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## York Museums Trust **Museum Development Yorkshire**

**Latest news for week ending  
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Dear <<First Name>>

**\*\*Submissions for next week's bulletin  
should be sent to [mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk](mailto:mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk)  
by 5pm on Wed 15 July\*\***

Welcome to the MDY bulletin and congratulations to those museums in the region who have already reopened. We know that the right time is different for every museum and we are here to help you make a success of reopening. So, we've expanded our 'Reopening Resources' section and have been working hard with colleagues across the North to make sure every museum has access to training. We know you want to hear more about toilets... but we've also got resources about being family friendly and inclusive when reopening. We'd love to hear your experiences so do join us for a cuppa at elevenses.

We have some more wellbeing tips and something to raise a smile in ...And Relax.

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 [mdyoffice@ymt.org.uk](mailto:mdyoffice@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 support in these changing times.

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## News and Notices

### Small Charities Commission Discusses The Kruger Review

#### The role of small charities in Covid-19 recovery Tue 14 July, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Danny Kruger MP has been appointed by the Prime Minister to work alongside Baroness Barran on consulting with civil society regarding the COVID-19 recovery. Ninety one per cent of registered charities in the UK have an income of under £1 Million, with at least 80% with an income of under £350K. From food-banks to counselling, small charities have been at the heart of the COVID-19 response. In addition to directly tackling COVID-19, the pandemic has exasperated the very real challenges small charities were already working to address. It is imperative that the voice of small charities is heard loud and clear. Mr Kruger has to report to the Prime Minister by 24 July.

This special meeting is an opportunity to discuss a collective response to the consultation, and is suitable for trustees, staff and volunteers of small charities.

**Register to attend at:**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scc-discusses-the-kruger-review-tickets-112478167226](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/scc-discusses-the-kruger-review-tickets-112478167226).

### Reopening Support

MDY recognises that every museum will be making a decision on when to reopen based on their own individual situation, involving a multitude of different factors. With that in mind, we have commissioned a suite of different training, and over the coming weeks will also highlight practical resources available.

We are mindful that museums are at different stages in this process, and resources are aimed at both supporting museums to make an informed choice about reopening, and providing tips and advice to those who continue to evolve their new operations as staff, volunteers and visitors return to on site.

**There are more details in the Reopening Resources section below.**

## MDY Small Development Grant Scheme - Paused Due to Popular Demand

Who knew that sticky tape and sanitiser would be so popular?

We responded to demand, created 'Escaping Lockdown' grants and the money has now liberated many miles of social distancing signage, contactless ticketing systems and hand sanitiser into your museums. So much so, we rattled the budget tin and found coppers left at the bottom.

So, our Small Development Grant scheme and the Escaping Lockdown Grants are now paused.

We are searching behind our sofa cushions to find some more money. Any partial applications will be kept warm and dry to be completed at a later date. If we are able to reallocate some money then we will reopen the scheme.

## Reopening Resources

### MDY Recovery Funding Grant Scheme - Out Now

Thanks to the Art Fund and Arts Council England we are able to launch a new recovery grant scheme designed to reach parts that other funds cannot.

MDY'S Recovery Grant Scheme has awards of £3K - 10K to support museums recover well from this crisis. We have at least £35,000 of grants to distribute and the application form will be open until 30 September with one assessment round after all bids are in. After this, the team will be wrapping cool towels around their heads and working out which museums will benefit most from this investment.

We know that for many museums, reopening is the easy bit (even if it doesn't feel that way now). Recovering well is going to be a long haul and we want to help make it as successful as possible. We will open the application form by August but our guidance notes are available now at

[www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MDY-Recovery-Fund-2020-Grant-Guidance-Issue.pdf](http://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MDY-Recovery-Fund-2020-Grant-Guidance-Issue.pdf).

**As always, get in touch if you want to talk your ideas through and we'll be running an Elevenses session about this fund in July. (Note to self, this might be a double espresso Elevenses).**

## Reopening Support: Planning to Reopen

These sessions will support your skills and knowledge to apply COVID-secure guidelines to welcoming visitors back to your reopened museum.

