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Latest news for week ending Friday 14 August 2020

Dear <<First Name>>

Submissions for next week's bulletin should be sent to mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk by 5pm on Wed 19 August

At MDY some of us will be taking a little bit of time off in August to staycation (please don't judge me for using that word...) or just escaping from the computer screen! Consequently it may take us longer to get back to you, but we are listening. If you are also snowed under with emails, please don't forget you're always welcome to give one of the team a call – contact details at the bottom.

This edition leads with a new scheme to promote your museum and opportunities to connect with colleagues both regionally and beyond. Do also check out the great work being done by colleagues across the region in the 'Your Lockdown' Initiatives section. If you have a new project on the go don't be shy – get in touch and we can share your news! We have had lots of positive feedback on this section, with many people saying they really enjoy finding out what other museums are up to and getting inspiration.

Finally – for all of you who have been marvelling at the recent (or current) storms, do make sure you check out Michael's recommendation in 'And Relax' – it is fascinating!

We are still keen to hear your views about our communications. If you have any ideas how we can improve and any changes you would like to see in Elevenses as we prepare to relaunch in September, please email lily.wilks@ymt.org.uk.

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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 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.

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

Love Culture Week - starts 17 August

DCMS is running 'Love Culture Week' from Monday 17 August. To celebrate culture, they will be highlighting: museums, galleries, heritage sites, libraries, cinemas and cultural organisations, big and small, across the UK.

You can get involved on social media, particularly on Thursday 20 August, for #ThrowbackThursday.

Find out more on the <u>AIM website</u> and the <u>DCMS blog</u> or <u>download the Word</u> <u>Document</u> containing more details of how to get involved.

Yorkshire Industrial Collections Network Brew-up! meeting

Wed 26 August, 3.00pm

Speakers from NCMME presenting on their Humphry Davy exhibition and experiences so far of opening to the public and keeping volunteers engaged during lock-down.

Book a place at: <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-industrial-collections-network-brew-up-tickets-115085854890</u>.

Connecting Culture: Virtual Conference 9-10 September

Connecting Culture is an event bringing together museum and heritage professionals from around the world, in an effort to rebuild and respond to the Covid-19 crisis.

For more details and to book a place, visit: connectingculture.experience-uk.org.

Obituary: Michael Loynd FMA, 1943-2020

Excerpt taken from obituary written by Terry Suthers and published by the Museums Association:

'A respected expert on museum security, known for his care and generosity, Michael (Mike) Loynd FMA, died peacefully on 2 July in hospital in Lerwick, Shetland, aged 77.

Mike was admired as a museum professional who served as director of the museum and art gallery service for Yorkshire & Humberside Area Museum Council from 1972 to 1987.

A Lancastrian from Preston, Mike had worked at the Atomic Energy authority as a radio chemist prior to his first museum job in 1966 as assistant keeper of conservation at Liverpool Museum.

He moved to Yorkshire in January 1970 as antiquities officer for Yorkshire Museum Service, before being appointed successor as director to Richard Harrison.

Mike became a respected expert on museum security and chaired the International Council of Museums' committee for museum security for a term in the 1980s. Each area council had its own style, so the Yorkshire & Humberside service had Mike's energy, drive, enthusiasm and infectious sense of humour and smile.

I seem to always remember him laughing. He was also very much a people person and will be remembered for the care and generosity he showed mentoring many younger professionals.'

Read the full obituary at:

<u>www.museumsassociation.org/museums-journal/people/27072020-obituary-mike-loynd.</u>

Culture Recovery Funding - Support from MDY

The criteria for the Culture Recovery Fund have been set by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and are focused on supporting organisations to remain open, reopen or remain closed and operate until they can reopen.

