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Latest news for week ending Friday 26 June 2020

Dear <<First Name>>

Submissions for next week's bulletin should be sent to mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk by 5pm on Wed 1 July

It has been an incredibly busy week for museums with the confirmation that sites will be able to open from 4 July and the publication of a raft of guidance. Each museum will need to make their own decision on when and how to reopen but don't forget your MDY team are here to help! We'd recommend that you first read in detail the guidance published by the National Museum Directors' Council (NMDC) and then refer to the new Reopening Checklist produced by AIM and the Museum Development Network. Visit Britain have also just launched an industry standard called 'We're Good to Go'. Full details on all these resources below and don't forget that we are assessing weekly applications to the Escaping Lockdown grant.

After all that reading you might want some light relief and Lily has played a blinder this week in 'And Relax'. For all of you who are heartily sick of cheery updates about prodigies do check out the Russian gymnasts. I think the line has been drawn in the sand now! Enjoy!

Please do keep telling us about your successes and problems - either directly by phone or email or shared at Elevenses. If you're not sure who to email, send to mdy-office@ymt.org.uk and we will try to help or redirect as appropriate.

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 <u>@MusDevYorks</u>. Please also encourage others in your organisation to subscribe to this bulletin.

News and Notices

Museum Reopening Guidance

New guidance was published on Thursday 25 June by the National Museum
Directors' Council (NMDC) with support from DCMS and the Museums and
Galleries Working Group. The 'Coronavirus COVID-19 NMDC Good Practice
Guidelines for Reopening Museums after 4th July 2020' guidance is intended to
help employers, employees, the self-employed and volunteers in the museum
sector in England understand how to work safely during the COVID-19
pandemic.

Read the full guidance at: <u>www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/coronavirus-update/nmdc-good-practice-guidelines-opening-museums.</u>

- To assist museums in their strategic decision making, AIM and the Museum Development Network have produced a 'Reopening Checklist' to be used in conjunction with the Guidelines. As every museum is unique there will be no 'one way' to do things. The checklist does not tell you exactly how your reopened museum should operate but it is intended to help you develop your reopening plans and provides you with a methodology to follow.
 See the checklist at: www.aim-museums.co.uk/museum-reopening-guidance-checklist.
- Visit Britain also announced the launch of a UK-wide industry standard and
 consumer mark, in partnership with the national tourist organisations of
 Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales to provide a 'ring of confidence' for
 tourism as the sector works towards reopening. The 'We're Good To Go'
 industry standard and supporting mark is designed to help businesses across
 the sector to demonstrate that they are adhering to the respective Government
 and public health guidance, have carried out a COVID-19 risk assessment and
 check they have the required processes in place. The scheme is free to join and
 open to all.

Find out more at: <u>www.visitbritain.org/business-advice/were-good-go-industry-standard</u>.

The Marsh Trust Awards: Volunteers for Museum Learning

Closing date: Friday 3 July

The Marsh Award for Volunteers for Museum Learning celebrates the contribution of

opportunity to recognise the contribution of volunteers at a time when many of them are unable to access the museums and galleries they care so much about.

There will be twelve regional winners, each of whom will receive a £500 prize. Additionally, an overall national winner will receive a further £2000. Applications are open to individuals or groups. Volunteers are able to apply themselves or you can apply on their behalf. Multiple entries from the same museum, gallery or heritage site are welcome. The awards will be presented by the British Museum and the Marsh Christian Trust later in the year.

To apply, please visit:

www.britishmuseum.org/support-us/volunteer/marsh-awards.

'My Primary School is at the Museum'

Survey exploring benefits of placing schools in cultural settings

'My Primary School is at the Museum' is a project developed by the Cultural Institute at King's College London with support from the Museums Association.

The aim of the project is to explore the benefits of placing primary school classes into cultural or natural settings such as museums, galleries and botanic gardens. A pilot study of the scheme was completed in 2017.

Currently they are researching how the project could be extended to help schools who are struggling to meet social distancing requirements.

As part of this they have an online survey that seeks to gather data about the number and range of resources that might be available in museums and cultural settings, and what appetite there is for museums and others to partner with schools to provide additional space and resource.

The survey has 8 quick questions, will take approximate 3-6 minutes to complete and is available at: s.surveyplanet.com/ReGAcBgp-x.

Job Opportunities

North Craven Building Preservation Trust (NCBPT) The Folly, Settle

Learning and Access Officer

Freelance 4 month contract, August-November 2020

Following an evaluation of the museum's existing informal learning activities and resources, and the community pressures caused by lockdown, the NCBPT wish to appoint an experienced freelance museum educator to develop the Museum of North

We have been awarded an ACE Emergency Grant, £7,500 of which has been provided to produce two learning resource packs, suitable for schools and families, in line with the 'Cultural Communities' strand of ACE's Let's Create strategy.

