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York Museums Trust Museum Development Yorkshire

Newsletter - Fri 8 May 2020

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Dear <<First Name>>

****Submissions for next week's bulletin
should be sent to mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk
by 5pm on Wed 13 May****

Looking forward, understanding the present.

As we all get used to working from home and meeting remotely there is an overwhelming amount of information coming towards us. The aim of the MDY bulletin is to highlight, filter and guide the region's museums to the most useful. If we have missed anything let us know either by email or by coming along to Elevenses.

Museums in Yorkshire and the Humber are continuing to show great resilience along with the passionate and resourceful people who work in them. But we are now engaging with our audiences digitally and our thoughts are turning towards how museums can do this both in lockdown and as lockdown is relaxed. In this issue there are details of funding support and resources for training and development and wellbeing.

We still want to know about your successes and problems - either directly by phone or email or shared at Elevenses. If you're not sure who to email, why not try mdy-office@ymt.org.uk. Please also copy to:

gillian.greaves@artscouncil.org.uk and
Coronavirus-queries@artscouncil.org.uk.

This will help us continue to advocate for you and, along with feedback on our work, to reshape our

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Please check our website regularly for further information and don't forget to follow us on Twitter [@MusDevYorks](#). Please also encourage others in your organisation to subscribe to this bulletin.

News and Notices

We have our first winner!

James Etherington from Kiplin Hall will be receiving the first prize of a Yorkshire Cuppa. Prize draw refreshes for May – come along for a chance to win (and talk to people from the region) - see 'Your Week Ahead' below.

Join Us For Elevenses and Win a Yorkshire Cuppa!

As part of MDY's continuing support to museums during the current Covid-19 shut-down we are hosting regular online chat forums.

We would like to welcome people from as wide a selection of museums as is possible to these sessions and would encourage you to virtually come along and share concerns, thoughts and ideas with us and your colleagues across the county.

To spread some cheer we would like to get you a drink!

As we can't get you a coffee or tea in these informal virtual meetings we have decided to hold a prize draw for Yorkshire branded tea or coffee. Each participant will be entered in the draw which we will hold regularly and we will contact winners to get prizes across during the lock-down or shortly afterwards.

Object Marking and Labelling

FREE training from MDY and Collections Trust

Thur 21 May, 2.15pm to 3.45pm

It is vital to assign and attach a unique number to accessioned objects in your care. There are a number of secure but reversible techniques recommended for the various types of objects in your museum collection.

This workshop will introduce the basic principles of object labelling and marking, including materials and techniques used for different types of objects.

Priority for this session will be given to staff and volunteers at Accredited museums, and those working towards, within the Museum Development Yorkshire region, and numbers will be restricted.

Find out more and register your place, before 4.00pm on Friday 15 May, at:
collectionstrust.org.uk/events/yorkshire/object-labelling-and-marking-3.

Volunteers for Museum Learning Award

A call for nominations

We are very pleased to announce that applications have opened for this year's Volunteers for Museum Learning Award, presented by the British Museum and the Marsh Christian Trust. The awards provide a great opportunity to recognise the contribution of those who voluntarily gave their time to support other people and organisations during 2019. There will be twelve regional winners, each of whom will receive a £500 prize. Additionally, an overall national winner will receive a further £2000.

To apply, please visit the British Museum website at www.britishmuseum.org/support-us/volunteer/marsh-awards.

The closing date for applications is Friday, 3 July 2020. For further questions and to submit your application please email: volunteers@britishmuseum.org.

Museums in Europe During the COVID-19 Crisis

From NEMO:

After getting an overview of the impact that COVID-19 has had on museums and how they are reacting to and coping with the pandemic, we are looking more closely at the re-opening of museums in Europe.

With the help of our members, we have created a map that gives a quick overview of European countries' plans to re-open museums to the public. If managed well and if appropriate security and safety measures are adopted, there is no reason to keep museums closed.

By clicking on one of the countries, you may find additional information about the current situation for museums, advice about security measures and their digital strategies. We will make sure to keep the map updated as new information is gathered.

[View the map on google.com.](#)

COVID-19 Action Checklist

If you are worried about the future of your museum, the Association of Independent Museums (AIM) has developed a Covid-19 Action checklist as a first step.

Download the PDF at:

www.aim-museums.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Covid19ActionChecklist.

Migration Museum Resilience Campaign

What are the things that comfort us in difficult times? That remind us of home or childhood? That help us feel connected to loved ones we can't see?

The Migration Museum are inviting friends, colleagues, and the wider community to share stories by sending in a photograph and sharing a few sentences about what the contents means to them. They will be sharing these stories via Instagram and [other social channels](#).

Would you be willing to share your story? If so, please email an image and a brief explanation of what it means to you to resilience@migrationmuseum.org.

