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**Latest news for week ending
Friday 28 August 2020**

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****Submissions for next week's bulletin
should be sent to mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk
by 5pm on Wed 2 September****

With summer coming to an end our thoughts are now turning to our Autumn programme. Do join us at one of our Forums, Brew-Ups or the new themed Elevenses – we've got a lively range of speakers and subjects. Don't forget as well that the team are available for one to one surgery sessions if you would like to talk over your funding ideas, whether that be for external funders or our Art Fund supported Recovery Grants scheme, which closes to applications on 30 September.

In news this week, the Museums Association launched their 'Museums Change Lives' award scheme and we want to see lots of applications from Yorkshire and the Humber! Don't be shy – get out there and promote all the great things you are doing. If you need a bit of a pep talk, your local Museum Development Officer is on hand to chat things over.

Make sure you read to the bottom – who knew that an episode of Salvage Hunters could spark such a find? We are throwing down the gauntlet now to all the curators out there, to share a 'curio' from their collection!

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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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 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 [@MusDevYorks](https://twitter.com/MusDevYorks). Please also encourage others in your organisation to subscribe to this bulletin.

News and Notices

Museums Change Lives Awards 2020 Open for Nominations

This year's Museums Change Lives awards will have four categories – including a new award for the Best Lockdown Project, which will recognise the best museum responses to the Coronavirus crisis.

The categories are:

- Best Museums Change Lives Project
- Best Small Museum Project
- Radical Changemaker award
- Best Lockdown Project.

You can find full details of the awards and how to apply at:

www.museumsassociation.org/campaigns/museums-change-lives/museums-change-lives-awards-2020.

Deadline for entries: 5.30pm on Friday 25 September.



Museum Freelance Covid-19 Hardship Fund

Deadline: 4 September

Museum Freelance has secured a £7,500 grant to provide emergency support for freelancers who work with museums, heritage sites, galleries, archives and libraries in the UK.

The Museums Association is responsible for distributing the grants to successful applicants - 15 grants of up to £500 will be awarded. The grant does not need to be

The Fund is for freelancers who are in urgent need of critical financial support due to the devastating impact of Covid-19 on their work and livelihood, and who have not been eligible for and received the government's Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS).

Find out more at:

www.museumfreelance.org/news-and-views/2020/8/museumfreelancehardshipfund

Application deadline: 4 September.

Funding Video from ACE

Arts Council England (ACE) has updated its YouTube channel to include a video about National Lottery Project Funds.

www.youtube.com/user/artscouncilofengland/videos.

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.

Covid Concerns

Over four hundred people took part in the Covid Concerns and Precautions Survey this summer organised by Euan's Guide. The survey highlights some of the concerns disabled people had as lockdown restrictions were beginning to lift across the UK. Top requirements that disabled people think would help them return to venues include:

- Having access to sanitising stations that are at an accessible height
- Having an accessible route that disabled people can navigate independently
- Having clear markings to ensure people social distance.

The results have now been published and can be found at:

www.euansguide.com/news/covid-survey-results

Job Opportunities

Salary: £30-40K

North Lincolnshire Council is recruiting an Arts Development Manager. Do you have a passion for programming exciting and aspirational arts events and festivals in both urban and rural locations?

For the full job specification and to apply please visit the North Lincolnshire Council website www.northlincs.gov.uk/job/arts-development-manager.

Closing date: 1 September.

**NHS Micro-Commission
Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust
3 x Freelance Visual Artists****Salary: £20-25K pro rata**

The Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust are looking for three local visual artists to help creatively illustrate a local story about friendship and compassion as part of a wider NHS England oral histories archive cultural project unfolding in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The artists must live within the service area of the Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust which includes: Hull, East Riding, Scarborough, Ryedale and Whitby and District postcodes.

Find out more at:

www.artsjobs.org.uk/arts-job/post/3-x-freelance-visual-artists-for-nhs-micro-commission.

Closing date: 6 September.

Your Week Ahead**MDY Elevenses: September Refresh!**

It's nearly time for our new start...join us from Thursday 3 September at 11.00am for our new focus Elevenses, with one or more guest speakers exploring our chosen theme every week and discussing your questions.

**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!

Join in using the link to MS Teams at:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-3rd-

Insightful, interactive and informal, Elevenses offers a great chance to connect with the MDY team and meet your colleagues from around the region and provides 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 [check the schedule](#) and save the date.

Make time for Elevenses! See you there...

Coming up:

- **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 the current situation.

- **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.



Collections Trust Coffee Time

Wed 2 September, 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 co-host Jenny Durrant, Leicester University, to

10.55am to share and discuss.

Find out more and join in at:

collectionstrust.org.uk/events/nationwide-event-listings/collections-trust-coffee-time-21.

Dates 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.

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

MDY Regional Museum Forum Meetings Autumn 2020

It's time for our autumn forum meetings! We'll welcome guest speakers on our chosen theme, provide updates from MDY, and have time for questions, conversation and catch-ups with colleagues.