Find out more at: www.thefolly.org.uk/work-for-us.

Deadline: 6 July.

National Lottery Heritage Fund Engagement Manager (England, North)

Salary: £23,000 to £27,000 pa

Community, social support and inclusion are central aspects of our heritage in UK. Here at the National Lottery Heritage Fund we want to make heritage accessible to diverse communities through positive and lasting change.

You will enjoy working with people and having conversations about the heritage of the North and the UK to bring projects to life. The role is varied; we run workshops, host events, meet with a range of groups, work with stakeholders other National Lottery distributors or local CVS bodies and alongside colleagues in policy, marketing and social media.

Find out more at:

forms.hlf.org.uk/applications/HLFJobs_PublicPortal.

The closing date for applications is midnight on 17 July 2020.

Interviews will be held on 4 and 6 August 2020 via Microsoft TEAMS through video or conference call. We expect interviews to last no longer than 1 hour.

Your Week Ahead

Reopening Briefing with Q&A: Getting to Grips with the Guidance

Strictly ONE place per organisation

Wednesday 1 July, 11.00am - 12.30pm

Join museums from across the North for a briefing session with Emma Chaplin, Director of AIM, looking at the sector reopening guidance with opportunity for Q&A.

This session is aimed at Strategic leads from Accredited museums and those officially Working towards Accreditation across the North of England. There are limited places available so please only book one ticket per organisation. The event will be held on Zoom. The details of how to join the meeting will be sent a day prior to the event. You don't need to download the software and can join the meeting through your browser.

Closing date for booking Monday 29 June.

Booking link: <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reopening-briefing-with-qa-getting-to-grips-with-the-guidance-tickets-110096296988</u>

Password: tickets

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), and are proving useful to many of you, as this quote from Caitlin Greenwood shows:

'I attend Elevenses when I can because, as someone who works for a very small organisation, it's brilliant for me to have a forum where I can hear from colleagues all over Yorkshire about how they're tackling coronavirus, lockdown, reopening... We don't all need to invent the wheel ourselves! I've made really valuable connections with other specialists, too, and MDY often invite specialists onto the call. In particular, I found it really brilliant to hear from Kids in Museums last week and got tons of great ideas about how to implement a sanitary, child-friendly space, going forward.'

Win a Yorkshire Cuppa!

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 monthly draw and we will contact winners to get prizes across during the lock-down or shortly afterwards. **Our latest winner is Sarah Thomas from Ilkley Manor House Trust who has told us that she is enjoying her tea and biscuits!**

We are now using Microsoft Teams - please contact <u>Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk</u> if you have any technical questions.

- Monday 29 June
 Michael and Dieter, with a focus on Organisational Health:
 <u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-29th-june.</u>
- Thursday 2nd July
 Alan and Liz will host an open session:
 <u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-2nd-july.</u>

If you have any questions to be discussed please send them to Lily: <u>Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk</u>. 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:

 $\underline{www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/elevenses-with-\underline{mdy}.$



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
- hear brief presentations from a couple of speakers and ask them questions
- hear news and updates from your MDO
- share your own updates.

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

We will be using Microsoft Teams and will send you the joining link to use on the day at 3.00pm - 5.00pm. Please contact <u>Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk</u> if you have any technical questions.

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

• West Yorkshire Forum: Wednesday 8 July - Delivering Digital Capability

Your Lockdown Initiatives

crisis, for instance Lucy Cooke at East Riding Museums has sent us a case study on some new initiatives to promote people's wellbeing whilst they engage with the collections - see below.

would really like to hear how other museums are evolving during the current

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

East Riding Museums Health and Wellbeing Case Study

During lockdown, a number of Health and Wellbeing initiatives have continued in a new format, or been created, with the aims of encouraging engagement with the collections and supporting people's wellbeing in this time. These include:

Treasure House Art Group

The Treasure House Art Group usually meets weekly, taking inspiration from Beverley Art Gallery and Treasure House Museum collections, and practising art for wellbeing. Participants have continued to be active at home, and the group co-ordinator has been in touch with each member every week to discuss their wellbeing and their art projects.

Five Ways to Wellbeing

An already established web page has been re-written to encourage wellbeing during lockdown, linking with collection items. 'Connect', for example, is illustrated by a Fred Elwell painting of a birthday party (below), and people are encouraged to stay in touch with those they can't meet in person during lockdown.

www.eastridingmuseums.co.uk/get-involved/health.



Creativity and Wellbeing Week

This national celebration of the benefits of creativity for wellbeing took place on 18-24 May 2020. East Riding Museums took part through a campaign on social media. This campaign highlighted collection items that were found by metal detectorist or members of the public, which had (presumably) been lost by their previous owners.

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.

