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Latest news for week ending Friday 19 June 2020

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****Submissions for next week's bulletin
should be sent to mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk
by 5pm on Wed 24 June****

Welcome to another busy edition of MDY e-bulletin. From Monday, museums shops, cafes and gardens were able to open again if they are accessible without accessing the museum. The NLHF have just expanded their Emergency Fund to help organisations safely reopen, and extended the application deadline - see below.

Don't forget to come along to Celebrating Museums this Tuesday, 23rd June. It is going to be a great chance to find out what your colleagues in Yorkshire Museums have been doing over the last 12 months.

We also have the announcement of a new grant fund to be distributed by MDY from the Art Fund. We will have details of how to apply over the next couple of weeks.

We have heard from some of you that our ebulletin is ending up in your junk folder... We know why thanks to Middleton Railway, however, do look at the guidance below on how to stop this happening. Please tell your friends and colleagues. Act Now!

We are planning lots of practical, and FREE, training to assist you in your plans to Reopen, so don't miss out and keep in touch! Drop in for Elevenses Monday and Thursday.

Please do keep telling us about your successes and problems - either directly by phone or email or

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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 support in these changing times.

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

****Stop Press****

NEW! Updated Guidance and Application Deadline from NLHF

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.

For more information go to: www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-emergency-fund.

Museum Development Network and Art Fund Covid-19 Recovery Funding

In a new and innovative partnership, Art Fund is contributing £280,000 to Museum Development recovery grant programmes. The funding will reach museums across all nations in the UK who have not yet received public funding or smaller museums fulfilling specific cultural or local need.

Open for applications from the end of June 2020, the partnership will offer grants up to £10,000 depending on regional and national circumstances. The funding will support effective reopening, reengaging audiences and developing new sustainable

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.

For further details of the partnership and Art Fund's other new funding streams, [download the full press release PDF](#).

Historic England Covid-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund - Round 2

Deadline for expressions of interest: 28 June

The Covid-19 Emergency Heritage at Risk Response Fund will award grants to help fund urgent maintenance, repairs and surveys at some of England's historic buildings and sites. The work funded will help heritage sites reopen to the public and thrive once again as quickly as possible – subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

This, the second fund launched by Historic England to help the heritage sector recover from the effects of the pandemic, is a £3 million temporary funding stream.

Grants of up to £25,000 will be offered for urgent minor repairs to problems such as damaged roofs, masonry and windows, to hire scaffolding to prevent structural collapse, or to commission surveys necessary to inform urgent repairs. The work funded must be started before Saturday 31 October 2020.

Applications can be made for:

- Buildings and structures listed at Grade I and II*, that are publicly accessible for a minimum of 28 days per year
- Buildings and structures listed at Grade II that are publicly accessible for a minimum of 28 days per year only if situated in either:
 - a conservation area and are a significant component of the character of that conservation area, or
 - a Grade I or II* registered park and garden
- Scheduled monuments that are publicly accessible for a minimum of 28 days per year

Find out more at: historicengland.org.uk/coronavirus/covid-19-HAR-fund.

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.

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.

Your Week Ahead

****Still time to book****

Celebrating Museums in Yorkshire and the Humber Online Broadcast

Tue 23 June, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Join MDY and ACE to celebrate and reflect on the projects delivered by Yorkshire's museums during the Covid-19 lockdown.

We will be showcasing case studies in the form of 5 minute videos, Q&As and a panel discussion. Join us to celebrate our achievements, learn from each other and be inspired by the resilience and creativity of our colleagues. Darren Henley, Chief Executive of Arts Council England will be taking part alongside colleagues from around the region, and throughout the day, MDY and ACE will be promoting the innovative and inspirational work of regional museums.

To receive a link to the broadcast, please complete the booking form at:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating-museums-2020-tickets-105942659346.

If you have a project or activity that you would like to showcase in a 5 minute film, [let us know by filling out the online form](#).

We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd of June!

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.

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

- **Monday 22 June**

Liz and Alan will host an open session:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-22nd-june

- **Thursday 25 June**

Jo and Michael will host an open session:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-25th-june

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.



South Yorkshire Forum

Thursday 25 June, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Speakers include:

- Laura Bedford from Kids in Museums, sharing their research on what families want from museum as we emerge from lockdown
- Laura Travis from Museums Sheffield, on their Museum Makes project
- Kate Fellows from Leeds Museums & Galleries talking about working with objects online and post-Covid-19.

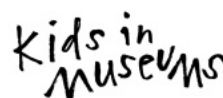
Register for your place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-south-yorkshire-museums-forum-tickets-89034798479.

Digital Takeover Day

Friday 26 June 2020

Museums, galleries, archives, historic homes and heritage sites from the UK and beyond are once again encouraged to hand over their social media accounts to young people.



