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## York Museums Trust Museum Development Yorkshire

### Newsletter - Fri 27 March 2020

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Dear <<First Name>>

The MDY team continue to work remotely and are available to support you! We are adapting our development delivery methods to suit you in this period. Please check our website regularly for further information and don't forget to follow us on twitter [@MusDevYorks](#).

We're now moving towards a weekly bulletin. If it doesn't appear on Friday please remember to check your spam and clutter folder!

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**\*\* Date of next bulletin \*\*  
Friday 3 April 2020**

**\*\* Deadline for submissions \*\*  
5pm on Wed 1 April**

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### Notices

#### **NOW AVAILABLE Funding and Support for Covid-19**

MDY has compiled a one-stop summary of guidance and links to newly available funding and support for your museum.

**Please follow this link to our guidance document:**

[www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Funding-and-Support-for-Museums.pdf](http://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Funding-and-Support-for-Museums.pdf)

**Arts Council England  
Emergency Measures and Funding**

offering non-NPO museums grants of up to £35,000 to support business resilience and develop public-facing activity during closure.

**Please note there is a deadline of 3 April 2020 to register for the Arts Council online system Grantium, if you are thinking of applying.**

These grants are part of a total £160 million of ACE emergency funding for organisations and individuals who need it during this crisis. These emergency funding streams will be open to applications very soon. ACE have also changed the funding requirements for individuals and organisations currently in receipt of their funding.

**Find out more at: [www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19).**

## Eleveses with MDY

Join members of the MDY team on Mondays and Thursdays for a cuppa and a chat – you will have to bring your own drink! These are informal get-togethers, with no agenda, to share experiences and thinking (and enjoy some different company). We will have two different types of Eleveses, one themed around the three Accreditation strands and the other open to talk about anything and everything.

We will be doing this via the Skype for Business App. If you DO NOT have Skype for Business you can use this link: [www.skype.com/en/business](http://www.skype.com/en/business), you will have to download the web app but don't need a Skype account to do so.

- **On Monday 30 March join Liz and Alan for an open session. [Join Skype Meeting](#).**
- **On Thursday 2 April join Liz and Jo for a chat themed around Users and their Experience. [Join Skype Meeting](#).**

If you experience any trouble connecting please email [Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk](mailto:Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk) and we will attempt to solve the issue.

**The full Eleveses Schedule can be viewed at:**

**[www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/eleveses-with-mdy](http://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/eleveses-with-mdy).**



## Volunteers and Legal Compliance Virtual Webinar via Zoom

**30 March, 10.00am - 11.00am**

The session will be facilitated by Naomi Korn, Managing Director, Naomi Korn Associates. If you have any questions before the session or have trouble logging into the session next week, please contact Patrick Ibbotson, Head of Partnerships and Projects on 07931 325456.

You will be able to access the session by clicking the Zoom Meeting link below. We advise, if possible, downloading Zoom prior to the session. This can be done at the following link under 'Zoom Client for meetings': [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download).

You will need a compatible device, such as a computer or tablet, with an internet connection to access the session.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

[zoom.us/j/279680500?pwd=SDJFQU5FNXZ3SVh6YVBoOFJOTE43Zz09](https://zoom.us/j/279680500?pwd=SDJFQU5FNXZ3SVh6YVBoOFJOTE43Zz09).

**Meeting ID: 279 680 500. Password: 033907**

## MDY Learning Cohorts Open to ALL Museums in the Region

**Deadline for expressions of interest: 10 April**

MDY are reviewing how we deliver learning cohorts under the current circumstances. We are assessing a range of different methods to ensure that all those museums who are interested in training during this extraordinary period will have the opportunity to get involved!

The training will be very different to our original plans but it will be professionally useful, informative and - hopefully - will provide a positive focus, new social contact, and a fun distraction during social isolation!

Visit: [www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Cohort-Information.zip](http://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Cohort-Information.zip) for further details about:

- Collections
- Health and Wellbeing
- Front of House
- Audience Champions
- Fundraising
- Income Generation
- Everyday Innovation.

These groups have had excellent feedback from participant organisations about the additional benefits of learning as a cohort. In light of the current situation, working together could also provide welcome respite from the daily news.