All forum meetings will be held online via Microsoft Teams for this round, 3.00pm - 5.00pm on the scheduled dates. You are welcome to attend any meetings which seem relevant to you.

East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Regional Museums Forum

Thur 17 September, 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Financial Fine-tuning

In uncertain times, making sure you have a robust grasp of your museum's financial position has never been more important. Check that you can:

- Assess whether you need to apply for emergency funding support

- Make your management accounts work for you

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-east-riding-and-north-lincolnshire-museums-forum-tickets-89036329057.

South Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum

Thur 24 September, 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Valuing Our Volunteers

- Take a health check on your volunteer management practices
- Discuss how to develop your volunteers and volunteering opportunities to meet new challenges.

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-south-yorkshire-museums-forum-tickets-90770524081.

North Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum

Tue 6 October, 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Developing Digital Capability

- Understand how to plan a collections digitisation project
- Discuss how and why to develop your digital delivery.

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-yorkshire-museums-forum-tickets-89036970977.

West Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum

Wed 21 October, 3.00pm - 5.00pm
Being Innovative

- Understand theories and practice around 'being innovative'
- Hear from museums who have been implementing innovation training for the past year.

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-west-yorkshire-museums-forum-tickets-89037576789.

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.

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.

Boredom Busting Resources!

If you have a sense of ennui, then dip into this list. It was last updated in May, but there is a huge amount here to keep you occupied!

chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/list-of-online-resources-for-anyone-who-is-isolated-at-home.

Funding Opportunities

Culture Recovery Funding - Book a Surgery Session with 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.
- To book time with MDY to talk through your proposal and for us to act as a sounding board or critical friend, please complete a quick form so we can get in touch and arrange a call.

forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx

Information about the grants can be found at:

www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/CRFgrants

www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/culture-recovery-fund-for-heritage.

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.

Your Development

New Training Sessions Launched by the Digital Culture Network (DCN)

DCN have a range of FREE upcoming training and events happening remotely in response to the Coronavirus.

Digital Culture Network Webinars:

Thursday 3 September, 2.30pm Revisioning 2020: Achieving Customer Relationship Mastery

Presented in partnership with Tessitura, this session will provide you with a true understanding of how CRM can transform your business strategy during the Covid-19 lockdown and beyond.

Thursday 24 September, 2.00pm A beginner's guide to TikTok

A webinar for arts and cultural organisations to learn how to use the newest social media platform taking the world by storm.

Thursday 1 October 2020, 2pm Getting started in online retail: Launch to success

A webinar for arts and cultural organisations to learn how to successfully plan and launch an online shop.

For full details visit:

www.artscouncil.org.uk/digital-culture-network/resources-support-events#section-4.

Don't forget to also check out the Digital Culture Network YouTube channel to view recordings of previous webinars and other advice videos:

www.youtube.com/channel/UC-owfPGAfecnJyW74dD_Agw.

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...

It is no secret that I love animals. This week my colleagues at MDY have shown me these two videos of musical animals.

- A duck playing the drums, with about 100% more musical talent than me: www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdn1ptVP2B8.
- How does a cat tell you it wants food? Meow? No. Tap its bowl? No. Play piano? YES! www.independent.co.uk/life-style/cat-playing-piano-video-a9665006.

Collectors' or Curators' Curios

An edition of Salvage Hunters – The Restorers (Quest) included an oversized grotesque carnival mask which research revealed was from Nice, France. It reminded me of a couple of strange late nineteenth century albumen photographic prints of a comic giant mannequin on a wheeled chariot under an elaborate canopy which had been in my wife's family for a couple of generations.

Lock-down internet research (including stereographs from Underwood & Underwood for sale on Ebay in USA) has lead me to deduce that these are rare views of the principal float from the Nice Carnival of 1898 and depict the 'shock of the new' with King Karnaval invading in his motor car. This comic tableau is depicted in a grand howdah like kiosk in which it was shown in the Place Masséna before being paraded around the city.



I still can't think how it came into our family as to our knowledge no one ever travelled to the south of France - but at last the mystery of the subject is now solved!

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**
www.theaudienceagency.org/bounce-forwards-events.
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting Historic Surfaces Guidance**
historicengland.org.uk/coronavirus/historic-places/cleaning-disinfecting-historic-surfaces.
- **DCN/EMBED Reopening with Inclusive Practice Online Webinar**
www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/08/04/dcn-embed-webinar-now-online.
- **'Don't Forget the Toilets' Webinar**
youtu.be/zqyufcsJhyk.
- **Face Covering Exemptions Toolkit from Cabinet Office**
[Download the Toolkit PDF](#).
- **Face Coverings - Government advice**
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.

Museum Reopening Guidance:

- **NMDC good practice guide on reopening Museums**
www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/coronavirus-update/nmdc-good-practice-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-standard.
- **EMBED – Reopening Recommendation Guidance focused on Accessibility**
embed.org.uk/covid-19-reopening.

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