Mindfulness Videos

Thank you to Esther Halberg from Hull Culture & Leisure for highlighting these new resources. Take a well-deserved break from the current situation and enjoy these three mindfulness videos inspired by works from Ferens Art Gallery.

Find them at: www.youtube.com/channel/UC8om6PwrzNzMhJth4WO2NAQ.

They are also available on their Twitter and Facebook pages (@HullFerens on Twitter and Hull Museums on Facebook).

Funding Opportunities

Museum Development Network and Art Fund Covid-19 Recovery Funding

Full Details Coming Soon

In a new and innovative partnership, Art Fund is contributing £280,000 to Museum Development recovery grant programmes. The funding is targeted at museums who have NOT received emergency funding from organisations such as ACE, NLHF and Historic England. Details will be out next week!

Grants will be available for up to £10,000 depending on regional and national circumstances. The funding will support effective reopening, reengaging audiences and developing new sustainable offers as museums plan for reopening from 4 July 2020.

Museum Development Yorkshire will add to the Art Fund investment using existing resources from Arts Council England. Museums in Yorkshire and The Humber will be able to apply to MDY for a grant to support their recovery at the start of July. We will use this funding to help museums recover well from this crisis. All funds will be allocated by December 2020.

streams, download the full press release PDF.

European Heritage Awards 2021 Call for Entries

Europa Nostra is now calling for entries for the 2021 Awards. In this Transition Year, the UK is eligible for all the European Heritage Awards / Europa Nostra Awards including the second and final year of the Ilucidare prizes.

The Research awards celebrate and promote the exchange of knowledge and experience throughout Europe, recognising unique and outstanding research, digitisation of research, and knowledge transfer projects which lead to the preservation and a greater understanding of cultural heritage in Europe.

The following projects can be submitted:

- studies or scientific publications on results of research
- applied research and/or pilots
- digitisation projects.

The aim of the submitted projects should be to develop innovative methodologies, techniques, models and tools leading to the increase of knowledge and excellence with regard to the safeguard and/or the enhancement of cultural heritage.

For more information and for the entry forms, see: www.europanostra.org.uk/europa-nostra-awards.

Escaping Lockdown Grants Grants assessed weekly - apply now

MDY Small Development Grants 2018-22

In response to the current crisis we are launching a grant fund to help you better survive now and prepare to reopen and relaunch your museum.

We are encouraging projects of £500 to £1000, with NO match funding. We do require a clear project plan that addresses either:

- A key immediate issue that has resulted from the current lockdown
- Helps you connect with audiences while you are closed
- Helps you engage with volunteers and staff while your museum is closed
- The reopening and relaunching of your museum including measures to make your visitors and your staff and volunteers feel safer while on site

We require a clear action plan that relates to your museum's key purpose and, if possible, a timetable. We recognise that we are still in uncertain times so if the plan or timetable needs to change, we are prepared to be flexible as the situation develops.

The fund is now live and available on an open application basis, with assessments carried out weekly. All monies must be spent and claimed by the end of the financial year. We strongly advise you to speak to your Museum Development Officer before submitting your application.

grants do remain open for larger projects). For the guidance notes and links to the online application form, visit: **bit.ly/MDY18SGApp**.

REMEMBER: 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.

MDY Bid Writing Support for Non-NPO Museums

Only 3 places left

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

Museum Development Yorkshire is 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.

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 3 appointments left to be allocated on a 'first come first served' basis - <u>please sign up via an expression of interest form</u>.

NLHF Heritage Emergency Fund Updated Guidance and Application Deadline

Applications to NLHF's Heritage Emergency Fund scheme can now be made before 12 noon on 31 July. A few additional changes have been made to eligible costs which now include:

- Costs associated with reopening safely and in line with Government guidance
- Stabilising your organisation
- Preparing for recovery, including strategic reviews of business models, operating plans and business plans, and investment to enable digital delivery of services.

Grants of £3,000-£50,000 and £50,000-£250,000 are available.

NLHF will announce further funding opportunities in July.

Your Development

Online Webinars from the Lincoln Conservation Team

We are running a series of free webinars over July in the following areas:

- Conservation, Restoration and Replication of Decorative Surfaces in Historic Buildings
- 3D Scanning and Digital Replication in the Historic Environment
- Conservation Awareness on Site
- Revealing a Building's Decorative History
- · Virtual Immersive Environments.

And our website goes into more detail about the sessions:

www.lincolnconservation.co.uk/training/online-webinars-2020.

Professional Resilience Building Skills to Thrive at Work

Learn how to make your mindset stronger in your personal and professional life with this online course, which can be accessed free for four weeks. It starts 27 July but you can join it and work through it after it starts.

www.futurelearn.com/courses/professional-resilience/9.