[Please complete the initial expression of interest via this link.](#)

It will be open until Friday 10 April.

If your museum has any questions about taking part, wants more information or has any suggestions please email Alan Bentley: [alan.bentley@ymt.org.uk](mailto:alan.bentley@ymt.org.uk) or Liz Denton [liz.denton@ymt.org.uk](mailto:liz.denton@ymt.org.uk).

## Small Charities Coalition Second COVID-19 Survey

In order to make sure that our services and the information we share is relevant and appropriate we would be grateful if you could spare a few minutes to answer this latest survey.

The data gathered also helps us to continue to make the case for investment in charities and the not for profit sector, and also to make sure that the needs of small charities are factored in to the design and development of plans and funding opportunities during COVID-19.

**Seven questions, three minutes - make a difference!**

**Survey link:**

[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/?sm=IVth0YUOOpecjBG5vylAWg\\_3D\\_3D](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/?sm=IVth0YUOOpecjBG5vylAWg_3D_3D).

*This data from this survey will be used to support the Small Charities Coalition in its influencing attempts for increased investment in small charities. All data will be kept strictly confidential, and will be used on a non attributable basis.*

## Regional Forum Meetings

## MDY Regional Museum Forum Meetings Online Delivery

We are preparing to deliver an online version of our museum forum meetings, to

enable you to connect with us and each other, and receive development support during museum closures and social distancing.

**Please continue booking into scheduled forum meetings via this link:**

**[www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/regional-forum-meetings](http://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/regional-forum-meetings).**

Meetings will start at 10.00am and run for a shorter time via a group Skype call. Please see the item above on our MDY Elevenses online gatherings, for details of how to join the Skype meeting.

**Further details of forum meeting content will be provided before the meetings.**

## Your Favourite Wellbeing Resources

### Share Your Resources!

During this time it is more important than ever that you focus on your own wellbeing! Each week we will look at ways to support you.

**If you come across resources that help you and would like to share with others, please send them to Liz Denton [liz.denton@ymt.org.uk](mailto:liz.denton@ymt.org.uk).**

### Mindfulness

In such a challenging time make sure you take time out! Here are some FREE resources suggested by Fiona Green, at York Art Gallery

Mental wellbeing free resources are available here to take 10 minutes out of the day to focus and relax: [www.freemindfulness.org/download](http://www.freemindfulness.org/download).

### Self-Isolation Psychology Wellbeing Pack

This really handy new resource has been created by Alishia Bann-Khellaf, an Assistant Psychologist for North West Boroughs Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Many of us might be worried about coronavirus and how it could affect our lives. With that in mind, this pack has been designed to support mental health and wellbeing through this challenging time.

**[Download the PDF.](#)**

### Supporting Your Mental Health While Working from Home

highlighting this resource

My Whole Self is a practical resource developed by Mental Health First Aid. It aims to create a healthier working culture built on respect and collaboration. In a time when we have been thrown into working mainly online, human connections are more important than ever. Here are some ways to support your mental health, reduce feelings of isolation, and feel connected with colleagues while working remotely.

[Download the PDF.](#)

## Make That Desk Work For You!

Physical wellbeing is important. In addition to that daily walk, run or bike ride, there are lots of things you can do inside. Here are some desk yoga poses which could help relax you when are sat down most of the day!

**Visit:** [www.adventureyogi.com/blog/10-desk-yoga-poses](http://www.adventureyogi.com/blog/10-desk-yoga-poses).

## And Relax...!

### New Feature

The eagle eyed amongst you will realise this is a new feature! We all need an opportunity to smile, at this time, or a chance to share great ideas to help us ...relax!

**Lily will be sharing thoughts on her week and she is encouraging you all to send her any great resources or tips that are helping you, email:**

[lily.wilks@ymt.org.uk](mailto:lily.wilks@ymt.org.uk).

### Our New Houseguest....an update from Lily

When I became the MDY Intern I honestly had no idea I would end up moonlighting as a snake rescuer. I mean it was only once but this is definitely going on my CV.

