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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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Friday 20 December 2019

**** Deadline for submissions ****
5pm on Wed 18 December

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MDY Notices

Apply Now - Museum Development Yorkshire Support 2020-21

Museum Development Yorkshire has launched its Support Opportunities for 2020-2021. We have released the programme earlier this year to support your planning for the next financial year.

The guidance notes and links to the application form are available at:
www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/MDY_Guidance_Document-2020-Issue.pdf

For Support Opportunities in 2020-21, we are offering two application deadlines on:

We will assess all applications in order of receipt. Early applications will receive earlier notification of a decision on whether support can be provided and, if appropriate, how to reapply.

Please note that we will only accept one application per organisation, even if you are a multi-site organisation, so please check with your colleagues before applying.

Some of our Support Opportunities in 2020-21 will again be delivered through group learning. There will be additional opportunities to apply to participate in these learning cohorts early in 2020.

When applying for Support Opportunities, we expect you to tell us how you have identified and prioritised your requests. Ideally, you will have used one of the available self-assessment tools, which are listed in the drop-down lists in the application form and available from:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Self-assessment-Tool.pdf.

For more information, please contact a member of the MDY team. Our contacts are at the bottom of this ebulletin.

Accreditation Mentors

In view of the revised standard, and our plans to develop a training and support programme, we need to ensure that we have the most up to date information about all mentors.

If you are a museum with a mentor:

I would be grateful if you could confirm the name of your mentor and, if you have permission from the mentor, please send their contact details also. Alternatively, please ask them to email me directly via the address below.

If you are a mentor:

I would be grateful if you could confirm your current role and organisation, the name of the museum you mentor (if any), and your preferred contact details. It would also be helpful if you could let me know which areas of the Accreditation Standard you are most confident in advising against from the following:

- Organisational Health
- Managing Collections
- Users and their Experiences.

Please send the relevant details to Rebecca Griffiths, Regional Accreditation Advisor: accreditation@ymt.org.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

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
- implement recommendations made by MDY or
- address areas for improvement for Accreditation?

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

Join Us at a Museum Forum Meeting Near You!

Spring forums coming soon

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.

From the Region

Send Us Your Good News Stories!

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

Sandford Awards 2020

Do you offer a heritage education service that you are proud of? The Sandford Awards have celebrated and promoted high quality in heritage education since 1978. It is the only scheme in existence able to provide independent quality assurance to sites that run formal education programmes in the UK and Ireland- from museums and historic houses to natural heritage sites and different collections.

The Awards provide national recognition and publicity for winning sites and we know that participants welcome the motivation it brings. Our current award holders include the Museum of English Rural Life, M&S Company Archive, Fota Wildlife Park and Hampton Court Palace.

To find out more visit: sandfordaward.org.

Closing date: Friday 14 February 2020.

Opportunities from Community First Yorkshire

Leadership focused discussion for VCS Chairs and Trustees

11 December, 10.00am - 11.30am
Thirsk, North Yorkshire

Are you on the board of a charity or do you lead a community group or project in North Yorkshire?

Would you benefit from leadership development and support to help you build your relationship with your executive staff, communicate your vision, influence your funders and stakeholders or lead your board team?

Join other North Yorkshire Chairs and Trustees to discuss your leadership needs and help to shape future leadership support and mentoring in your area.

Find out more here and book your place at:

communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk/event/york-leadership-focused-discussion-for-vcso-2.

Survey: Your Views on Leadership Support for North Yorkshire (deadline 6 December)

Leadership skills and confidence can enable us to help our organisations and projects to survive and grow.

If you lead a voluntary or community-focused organisation, a team of staff or volunteers, or a community or charity project in North Yorkshire, then share your views with us and help to shape future leadership development and peer support opportunities.

Complete the survey here: bit.ly/2DAZHpd.

University of Leicester Collaborative Doctoral Award

The School of Museum Studies, University of Leicester, in partnership with the Holburne Museum, Bath, invites applications for a Collaborative Doctoral Award to conduct research leading to a PhD on the theme: 'Pathways to Wellbeing: exploring the social and spatial role of museums in supporting creativity'

This CDA studentship will examine the unique aspects of the museum experience and creative museum-based activities in order to understand how museums can support mental wellbeing and mental health. The research will be based on the Holburne Museum's Pathways to Wellbeing programme as the main case study. Pathways to Wellbeing provides creative learning experiences for people who have experienced mental health issues, social isolation and homelessness.

The focus of the CDA is to consider the specific characteristics of museums and creativity in a museum context, and how they relate to mental wellbeing.

Find out more at:

le.ac.uk/museum-studies/study/research-degrees/midlands4cities-collaborative-doctoral-award.

Informal enquiries please email nuala.morse@leicester.ac.uk.

Application deadline: noon on 14 January 2020.

Interviews: mid February

Start date: 28 September 2020.

Grants and Funding

The National Lottery Heritage Fund 'What is Heritage' Small Grant Event

Tue 21 January 2020, 2.00pm
Kala Sangam, Bradford

These free workshops are for groups who haven't applied for funding before and are interested in finding out more about The National Lottery Heritage Fund Small Grants programme.