As this is not a traditional 'project' based fund, we want to support museums through two routes:

MDY recommends that any museum considering applying takes advice from a
management accountant, or if they do not have access to an accountant, that
they take advantage of the financial advice available to museums through AIM's
relationship with the Charities Finance Group. If your museum still needs
support in this area, please talk to us as soon as possible.

touch and arrange a call.

forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx

Information about the grants can be found at:

<u>www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/CRFgrants</u> <u>www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/culture-recovery-fund-for-heritage</u>.

Reopening Resources

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. 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.

Crisis Healthchecks - Free Consultation Offer

Rachel Mackay is offering a limited number of free two-week Crisis Healthchecks to smaller museums/heritage organisations who are in need of some support with crisis management post Covid-19.

Visit The Recovery Room to find out more:

www.therecoveryroomblog.com/crisis-consultations.

Job Opportunities and Consultancy

Hull City Council Tender Opportunity

Conservation and Restoration of Arctic Corsair and Spurn Light Vessel

Hull, Yorkshire's Maritime City is a £30m regeneration project to reinterpret the city's maritime past, using an extraordinary resource historic buildings, collections, ships and people to tell the story of Hull's contribution to the past and highlight the City's maritime future.

The project is jointly funded by Hull City Council (HCC) and the National Lottery Heritage Fund. A key element of this project will be the conservation, renovation and refurbishment of two of Hull's most iconic ships, The Arctic Corsair and The Spurn Light Vessel.

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hundred years and more.

Find out more at:

procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=47160609-f2db-ea11-8104-005056b64545.

Closing date for expressions of interest: 4 September

Your Week Ahead

Collections Trust Coffee Time

Wed 19 August, 11.00am -11.45am

Join our weekly online get-together to chat about a museum topic over your elevenses. This week we're joined by Tamsin Russell, Workforce Development Officer at Museums Association, to discuss 'collections management skills in a Covid world'. What new skills have you developed during lockdown? What skills might be needed in the longer term? Come along from 10.55am to share and discuss.

Find out more and join in at:

<u>collectionstrust.org.uk/events/nationwide-event-listings/collections-trust-coffee-time-19</u>.

New Tea with VSG Event

Friday 21 August, 3.00 - 4.00pm

Join us for our second Tea with the Visitor Studies Group (VSG), an informal hour of conversation over tea/coffee - all welcome! We will be discussing how the reopening of museums, art galleries, and other cultural institutions is going for participants.

Alongside questions we might be grappling with in audience research and insight in these times, you will have the opportunity to share a short, more specific issue or experience around reopening. The Visitor Studies Group will be able to provide support and bounce off ideas as a group.

At the end, we will also share some exciting news about a new scheme we will be launching soon!

Please follow this link to register: forms.gle/3DPu5mqZj1mrtfbc9.

MDY Elevenses: Back to School Refresh!

New school bag and pencil case anyone...? Building on the success of our lockdown Elevenses, we're having a refresh for the start of the new school year!

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or more guest speakers exploring our chosen theme every week and discussing your questions.

Insightful, interactive and informal, at Elevenses you can connect with the MDY team and meet your colleagues from the region.

MDY Elevenses provide a one-hour, online session of:

- Insight and tips on relevant topics
- Interaction, questions and discussion across the group
- Informal, friendly support for you and your museum

As ever, you need to bring your own coffee and biscuits ...

MDY Elevenses vary between Mondays and Thursdays to enable more people to access the sessions around shift patterns, part-time working and fixed commitments, so please <a href="mailto:checkthe.checkthe

Make time for Elevenses! See you there...

the current situation.

Thursday 3 September - Re-Opening: What We Know Now

Hear how Yorkshire Air Museum, Burton Constable Hall and Kiplin Hall* have been getting on with re-opening, share your experiences, and dip into the Yorkshire and Humber brain pool! *NB. Pizza will be on the menu!

Thursday 10 September - Funding Focus Pick up some top tips with experienced fundraisers from Yorkshire Sculpture Park, The Ropewalk and consultant Gerardine Mulcahy, including key points for

Monday 14 September - Access: Ask the Expert
 Following on from our Re-Opening training, a chance to explore barriers to inclusive practice being created by COVID-secure requirements and how to tackle them, with access consultant Phil Chambers.