MDY Bid Writing Support for Non-NPO Museums

BOOK NOW

Support to enable you to take advantage of Covid-19 funding

Museum Development Yorkshire will be providing a number of one to one workshop sessions with expert fundraisers. This is in recognition that current circumstances mean you will not be in your usual work environment and may not be experienced in bid writing, especially at relatively short notice.

[MDY Funding Round-up - download our up to date round-up of available funding and what is needed to apply.](#)

Please note that we are unable to provide any guidance on the detailed implementation of the various schemes or the likelihood of success of your application. We have no insider knowledge!

You will need to provide details of:

- Which funder will you be applying to
- Which deadline you are aiming to submit your application
- How you want to be contacted (phone / video conference)
- Contact name, email, phone number (and video conference username if appropriate) Skype username if you want to use that; email alone is fine for Zoom or Google Meet)
- If you have drafted an application, a copy of that text.

We have 6 appointments left to be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis - [please sign up via an expression of interest form](#).

We Want Your Views on MDY Accreditation Support

Revised deadline: 25 May 2020

We are reviewing how we provide Accreditation events support to museums in our region. We want to ensure that museums gain maximum benefit from the support, and that MDY delivers best value to you and your museum.

We are keen to support museums to prepare for Accreditation submissions in April

2021 and will be assessing any applications for 'Working Towards' status. To help us do this, we need your views about your attendance at Accreditation Workshops and your needs for the future.

Please complete the below survey; it should take no more than 15 minutes:

www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=157659403284.

Thank you for your time and support.

Helen Thornton, Regional Accreditation Advisor, Museum Development Yorkshire

Your Week Ahead

Share Your Lockdown Experience and Learn From Others at Elevenses with MDY

Come along to the MDY virtual Elevenses. Every Monday and Thursday for a cuppa and a chat – you will have to bring your own drink! These are an informal opportunity to share experiences and thinking (and enjoy some different company). We will have two different types of Elevenses, one themed around the three Accreditation strands and the other open to talk about anything and everything.

Currently we are using Skype for Business. Don't worry if you don't have Skype for Business, you can use this link: www.skype.com/en/business, you will have to download the web app but don't need a Skype account. It is a different from general Skype. People have had trouble connecting if they have other similar programmes, such as Zoom and Teams open when they try to connect. If you can't hear, try leaving the call and rejoining.

- **Monday 11 May**

- Elevenses with Alan and Dieter**

- Topic: Managing Collections.

- meet.lync.com/yorkmuseumstrust/lily.wilks/WH5FJOJ6

- **Thursday 14 May**

- Elevenses with Michael and Jo**

- We will have a guest, Millie Carroll from York Museums Trust who created the viral #CuratorBattle with collections from the Yorkshire Museum.

- meet.lync.com/yorkmuseumstrust/lily.wilks/96K906PB

****Please note the above links are unique to each individual session****

If you have any questions to be discussed please send them to Lily:

Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk. Please also email Lily if you experience any trouble connecting and we will attempt to solve the issue.

The full Elevenses Schedule can be viewed at:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/elevenses-with-mdy.



Volunteers and Legal Compliance

Virtual Webinar via Zoom 15 May, 11.00am - 12.00pm

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.

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=SDJFQU5FNXZ3SVh6YVB0OFJOTE43Zz09.

Meeting ID: 279 680 500. Password: 033907

Collections Trust Events:

Collections Care in Lockdown 5 Weeks On – Livestream Q&A Tue 12 May, 2.00pm

collectionstrust.org.uk/events/nationwide-event-listings/collections-care-in-lockdown-5-weeks-on-livestream-qa.

Fri 15 May, 11.00amcollectionstrust.org.uk/events/nationwide-event-listings/disposals-livestream-qa.

Collections Trust Coffee Time

Wed 13 May, 11.00am

Join Collections Trust's weekly online get-together to chat about a museum topic over your elevesens. This week we'll be embracing the spirit of 'show and tell'. Come along with your favourite example of collections online, museum social media or something interesting you've seen recently. Feel free to send anything in advance to: events@collectionstrust.org.uk.

The get-together will be hosted via an online platform that should work with any browser without the need to install anything else. Using a webcam is optional and people can also dial in by phone if they prefer.

Find out more at: collectionstrust.org.uk/events/coffee-time.

Join the #CreativeNetwork

Weekdays at 9.30am

Voluntary Arts has launched #CreativeNetwork - a daily online get-together open to anyone involved in arts, culture and creativity who would welcome the opportunity to talk to others about dealing with the current situation, the challenges of working from home and what we can do together to make the most of difficult circumstances.

There's no need to register or log-in, just click the link on the website and smile for the camera! If you have any problems, tweet us at [@voluntaryarts](https://twitter.com/voluntaryarts) or email info@voluntaryarts.org.

Find out more and join in at: www.voluntaryarts.org/creativenetwork.