Previous [#TakeoverDay](#) tweets have trended on Twitter, reaching millions of users. The national event gives young people a voice and helps museums see their collections in a new light, so get under 25s involved with your social media in whatever way you can:

- Do you have a youth panel, young trustees, interns or apprentices you could hand over your accounts to?
- Are you running a daily challenge that young people could take over for the day?
- Can you ask your young followers to join an online task or activity?

Find out more and explore a series of related challenges at:

kidsinmuseums.org.uk/2020/05/take-part-in-digital-takeover-day-on-26-june.

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.

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 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!

- [West Yorkshire Forum: Wednesday 8 July – 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 the South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum have introduced a series of safety measures in order to be able to welcome back their team of volunteers - see below.

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

South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum Brings Back its Volunteers

We are grateful to Alan Beattie, Chairman of the South Yorkshire Aircraft Museum (SYAM), for sending us the following update:

This coming week SYAM is able to bring some of our Volunteers back in to work, following our comprehensive Risk Assessment and implementation of Safety Rules in respect of the Covid-19 pandemic.

We have utilised a system of 'Sign-up' via an online site to ensure that we have no more than 12 volunteers working on any day, plus the supervising Trustees. With our workshop desks being more than two meters apart, we can accommodate six inside. The other six will be allocated tasks, in the hangar and other display buildings, in preparation for re-opening, as and when we are allowed and it is safe to do so. Work inside aircraft will be kept to a minimum and, even then, only one person will be allowed inside each aircraft.

There is plenty of cleaning to do around the site as nobody told the dust and bird droppings that they were 'furloughed'. I am sure that you are all aware of the speed at which such deposits build up.



With sanitising and cleaning positions set up all around the site and each volunteer being issued with their own mini bottle of hand sanitiser, we shall be sending them back to their loved ones all clean and shiny. Usually they depart showing signs of the day's work with greasy or painted hands (and faces sometimes). Beautiful, shiny aircraft can be very dirty once you start working on them.

We look forward to being able to open fully and bring all our volunteers back at whatever times they find convenient. Until then it is 'STAY SAFE'.

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.

How Can Museums Support Staff Wellbeing?

This article provides advice for employers and employees from the Museum Wellness Network looking at supporting staff wellbeing as the sector starts the process to reopen, and includes a series of practical recommendations addressing current issues.

Read the article in full on the Museums Association website:

www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020-supporting-museum-workforce-wellbeing-post-lockdown.

Funding Opportunities

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.

For speed and simplicity, we are using the existing small grant system. (the small 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)

- 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 - [please sign up via an expression of interest form](#).

Your Development

Learning Resources from The Science Museum

Explore a range of free online learning resources, many of which are suitable for families and older students:

learning.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/resources/?type=at-home.

And Relax...!

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.

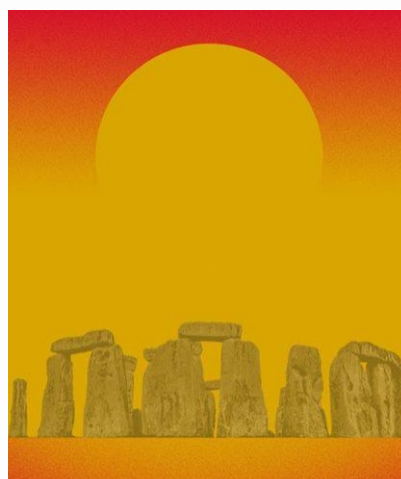
Summer Solstice at Stonehenge

Watch the summer solstice LIVE from Stonehenge, wherever you are in the world!

No visitors will be allowed in person this year because of the measures in place to combat coronavirus – but live coverage of sunset and sunrise means you won't miss a moment of this special occasion.

Cameras will capture the best views of Stonehenge, allowing you to connect with this spiritual place from the comfort of your own home.

www.facebook.com/events/253765065684269.



Lily Recommends...

[Watch on Facebook.](#)

- I have been looking for something lighthearted this week and found it in the form of a parody of Taylor Swift's 'I Knew You Were Trouble'. If you feel like you're living on video calls then I think you will appreciate this.

[Watch on You Tube.](#)

Dieter's Nature Notes

Wild garlic - (*Allium ursinum*), common name ramsons, can be widely found on light woodland floors.

Can be used in salads, soups etc. and the flowers too. Good in a version of Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall's spanakopita with foraged nettles too. One of our first pieces of experimental lock-down cooking.



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:

- **Action for Happiness Coping Calendars**
www.actionforhappiness.org/coping-calendar.
- **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.

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- **NCVO Free Online Learning**
knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/studyzone.
- **NEMO Map of Museums in Europe during COVID-19 crisis**
www.google.com/maps.
- **YouGov International COVID-19 Tracker**
yougov.co.uk/topics/international/articles-reports/2020/03/17/YouGov-international-COVID-19-tracker.

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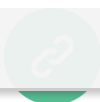
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