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Date for your diary

Yorkshire Industrial Collections Network Brew-up! meeting

Wed 16 September, 3.00pm - 4.30pm

For this next meeting we are fortunate in having Steph Mastoris, Director of the National Waterfront Museum in Swansea presenting his thoughts about 'Industrial Museums and Identity' reflecting on a number of projects undertaken by the museum in recent years. There will also be a chance to share information and news about your organisations.

To get involved the meeting book a free ticket and the link for the meeting on MS Teams will be sent to you.

<u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-industrial-collections-network-brew-up-tickets-115088773620.</u>

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: <u>lily.wilks@ymt.org.uk</u>.

Peace Museum Launches New Online Exhibition: 'Peace and Pandemic'

For those who attended the virtual West Yorkshire Digital Forum, you may have heard the Peace Museum's Learning and Engagement Officer, Shannen Lang, talking about their new exhibition 'Peace and Pandemic'. We can now announce that it is launching on Friday 14 August on their brand new website www.peacemuseum.org.uk.

Please take a look and get involved on social media.

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#MuseumBuddy Twitter Initiative

If you are looking for new ways to engage your audience on twitter, then you could sign up to #MuseumBuddy to partner up with another museum from across the UK and beyond to discover new connections between your collections.

Interested? Follow us on twitter <a>@MuseumBuddy or email <a>shannen.lang@peacemuseum.org.uk to find out more.

BAFTA-Winning Sound Recordist Revisits Sheffield Soundscape for New Online Exhibition

Chris Watson is an award-winning sound recordist whose work has taken him to furthest reaches of the globe. In 2013 Museums Sheffield commissioned Chris to create a work about Sheffield, his home city, for an immersive exhibition at the Millennium Gallery. This summer, Chris has generously revisited the work to create a unique stereo version of his Sheffield soundscape which can be enjoyed from home using headphones.



© Museums Sheffield

'Inside the Circle of Fire' invites us to listen to Sheffield's unique soundtrack of people, industry and nature, and remember the waterways that continue to flow through it, from its borders in the Peak District all the way to its bustling heart.

home/museums-sheffield-from-home-exhibition-inside-the-circle-of-fire.

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.

Stories of Lived Experience

The Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance (CHWA) is calling for stories from individuals, carers and communities who have experienced the potential of creativity and culture to transform health and wellbeing.

If you have a story to tell, please get in touch!

www.culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk/contact-information.

Funding Opportunities

MDY Recovery Funding Grant Scheme - Out Now

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. 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.

As always, get in touch if you want to talk your ideas through. Our guidance notes are available now at www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/MDY-Recovery-Fund-2020-Grant-Guidance-Issue.pdf.

Arts Council England Culture Recovery Fund: Grants

£500 million is available to support museums which were financially sustainable before

sustainable, cost efficient basis, so that they are able to reopen at a later date.

All Accredited museums and those Working Towards Accreditation are eligible to apply. Museums can apply for a minimum of £50,000 to a maximum of £3 million, funding to be spent October 2020 - March 2021, no match funding is required.

- Round 1 opens 10 August, closes 12.00pm 21 August
- Round 2 opens 21 August, closes 12.00pm on 4 September.

ACE expect to allocate 75% of the funding in the first round.

For further details visit: www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding.

Your Development

Digital Strategy for Resilient Charities Online Course

Apply by 19 August

Here's an opportunity from Charity Digital to join a new 6-week online course to develop your charity's resilience through digital strategy. There are 30 places available - 10 places at a cost of £500 each, and at least 20 places supported by a full bursary.

The course runs 2 September – 14 October via Zoom.

Closing date for applications is 19 August.

To find out more and apply visit:

<u>charitydigital.org.uk/landing-pages/landing-pages/digital-strategy-for-resilient-charities</u>.