This training is aimed at museum staff or volunteers with responsibility for visitor services, operations and facilities management.

Ben Melham of Mortice Consulting will draw on UK government and museum guidance, to support your plans to reopen your museum safely. Drawing on international case studies of venues which have already reopened following COVID-lockdown, we will focus on practical measures and solutions to post-lockdown restrictions, e.g. social distancing, cleaning, visitor experience, and staff welfare. Yes, we will talk about cafes, shops and, of course, toilets.

**\*\*To share the opportunity widely, please book one place per organisation\*\***

**Book online now:**

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/re-opening-support-planning-for-re-opening-tickets-111837041602](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/re-opening-support-planning-for-re-opening-tickets-111837041602).

## **Reopening Support: Family Friendly Approaches**

**Wednesday 22 July, 2.15pm - 3.30pm**

Join us for an interactive and focused seminar with Kids in Museums, supporting you to evaluate your reopening plans or practice, against current thinking on family-friendly approaches in a COVID-secure museum.

- Learn from Kids in Museums' research into what families are looking for from museums as they emerge from COVID-lockdown
- Apply a SWOT tool to analyse the family-friendliness of your museum's spaces post-lockdown\*
- Share ideas and challenges from your own analysis with your peers
- Gain inspiration and ideas on best practice from venues which have re-opened both internationally and in the UK.\*

Upon registering you will be sent a SWOT form to complete. Every participant is expected to send details of their key challenge, arising from their SWOT analysis, direct to Laura Bedford by 6.00pm on Monday 20 July. This will enable the session to be responsive to the needs of the group.

**Please email:** [laura@kidsinmuseums.org.uk](mailto:laura@kidsinmuseums.org.uk).

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reopening-support-family-friendly-approaches-tickets-112643758514](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/reopening-support-family-friendly-approaches-tickets-112643758514).

**30 July, 10.00am – 11.30am**

### **Delivered by Disability Collaborative Network and EMBED**

In light of the pandemic and post lockdown recovery, having inclusive and accessible customer service that considers the needs of your diverse visitors will be vital in attracting your visitors back to the organisation. The session will look at:

- supporting the changing needs of your diverse visitors
- visitors that are still shielding and require digital support
- common factors which will affect the visitor experience in museums such as signage, navigation, interpretation and customer service.

Please note that this session will have captioned text. It is a shared session across the Arts Council North region and we anticipate it will book up quickly. Book your place quickly to avoid disappointment! One place only per organisation please. A recording of the session will be available in August.

[www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/post-lockdown-reopening-with-inclusive-practice-tickets-112480829188](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/post-lockdown-reopening-with-inclusive-practice-tickets-112480829188).

### **Reopening Toolkit**

The Reopening Museums Toolkit from the South East Museum Development team aims to support museums during these early stages of planning. The Toolkit provides practical advice and offers questions for museums to work through to help define their recovery plans. Please note that the authors are not legal or medical experts and check the latest Government advice.

[southeastmuseums.org/resource-library/advice-on-reopening-museums-reopening-museums-toolkit](https://southeastmuseums.org/resource-library/advice-on-reopening-museums-reopening-museums-toolkit).

### **Advice on Introducing Timed Ticketing**

ACE's Tech Champion Nick Kime has produced a quick guide for museums and galleries on how to introduce a timed ticketing operation to comply with the latest government guidance to reopening.

The guide covers topics including:

- Free to use ticketing platform recommendations
- Website integration and accessibility
- Managing visitor capacity numbers
- NHS Test & Trace data capture and storage
- Ticketing solution examples in the museum & gallery sectors

[Download a PDF copy of the guide.](#)

## Museum Reopening Guidance

- National Museum Directors' Council (NMDC) with support from DCMS and the Museums and Galleries Working Group has created a good practice guide on reopening Museums.

**Read the full guidance at:** [www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/coronavirus-update/nmdc-good-practice-guidelines-opening-museums](http://www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/coronavirus-update/nmdc-good-practice-guidelines-opening-museums).

- AIM and the Museum Development Network have produced a 'Reopening Checklist' to be used in conjunction with the Guidelines.