For Your Diary

Regional Forum Meetings Online

Join us online for your regional forum meetings! Booking is now open – please use the links below.

Starting at 3.00pm on the scheduled date, online forum meetings* will offer a couple of hours to:

- connect with your colleagues around the region

- share your own updates.

All of the planned themes will be viewed from the perspective of our current situation.

We will be using Skype for Business and will send you the joining link to use on the day at 3.00pm - 5.00pm. Please note that you will need to download the web app to join the meeting. Please contact Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk if you have any technical questions.

*Bring your own cup of tea and a biscuit, comfort break at 4.00pm!

- [Wednesday 3 June - West Yorkshire - Attracting Audiences](#)
- [Thursday 4 June - North Yorkshire - Attracting Audiences](#)
- [Wednesday 10 June - East Riding & North Lincs - Attracting Audiences](#)
- [Thursday 25 June - South Yorkshire - Delivering for Children & Young People](#)
- [Wednesday 8 July - West Yorkshire - Delivering Digital Capability](#)

Your Lockdown Initiatives

Adapting to New Ways of Working

We would really like to hear how other museums are evolving during the current crisis, for instance Heritage Doncaster have increased their digital content and The Museum of North Craven Life have created two online exhibitions for VE Day - see below.

Your projects will provide ideas and inspiration to everyone! Send your features to: lily.wilks@ymt.org.uk.

Heritage Doncaster Highlights

Heritage Doncaster are working on ways to bring their collections, stories, learning and History, Health and Happiness programme in to homes. Take a look at www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/heritage-at-home to find out more. Highlights include:

1. The Living Room Museum:

Whilst we can't visit museums Heritage Doncaster are challenging people to create a museum display in their living room (or bedroom, garden, kitchen...).

All people need to do is select some objects that have a story and create an object label for them. Then take a photograph and send it to us. The finished Living Room Museums are displaying in an online gallery, and some will be displayed when we re-open. Check out:

www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/heritage-at-home/livingroommuseum.

Subscribe	Past Issues	2. Resources for adults: The History, Health and Happiness team are creating resources for adults. The	Translate ▼
		<p>resources are based on our collections and offer the chance for reminiscence, learning and storytelling. The activity packs contain information, puzzles, mindfulness activities and more. We are also mailing these packs to partner organisations, individuals and care homes in Doncaster.</p> <p>www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/heritage-at-home/activities-for-adults.</p> <p>3. Resources for families:</p> <p>Looking for something to do with your family during lockdown? We are creating fun activity packs and learning resources. Topics include the Ancient Egyptians, Dinosaurs and the adventures of local celebrity Paddington Bear! See: www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/heritage-at-home/activities-for-families.</p> <p>4. Collecting Covid-19 experiences:</p> <p>Heritage Doncaster is appealing for memories, experiences, photographs and objects that tell the story of life during the coronavirus pandemic. The contributions will be shared in an online gallery, and we also hope to accession some to record this moment in time.</p> <p>www.heritagedoncaster.org.uk/heritage-at-home/collectingcovid19.</p> <p>5. Social media:</p> <p>As a team we are experimenting with new social media content and finding out more about what our online audiences enjoy. Take a look on Twitter: @DoncasterMuseum and @Cusworth Hall and Facebook (/doncastermuseum and /cusworthhallandpark).</p>	
		<h2 data-bbox="268 1178 1155 1220">VE Day at The Museum of North Craven Life</h2> <p data-bbox="268 1245 1289 1310"><i>We received the following from Caitlin Greenwood, Heritage Development Officer at the Museum of North Craven Life in Settle:</i></p> <p data-bbox="268 1355 1299 1491">We've created two online exhibitions for VE Day. One features a large photograph of VE Day celebrations in Settle which website visitors can 'mouse' over, to find out the names of the people in the photograph. I created this using the free version of Draw Attention WordPress plugin, if any other museums want to try something similar!</p> <p data-bbox="268 1536 1313 1637">Our other exhibition is about artwork in confinement, focusing on Cyril Harrington, an artist who was a prisoner of war during World War Two. This has been curated by one of our young volunteers, who is herself an artist.</p> <p data-bbox="268 1682 1241 1744">Find out more at: www.thefolly.org.uk/the-museum/exhibitions-online/ve-day-in-settle.</p>	
		<h2 data-bbox="268 1877 1133 1919">Military Histories from York Army Museum</h2> <p data-bbox="268 1944 1318 2045">York Army Museum is releasing a new series of recordings from their audio archive, Military Histories - hear oral history interviews with veterans of the Second World War who recall their experiences.</p> <p data-bbox="268 2089 1307 2154">The first of these interviews will be released on Friday 8 May. Listen to General Sir Robert Ford talk about training for D-Day and the perils of amphibious tanks, and his</p>	

yorkarmymuseum.podbean.com.