At this session, we will talk about the wide range of work and activities we can support, basic project planning, and provide information on The National Lottery Grants for Heritage programme £3,000 - £10,000. We will look at priorities, programme outcomes and changes to the application form.

Book your place now at:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/thenationallotteryheritagefundnorth/t-pvzxop.

Still time to book...

Embedding Diversity in the Arts and Cultural Sector

12 March 2020, 10.00am - 4.15pm

Yorkshire Dance, Leeds

This essential training for all staff explores equality and diversity legislation, best practice and how this might influence your work. Through practical activities and discussion, you will identify ways to improve the experience of children and young people by ensuring equal access to opportunities and relevant support.

To find out more and book visit www.eventbrite.com/e/embedding-diversity-in-the-arts-and-cultural-sector-tickets-72524435539, or contact a member of the Professional Development Team via: 02380 332491 / training@artswork.org.uk.

A Culture of Care: Culture, Health & Wellbeing Alliance National Conference

19-20 March 2020, Derby Museum

The conference theme will be Care: care for one another (participants, practitioners, commissioners); care for the environment; and caring economies.

Further information to follow soon, but for now please save the date.

Find out more at: www.culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk/get-involved/events/culture-care-culture-health-wellbeing-alliance-national-conference.

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.

Dialect and Heritage Project Project Manager

Salary: £27,511 to £32,817
Fixed Term (Feb 2020 - Nov 2022)

Do you have a track record of Project Management in the heritage, learning or arts sectors?

This is an exciting opportunity for a highly organised, creative and flexible individual to work on a project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund that aims to engage new audiences with collections at the University of Leeds and at five partner museums across England. The partner museums are: Dales Countryside Museum, Ryedale Folk Museum, Weald & Downland Living Museum, Avoncroft Museum of Historic Buildings, and the Museum of East Anglian Life.

The project centres around the Leeds Archive of Vernacular Culture (LAVC). The LAVC is a unique and nationally important multi-media archive including the records of the Survey of English Dialects and the Institute of Dialect and Folk Life Studies. The collection is housed and accessible at the University of Leeds Special Collections: library.leeds.ac.uk/info/1607/projects/181/dialect_and_heritage.

The project will digitise the LAVC and make it available, meaningful and relevant to public audiences. The project will marry LAVC resources with partner museums' complementary and contemporaneous artefact collections, putting the LAVC back into the communities from which it was originally collected and where it truly belongs, reuniting tangible and intangible cultural heritage, and breathing new life into museum displays, local heritage, and the LAVC. Public engagement activities with a lasting legacy will enable visitors (within museums, in the community and online) to uncover their own cultural heritage and that of others, to learn more about their dialect inheritance, and to share their stories, memories and linguistic heritage for the benefit of current and future generations.

You will be based at the University of Leeds School of English with regular visits to each of the five partner museums. You will report to the Project Lead, Dr Fiona Douglas, and to the Project Board.

To explore the post further or for any queries you may have, please contact Dr Fiona Douglas, Project Lead, email: F.M.Douglas@leeds.ac.uk.

Closing date - 15 December.

Wensleydale Railway Community Engagement Officer

Salary: £26,400 to £28,200 pro rata
Part-time (0.8 FTE), fixed term until April 2022

The Wensleydale Railway has secured funding from the HLF to restore the Victorian Station at Leeming Bar and to deliver a programme of engagement with stakeholders.

A part-time Community Engagement Officer will lead on stakeholder engagement with local schools, specialist interest groups, community groups and visitors to the Wensleydale Rail-way.

Find out more at:

The Peace Museum Trustee Vacancies

The Peace Museum is the only museum in the UK which is dedicated to the history and often untold stories of peace, peacemakers and the peace movement. Key elements of our work include educational outreach and promoting community cohesion. We use the collection of 7,000 artefacts, banners, posters and videos to inspire people to see peacemaking as an active endeavour.

Based in Bradford, West Yorkshire, but national in scope, the Museum draws trustees from both the local region and across the country.

Trustees currently inadequately reflect the rich diversity of communities across West Yorkshire. We particularly welcome applications from people from a BAME background or those who are currently underrepresented in the arts.

We are looking for three trustees with oversight of financial management, HR or any other specific experience.

A Finance Trustee: with skills and experience in business to work alongside our book-keeper; oversee all the financial processes of the Museum and contribute to the production of budgets and the Annual Report.

A HR Trustee: with skills and up-to-date experience and knowledge of HR. You would ensure that staff and volunteer contracts and working practices are in good order; operational policies are up to date and in use and the Board acts responsibly re. DBS, Health and Safety, GDPR, etc.

Any other experience: We invite you to apply even though you may not fulfil the particular skills and experience above, if you feel that you might make an active contribution to the life and growth of the Museum.

To discuss the role in more detail, or to apply by sending your CV and a brief covering letter indicating why you want to be a trustee and what you think you can bring to the Peace Museum, please contact the Chair of Trustees:
clive.barrett@peacemuseum.org.uk.

Closing date for applications: 6 January 2020.

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