**See the checklist at:** [www.aim-museums.co.uk/museum-reopening-guidance-checklist](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk/museum-reopening-guidance-checklist).

- Visit Britain also announced the launch of a UK-wide industry standard and consumer mark, 'We're Good To Go'.

**Find out more at:** [www.visitbritain.org/business-advice/were-good-go-industry-standard](http://www.visitbritain.org/business-advice/were-good-go-industry-standard).

## Develop Your Online Collections With Digital Heritage Lab

### Application deadline: 17 July

If you want to develop your digital capabilities and capacity around collections, apply now to join the Digital Heritage Lab programme. Starting in September, this is a free bespoke digital skills academy covering a range of areas, with Collections Trust providing the input on online collections. Including tailored mentoring, workshops, training events and digital bootcamps, the Lab is aimed at small- and medium-sized heritage organisations, funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund and is being run by the Arts Marketing Association.

**The closing date for applications is Friday 17 July.**

**Details and application form at:** [www.a-m-a.co.uk/digital-heritage-lab](http://www.a-m-a.co.uk/digital-heritage-lab).

## Reopening Support: Audiences

Are you wondering what audiences want from your museum post-lockdown?

The Audience Agency have launched Bounce Forwards, a range of events and resources to help you understand your audiences and their needs now. This includes advice on how to maintain your Audience Finder surveying when you reopen, and understanding how different audiences might behave in the coming months.

- [15 July: Introduction to Data-driven Reopening for Museums, Galleries and Heritage.](#)
- [23 July: Introduction to Test and Trace for the Cultural Sector.](#)
- [24 August: Masterclass | Data and Insight to Make Your Case.](#)  
(use BOUNCEFORWARDS20 to get 20% off)

## Reopening The National Archives Webinar

**Tue 14 July, 2.00pm - 3.00pm**

### **A chance to hear more about The National Archives' plan for reopening and to ask questions**

At the webinar, you will hear a series of 10-minute presentations relating to operations, document services, conservation and communications at The National Archives plus a view from the wider sector.

Head of Archive Sector Development, Emma Markiewicz will then lead a Q&A session with the speakers to answer questions submitted in advance by participants. In any remaining time, there will also be an opportunity for participants to contribute questions on the day but please note that these will need to be added to the webinar's chat rather than spoken due to the scale of the event.

**To submit a question, please email**  
[jonathan.ladd@nationalarchives.gov.uk](mailto:jonathan.ladd@nationalarchives.gov.uk) with the title 'reopening webinar question'.

**Details of how to join the webinar will be released closer to the date.**

**Find out more at:** [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/re-opening-the-national-archives-webinar-tickets-112232167434](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/re-opening-the-national-archives-webinar-tickets-112232167434).

## Your Week Ahead

### **We're Back!**

### **Yorkshire Emerging Museum Professionals (YEMP)**

**Let's Talk About Collections**  
**Tue 14 July, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

Let's have a catch up via the magic of Zoom! Join other emerging museum professionals for a relaxed chat about all things collections.

This session will be led by Yorkshire EMP Regional Reps for East Yorkshire but is open to any emerging museum professionals from across the Yorkshire region.

This an informal opportunity to talk all things museum collections and network with other EMP's across Yorkshire. There's no such thing as a stupid question!

**To take part, RSVP on Facebook:**

[www.facebook.com/events/633456307254944](https://www.facebook.com/events/633456307254944).

*We're a friendly bunch!*

*Yorkshire Emerging Museum Professionals (YEMP) is a support network for people keen on establishing their career in museums, heritage and the arts. We share and discuss job openings, training opportunities, best practice and our experiences. The aim is that by coming together to impart our collective knowledge; we all benefit.*

*What can YEMP do for you?*

*Email your comments/questions/demands to [YorkshireEMP@gmail.com](mailto:YorkshireEMP@gmail.com).*

## Share Your Lockdown Experience and Learn from Others at Elevenses with MDY

**Thur 16 July, 11.00am**

With museums now being allowed to reopen, we are reducing our Elevenses to once per week. We will be looking at the broad topics of accreditation as always but through the lens of reopening. You are more than welcome to bring other questions of course!