Your Wellbeing

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.

Let's Talk Loneliness

Let's Talk Loneliness is a campaign to encourage everyone to start the conversation and say it's OK to talk about it. Their website brings together organisations, resources and inspirational stories that are aimed at getting more people talking about loneliness.

Visit: letstalkloneliness.co.uk.

COVID-19: Guidance for the Public on Mental Health and Wellbeing

Government advice and information on how to look after your mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing.

Monthly Action Calendars

The Action for Happiness produce FREE monthly calendars packed with actions you can take to help create a happier and kinder world. 'Meaningful May' looks at daily actions to respond to this crisis with a sense of purpose and meaning.

You can find other language versions there too – so no excuse to not have a look! www.actionforhappiness.org/meaningful-may.

Funding Opportunities

Freelands Foundation Emergency Fund for Artists and Freelancers

The £1.5m Freelands Foundation Emergency Fund is supported by the Freelands Foundation, as part of a landmark commitment of £3m towards emergency funds for artists and freelance creative practitioners across the UK affected by the Covid-19 crisis.

Applications close on Thursday 18 June 2020 and decisions will be made on a weekly basis. This fund will support grants of £1,500 to £2,500 per person, assessed by need, with £1 million going to those living in England and £500k to those in Northern Ireland.

Find out more at:

www.a-n.co.uk/news/freelands-foundation-emergency-fund.

Open - Applications Welcome!

MDY Small Development Grants 2018-22

Does your museum have a project which needs up to £3,000? You might for example want to:

- turn a great idea into reality to move the museum forward and better care for its collections
- respond to challenges and opportunities as a result of Covid-19 closure
- provide better experiences for your visitors and users
- develop new fundraising ideas
- attend training courses
- implement recommendations made by MDY
- address areas for improvement for Accreditation
- a small project that is difficult to fund from other sources.

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

The Small Grants Fund can provide funding for a range of museum projects. We are keen to assist museums to implement MDY advice, help you address accreditation actions, support volunteering, test new ways of working and make good things happen, particularly ideas that are hard to fund elsewhere. 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. We advise you to speak to your MDO before submitting your application.

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.

Your Development

Free Audible Content

These children's stories and classics are available in multiple languages, so could also be used to brush up rusty language skills!

stories.audible.com/start-listen.

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 is encouraging you all to send her any great resources or tips that are helping you, email: lily.wilks@ymt.org.uk.

Lily Recommends...

My top pick for stupid videos this week is the Tucker Taste Test from 4 January. Tucker Budzyn is an adorable dog with his pal the Husky they test different types of food. Funny and your daily dose of animal cuteness.

Fully recommend a watch:

www.facebook.com/tuckerbudzyn/videos/830627030684918/?d=n.

With the news being full of people talking about how we will lift lockdown, there is one important question you must answer: Who will you visit first? That sounds like a challenge.

This 'First Dog on the Moon' cartoon will hopefully clear this up for you:

www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/apr/29/how-do-you-decide-who-are-the-first-people-you-visit-after-lockdown-an-important-test-of-character-and-priorities

Dieter's Nature Notes

A seasonal visitor to a stone water trough in the garden.

Not sure whether there is any frog spawn yet might be under the duckweed!

Common frog (*Rana temporaria*)



Previously...

In case you missed it...

Just in case you missed them first time round, we're listing below snippets of some of the articles published in previous ebulletins that we think you might still find useful:

- **AMA Digital Heritage Lab - Free digital skills support**
www.a-m-a.co.uk/digital-heritage-lab.
- **Business Planning In A Crisis - Training Video**
mdem.org.uk/business-planning-in-a-crisis-mdem-online-resources.
- **Business Support and Skills Online Training**
www.york.ac.uk/business/cpd/online-training.
- **Caring for Collections in Lockdown**
www.aim-museums.co.uk/conservation-care-collections.
- **Charity Digital Events and Podcasts**
charitydigital.org.uk/events.
- **Coronavirus Business Support Finder Tool**
www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder.
- **Emergency Response Funding - deadline 19 May**
tinyurl.com/y9z26m8s
- **Financial Difficulties Toolkit**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit.

southwestmuseums.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/A-Guide-for-Trustees-in-Times-of-Crisis-COVID-19.pdf.

- Homeworking Health Check Advice Sheets**
[Dealing with eye strain and headaches whilst working from home during self-isolation.](#)
[Helping you prevent aches and pains when working from home](#)
- Museum Security**
collectionstrust.org.uk/collections-in-lockdown.
and
[Museum Security Checklist](#) PDF.
- NCVO Free Online Learning**
knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/studyzone.
- YouGov International COVID-19 Tracker**
yougov.co.uk/topics/international/articles-reports/2020/03/17/YouGov-international-COVID-19-tracker.

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