Webinars to Support Environmental Programmes

Julie's Bicycle have announced more webinars with a round up of helpful information to support your work reducing environmental impacts for the Arts Council England environmental programme.

Topics include:

- Policy and Action Plans 2 July
- Communicating Sustainability 9 July
- Sustainable Cultural Mobility 23 July

Find out more at:

mailchi.mp/juliesbicycle/arts-council-reporting-webinars-summer-2020.

And Relax...!

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

Lily Recommends...

- Three generations of Russian gymnast wow in this amazing routine! www.facebook.com/520953134/posts/10159935160773135/?d=n
- To relax recently I have been watching people solve puzzles I am not sure why, I have just been finding it soothing. This lovely little fire hydrant puzzle solve comes with a bonus dog: youtu.be/r9FOMvGDu88.

Alan's Nature Notes

This morning I was just starting to read the latest news on opening up museums when this little chap took a wrong turn from the bird feeders in the garden, and through the door into the house.

This newly fledged blue tit hit the window a couple of times, then ended up hanging upside down in a vase. I took the vase and bird outside and put my stunned visitor the right way up. Here the bird sat for a good 15 minutes probably thinking the nest was a much preferable place to the wide world. Eventually he seemed to wake up and flew into a hawthorn bush until a flock of small birds past through again and he joined them.

It was an unexpected close encounter for a Monday morning!



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:

- Business Planning In A Crisis Training Video mdem.org.uk/business-planning-in-a-crisis-mdem-online-resources.
- Business Support and Skills Online Training <u>www.york.ac.uk/business/cpd/online-training</u>.
- Caring for Collections in Lockdown
 www.aim-museums.co.uk/conservation-care-collections.
- Charity Digital Events and Podcasts charitydigital.org.uk/events.
- Coronavirus and Artswork Training Courses <u>artswork.org.uk/training-events</u>.
- Coronavirus Business Support Finder Tool www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder.
- Creative Connections: Encouraging Creativity During Covid19 www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/arts-and-minds-28775873901.
- Financial Difficulties Toolkit <u>www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit</u>.
- Freelands Foundation Emergency Fund for Artists and Freelancers www.a-n.co.uk/news/freelands-foundation-emergency-fund.
- Future Learn Directory of Mental Health Courses
 <u>www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/support-mental-health-in-lockdown</u>
- Governance for Charities in Times of Crisis a Guide for Trustees
 <u>southwestmuseums.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/A-Guidefor-Trustees-in-Times-of-Crisis-COVID-19.pdf</u>.
- Government Guidance on Mental Health and Wellbeing During COVID-19 Crisis
 www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing.
- Heritage Emergency Fund (closing date 31 July)
 www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-emergency-fund/50-250k
- Homeworking Health Check Advice Sheets
 <u>Dealing with eye strain and headaches whilst working from home during self-isolation</u>.

 Helping you prevent aches and pains when working from home
- IPR and Volunteers NEW MDY Advice Sheets Published www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/05/14/new-ipr-

 Let's Talk Loneliness Campaign letstalkloneliness.co.uk.

- Museum Detox network for museum and heritage workers who identify as of colour www.museumdetox.org.
- Museum Security
 <u>collectionstrust.org.uk/collections-in-lockdown</u>.
 and
 <u>Museum Security Checklist</u> PDF.
- Museum Wellness Network: supporting staff wellbeing post-lockdown: www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020supporting-museum-workforce-wellbeing-post-lockdown.
- NCVO Free Online Learning knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/studyzone.
- NEMO Map of Museums in Europe during COVID-19 crisis www.google.com/maps.
- NLHF Heritage Emergency Fund (deadline: 31 July)
 www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-emergency-fund
- YouGov International COVID-19 Tracker <u>yougov.co.uk/topics/international/articles-reports/2020/03/17/YouGov-international-COVID-19-tracker.</u>

MDY E-Bulletin - Not a processed meat product!

Lily and Alan have been looking at our e-bulletin stats and have made a disturbing discovery. Since November last year either:

- our e-bulletin has become a Monty Python fan
- our e-bulletin has become a favourite ingredient in Hawaii
- our e-bulletin's DKIM authentication and SPF records are causing problems.

OK, the last one is true.

In short, our e-bulletin might be going into your SPAM folder. We are trying to fix this at our end and there are some things you can do to keep receiving our bulletin.

If this is happening to you, or one of your colleagues, please check your Junk Mail or SPAM mail folders. If you find our e-bulletin in there you should be able to instruct your system to send it into your inbox. Most systems will let you right-mouse click and select 'not SPAM' or 'not Junk'. With some larger organisations you might need to ask your Digital or ICT team to add us to a 'safe sender' list or similar.

We are proud to say that our e-bulletin is not a processed meat product and it deserves to arrive in your inbox - let's make sure it stays that way.

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