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 Sarah Thomas shows:

*'Attending Elevenses has been a focused, informative and fun way of keeping up to date with developments in the museum world. The team at MDY have been doing a fantastic job of maintaining a social network with museum leaders and staff throughout the lockdown. Definitely worth attending - coffee at the ready!'*

- **Thursday 16 July 2020**

Alan and Michael will be looking at Organisational Health:

[www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-16th-july](https://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-16th-july)

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

[Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk](mailto:Lily.Wilks@ymt.org.uk). Please also email Lily if you experience any trouble connecting and we will attempt to solve the issue (we are now using Microsoft Teams).



## Collections Trust Coffee Time

**Wed 15 July, 11.00am -11.45am**

Join our weekly online get-together to chat about a museum topic over your elevenses. This week we'll be discussing how the sector might work differently with collections data over the next few years – what services and tools would be helpful?

Join Collections Trust's Chief Executive, Kevin Gosling, from 10.55am for an 11.00am start, to discuss.

[collectionstrust.org.uk/events/nationwide-event-listings/collections-trust-coffee-time-14](http://collectionstrust.org.uk/events/nationwide-event-listings/collections-trust-coffee-time-14).

## Coronavirus Conversations: Collections

**Wed 15 July, 3.00pm - 4.00pm**

### Free MA Member Webinar

What next for collections?

This panel discussion will ask the questions museums need answers to, as they

- Sharon Heal, Director, Museums Association
- Jon Finch, Head of Culture and Creative Industries, Bristol Culture
- Sally Colvin, Programmes Manager, Museums Association
- Sarah Hayes, Museum Manager, the Coffin Works

This webinar is for MA members who are interested in how the sector is responding to the Covid-19 pandemic and want to learn more about how museums will have to adapt now and in the future.

[www.museumsassociation.org/events/oronavirus-conversations-collections](http://www.museumsassociation.org/events/oronavirus-conversations-collections).

## Your Lockdown Initiatives

### Adapting to New Ways of Working

We would really like to hear how other museums are evolving during the current crisis, your projects will provide ideas and inspiration to everyone!

Send your features to: [lily.wilks@ymt.org.uk](mailto:lily.wilks@ymt.org.uk).

## 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](mailto:liz.denton@ymt.org.uk).

### Road Map to Reopening: Mental Health Webinar

**\*\*Fri 10 July, 11.00am\*\***

A panel of guest will discuss such topics as:

- How can we have conversations with managers/employees if they are struggling either during furlough or reopening?

- What techniques are there for handling isolation, depression, and anxiety in the workplace?
- What have you found to be the main mental health issues during the Covid-19 pandemic, and how can we help one another through this crisis?

[us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2GrBpwzaSiSI9p-85VPqEA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2GrBpwzaSiSI9p-85VPqEA).

## Funding Opportunities

### National Lottery Project Grants Return on 22 July

*Arts Council England have issued the following statement:*

'On 22 July we'll be open again for applications, with a budget of £59.8 million available until April 2021. After a brief closure of the fund in the immediate aftermath of the Covid-19 crisis, we are pleased to say that National Lottery Project Grants will be back later in July.

We're making improvements to make the fund more responsive to the needs of smaller independent organisations and individual practitioners during Covid-19. We have prioritised reopening this programme to help fund independent organisations, creative practitioners and freelancers as quickly as possible. We'll publish updated guidance for the programme by mid-July'.

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

### 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 and NLHF will be announcing further funding opportunities shortly.

**For more information go to:** [www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-emergency-fund](http://www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-emergency-fund).

## GEM One to One Mentoring Programme

### Round 2 application deadline: 17 July

The programme has been created to support museum and heritage learning professionals around the globe. All GEM members are encouraged to apply, no matter experience level or current employment situation. Take the time to grow and reflect with support from an ace team of volunteer mentors.

Not a member yet? Mentoring is only one of many benefits open to members. Visit the GEM website to find out more about membership: [bit.ly/3iqthkT](http://bit.ly/3iqthkT).

