportunity to lead a fantastic team of engagement professionals in changing the way young people engage with heritage and the role they play in telling England's stories.

Shout Out Loud is an ambitious project, which can be truly transformative for the way English Heritage engages with young people. The Project Manager will be responsible for the day to day running, strategic direction and overall delivery of Shout Out Loud as outlined in the National Lottery Heritage Fund application and Activity Plan.

Find out more at:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/about-us/jobs/job-search/default-job-page/?jobRef=12428.

Closing date: 13 October 2019.

English Heritage Administrator – Shout Out Loud London or York

Salary: £17,832 pa (depending on skills, experience and location; Part-time, 4 days pw (fixed term for 24 months))

The Shout Out Loud project is one of England's most exciting creative engagement programmes with, and for, young people.

You will provide administrative support to the Shout Out Loud project in relation to funding enquiries, applications, reports, cultivation and stewardship activity. This will provide a unique opportunity to learn about heritage engagement by assisting the preparation of funder reports, project updates, and other statutory funders, reports and payment claims.

Find out more at:

www.english-heritage.org.uk/about-us/jobs/job-search/default-job-page/?jobRef=12430.

Closing date: 13 October 2019.

Rotherham Heritage Learning Service Casual Education Assistant x 3 posts

Salary: £9.74 ph (no fixed hours)

As part of our service development we are looking for enthusiastic individuals with exceptional communication skills to bring our heritage sites and collections to life at Clifton Park Museum and Boston Castle.

You will be responsible for delivering formal learning sessions to target audiences. This may include delivering outreach sessions in schools, so your own transport would be

beneficial. You will also be required to attend training and to contribute to the development of new formal learning sessions, in order to ensure the continued delivery of a high quality service.

You will have experience of working with children in a formal learning setting.

Find out more at: www.rotherham.gov.uk/work (search for 'Casual Education Assistant')

For further information contact Victoria Dawes, Learning Officer on victoria.dawes@rotherham.gov.uk or call 01709 336633.

Closing date: 31 October.

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