What happened was the Centre for Life in Newcastle closed to keep staff and visitors safe, but they have a collection of animals in their education department. The staff had all volunteered to take the animals home to care for. So I get a call asking if my car and I can come and help with Richard. I enlisted my dad (bigger car) and we went to collect Richard. Thankfully I know who he is, otherwise it might have been a bit of a shock, Richard is a Royal Python and an absolute sweetheart.



## Stay Positive and Balanced at Work and Home

We'd love to hear from museums around the region. To kick us off here are some great tips from Fiona Green at York Museum Trust

- **Have a dedicated workspace** – Trying to work from your living room while the kids are watching TV is not an ideal work environment. You can't possibly feel inspired, creative or even organised when you don't have your own workspace. It doesn't matter that you don't have a separate home office. Maybe you can get a small desk, put some inspirational pictures up, light a scented candle, and set up your laptop somewhere you won't be disturbed.
- **Keep a routine** – Even though it might be tempting to work in your pyjamas, getting dressed, making yourself a drink and sitting down in front of your computer at the same time each day will make you feel more productive. It also helps you to separate your work time from the rest of the day.
- **Take time off** – It is so easy to fall into the trap of working during family time when you work from home. Give yourself a finishing time each day and try to stick to it. If you really need to do extra work in the evening or at weekends, make sure it doesn't interfere with your home life.
- **Collaborate with like-minded people** – Even though you are working alone, you shouldn't be lonely. Don't isolate yourself. Go online and collaborate with other bloggers/social media users from the sector and keep in touch with other colleagues working from home.
- **And for those parents out there** .....here is a link to some free resources for home learning [www.twinkl.co.uk](http://www.twinkl.co.uk).

## Grants and Funding

**Open - Applications Welcome!**

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](https://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.**

## Online Learning and Resources

### Texthelp Webinar: Remote Working - Removing Barriers for Neurodiverse Staff

**Wednesday 1 April, 2.00pm**

Join us for a 30 minute webinar to learn how best to support your staff - particularly those with neurodiverse conditions such as dyslexia, dyspraxia, autism, ADHD and Asperger's - as they quickly get to grips with working remotely.

We'll highlight some of the everyday communication challenges faced by your neurodiverse colleagues and how best to overcome these. We'll briefly introduce you to our powerful productivity tool, Read&Write, that's already helping millions of people with varying needs - all over the world - to work smarter, more efficiently, and more accurately.

#### **Who should attend?**

HR Managers, Diversity and Inclusion leaders, and any of your employees who you feel may benefit. Whether you're a current Texthelp customer or new to what we do,

Register at: [mautic.texthelp.com/uk-wp-rw-remote-working-webinar](https://mautic.texthelp.com/uk-wp-rw-remote-working-webinar).

## How to Work From Home FREE Online Resources from Future Learn

Learn how to work from home with these free online courses for professionals working remotely and explore the skills and techniques required for successful and collaborative remote working.

Visit: [www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/remote-working](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/remote-working).

## Dementia and The Arts: sharing practice, developing understanding and enhancing lives

### Online - starts 20 April

Explore, challenge and shape your perceptions of dementias through science and the creative arts. In this online course you will discover how the arts can create common ground between people, and in doing so, learn what we can all do to improve the quality of life and care for people living with different dementias.

Estimated learning time is approximately two hours per week across four weeks, at your own pace. Each of the four weeks will showcase current best practice, explain the limits of our current understanding, and set ambitious goals for enhancing the lives of anyone affected by one of these conditions.

**The course will also run from 22 June.**

**Further information can be found at:**

[www.futurelearn.com/courses/dementia-arts](https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/dementia-arts).

## AIM Resources and Online Surgeries

AIM are offering resources to support members during the current Coronavirus situation. Their website has been updated to provide advice on support packages that are available to museums

They have also introduced a new programme offering free online surgeries for museums with their Prospering Boards consultants, see: [www.aim-museums.co.uk/coronavirus-support-resources-online-advice-surgeries](https://www.aim-museums.co.uk/coronavirus-support-resources-online-advice-surgeries).

**The resources will be updated regularly and they will be looking more at how they can repurpose programmes to support members.**

Visit: [www.aim-museums.co.uk/coronavirus-support-finance](https://www.aim-museums.co.uk/coronavirus-support-finance).

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