Spark Your Creativity Interpretive Scriptwriting 4-Week Course

Starts 8 September

The Authentic Spark has opened up booking for another cohort of the successful Spark your Creativity Interpretive Scriptwriting online course. This 4 week course will provide you with best practice guidance and practical experience in writing for graphics. The course comprises four webinars as well as 'at home' activity to undertake between the webinars, and an online discussion forum.

The cost is only £60 (£50 plus VAT) and places are limited to 16. Download more information and a booking form at:

<u>drive.google.com/drive/folders/19JBIL -j9tD iG3K2RpEYOWrnCv8ymCM?</u> <u>usp=sharing</u>.

Find your Spark! Building a Resilient You 2-hour online workshop

Wed 2 September 10.00am or Fri 4 September 2.30pm

The Authentic Spark is also offering a new workshop. Find your Spark! Building a resilient you is a 2 hour online workshop to help you understand more about resilience, what it means for you and some tools to help you boost yours. This is particularly aimed at everyone working in the museum and heritage sector as we face unusual challenges in today's changing world.

A maximum of 10 places per workshop are available. Download more information and a booking form at:

<u>drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lVg221PUe9BVyu1VSnMkX1wF1tAB3QOb?usp=sharing.</u>

For any questions contact <u>sarah@theauthenticspark.com</u> or call Sarah on 07989656690.

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.

Lily Recommends...

This blew my mind. Percussive juggling is so impressive!
 www.facebook.com/382791658526049/posts/1863197637152103/?
 vh=e&d=n.

Where in the World...?

Wondering whether lightning will strike twice or if it is safe to put your brolly up?

Blitzortung.org allows you to watch and track lightning strikes across the globe.

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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:

Reopening Resources:

- Audience Agency 'Bounce Forward' Events <u>www.theaudienceagency.org/bounce-forwards-events</u>.
- DCN/EMBED Reopening with Inclusive Practice
 Online Webinar
 <u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/08/04/dcn-embed-webinar-now-online.</u>
- 'Don't Forget the Toilets' Webinar youtu.be/zqyufcsJhyk.
- Face Coverings Government advice
 <u>www.gov.uk/government/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own.</u>
- Museum Reopening Guidance:
- National Museum Directors' Council (NMDC) good practice guide on reopening Museums.
 www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/coronavirus-update/nmdc-goodpractice-guidelines-opening-museums.
- AIM and Museum Development Network 'Reopening Checklist'
 www.aim-museums.co.uk/museum-reopening-guidance-checklist.
- Visit Britain consumer mark, 'We're Good To Go'.
 www.visitbritain.org/business-advice/were-good-go-industry-

- EMBED Reopening Recommendation Guidance focused on Accessibility embed.org.uk/covid-19-reopening.
- The National Archives Re-opening Visitor Charter
 <u>www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/coronavirus-visitor-charter.pdf.</u>
- Reopening Toolkit from South East Museum Development southeastmuseums.org/resource-library/advice-on-reopeningmuseums-reopening-museums-toolkit.
- Timed Ticketing Quick Guide <u>Download a PDF copy of the guide</u>

Other Previous Articles:

- Archive Service Accreditation Guidance <u>www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/archives/archive-service-</u> accreditation-and-coronavirus.pdf.
- Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants <u>www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants</u>
- Coronavirus Business Support Finder Tool www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder.
- Financial Difficulties Toolkit
 <u>www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit</u>
- MDY Small Development Grant Scheme Paused Due to Popular Demand

 Please contact your local Museum Development Officer to discuss any potential projects. They will then direct you to appropriate funding streams.
- Mental Health Directory of Online Courses
 <u>www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/support-mental-health-in-lockdown</u>
- Museum Detox network for museum and heritage workers who identify as of colour www.museumdetox.org.
- Museum Wellness Network: supporting staff wellbeing post-lockdown: www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020supporting-museum-workforce-wellbeing-post-lockdown.

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