**The deadline for mentee applications is Friday 17 July - find out more and apply at: [gem.org.uk/our-work/one-to-one](http://gem.org.uk/our-work/one-to-one).**

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

## Lily Recommends...

- Coughing can be dangerous, but not always because of COVID, as comedian Shayne Smith discovered. Watch this hilarious set from Dry Bar Comedy: [www.facebook.com/1098513783608170/posts/2829898697136328/?vh=e&d=n](https://www.facebook.com/1098513783608170/posts/2829898697136328/?vh=e&d=n) (If you are very squeamish don't watch this)

**If you have any fabulous suggestions like these please do send them to me! I would love to see them - my email address is above.**

## Dieter's Nature Notes

*Aquilegia Vulgaris* derived from a species of columbine native to Europe. It is a common cottage garden perennial plant with flowers, in various shades of purple, blue,



pink and white commonly known as old fashioned granny's bonnets as they look like rural working bonnets or nightcaps of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. In traditional herbalism columbine was considered sacred to Venus; carrying a posy of it was said to arouse the affections of a loved one. Nicholas Culpeper recommended the seeds taken in wine to speed the process of childbirth. In modern herbal medicine it is used as an astringent and diuretic.

In our garden they tend to hybridise so they don't usually come true so the colour of the flowers is a surprise each year.



## 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](http://www.actionforhappiness.org/coping-calendar).
- **Caring for Collections in Lockdown**  
[www.aim-museums.co.uk/conservation-care-collections](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk/conservation-care-collections).
- **Conservation Webinars (July)**  
[www.lincolnconservation.co.uk/training/online-webinars-2020](http://www.lincolnconservation.co.uk/training/online-webinars-2020)
- **Coronavirus Business Support Finder Tool**  
[www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder](http://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder).
- **Creative Connections: Encouraging Creativity During Covid19**  
[www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/arts-and-minds-28775873901](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/arts-and-minds-28775873901).
- **'Don't Forget the Toilets' Webinar**  
[youtu.be/zqyufcsJhyk](https://youtu.be/zqyufcsJhyk).
- **Environmental Impact Webinars (July)**  
[mailchi.mp/juliesbicycle/arts-council-reporting-webinars-summer-2020](http://mailchi.mp/juliesbicycle/arts-council-reporting-webinars-summer-2020).

[www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit).

- **Governance for Charities in Times of Crisis - a Guide for Trustees**  
[southwestmuseums.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/A-Guide-for-Trustees-in-Times-of-Crisis-COVID-19.pdf](http://southwestmuseums.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/A-Guide-for-Trustees-in-Times-of-Crisis-COVID-19.pdf).
- **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](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-public-on-mental-health-and-wellbeing).
- **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](#)
- **IPR and Volunteers - NEW MDY Advice Sheets Published**  
[www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/05/14/new-ipr-guidance-sheets-published](http://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/05/14/new-ipr-guidance-sheets-published).
- **Let's Talk Loneliness Campaign**  
[letstalkloneliness.co.uk](http://letstalkloneliness.co.uk).
- **Map of Museums in Europe - current situations by country**  
[www.google.com/maps](http://www.google.com/maps).
- **MDY Bid Writing Support for Non-NPO Museums**  
[Expression of interest form.](#)
- **Mental Health - Directory of Online Courses**  
[www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/support-mental-health-in-lockdown](http://www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/support-mental-health-in-lockdown)
- **Mindfulness Videos from Hull Culture and Leisure**  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UC8om6PwrzNzMhJth4WO2NAQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8om6PwrzNzMhJth4WO2NAQ)
- **Museum Detox - network for museum and heritage workers who identify as of colour**  
[www.museumdetox.org](http://www.museumdetox.org).
- **Museum Security**  
[collectionstrust.org.uk/collections-in-lockdown](http://collectionstrust.org.uk/collections-in-lockdown).  
and  
[Museum Security Checklist](#) PDF.
- **Museum Wellness Network: supporting staff wellbeing post-lockdown:**  
[www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020-](http://www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020-)

- **NCVO Free Online Learning**  
[knowhow.ncvo.org.uk/studyzone](http://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](http://yougov.co.uk/topics/international/articles-reports/2020/03/17/YouGov-international-COVID-19-tracker).

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