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**Latest news for week ending
Friday 18 September 2020**

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I know we always say it, but we do want to hear YOUR views! If you haven't already, please take 10 mins (I have timed it!) to complete the survey about face to face working. Obviously, things are constantly changing at the present moment but we do need a comprehensive reflection of the sector's opinion. Rest assured there is no ONE WAY to do things and we appreciate that there are a lots of caveats - but please do share your thoughts!

This edition also includes news about a bursary that may 'Disrupt' your career – it's a great opportunity but you only have a week to apply. Don't forget as well that our MDY Recovery Grant is open for applications until the end of the month only! After all those deadlines you'll appreciate some downtime, 'And Relax' this week features a dynamic duo - read to the bottom to discover more!

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.

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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

MuseumNext Disrupt

5 - 30 October, Online Learning

**Apply now for the MDY funded place, worth £480!
Apply by 25 September!**

Disrupt is an intensive online programme specially created for museum leaders, innovators and makers who are looking for new approaches, tools and frameworks.

The four week syllabus will consist of four modules on making change happen, resilience, innovation and what's next? All delivered online in a flexible format that you can study at your own pace. This will bring together museum thinkers from around the globe to reflect on the unique times that we're living through and how these impact on our work. All content is pre-recorded allowing you to fit it into your busy schedule (content available for 12 months) and there is an online community where you can connect with more than 400 delegates.

Full details at: www.museumnext.com/events/museumnext-disrupt.

To apply please email MDYOffice@ymt.org.uk or lizdenton@ymt.org.uk for an application form.

Please note we can only take applications from people working or volunteering in Accredited Museums and those with formal Working Towards Accreditation status. National Portfolio Organisations and DCMS Sponsored National Museums are not eligible

Closing date for completed applications: 12 noon on Fri 25 September.

Return to Face-to-Face Working

Please Respond by 30 September

We really want to hear your thoughts – particularly those from South and North Yorkshire, who are currently under represented in the submissions! To help us plan a return to face-to-face working, we would be grateful for your responses to a short

survey. It takes less than 10 minutes – I have timed this! This will inform our planning for one-to-one work with you, as well as an eventual return to group meetings. In particular, we would like to identify museums that will be able to host group meetings safely while restrictions are required.

Survey link: wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=159904811027.

Rest assured that while restrictions persist, we will continue to offer a variety of options for you to engage with us safely or remotely.

Heritage Emergency Fund Success at The Folly

The Folly, a Grade I listed building in Settle which houses the Museum of North Craven Life, has been awarded £204,600 by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

The Trustees of the North Craven Building Preservation Trust, who own and care for The Folly have welcomed the news. Chair of the Trust, Heather Lane, said:

'As a building preservation trust, our first priority has to be the care of our buildings, and without this grant the Museum was at risk of closure. This award ensures that we can repair the roof and our iconic windows and helps us build a new kitchen. With worries about funding for repair costs lifted, we are able to press on with our other objective: to preserve and care for the archives of the Museum of North Craven Life and make these important local history resources accessible to everyone.'

New Covid-19 Restrictions

From Monday 14 September the rule of six came into being in England. This applies indoors and outdoors, including in private homes. The rule of six does not mean that there cannot be more than six people doing the same activity in any one public place. Other than in a private home or garden, there can be multiple groups of six people doing the same activity provided that these groups do not mingle.

What are the rules?

- Museums and galleries can host larger numbers in total (in line with risk assessments and following government guidance).
- The rule of six still applies - that is, each group must consist of no more than six people (unless it is a family group or supportive bubble). This applies in all circumstances.
- A person cannot move from one group to another.
- A person cannot mingle with other people, or with other groups.
- Social distancing rules must be respected, even within groups if the people in it are not from the same household or support bubble.
- Face coverings are mandatory within museums and galleries.

For full details please refer carefully to the government guidance. Information about tours is included in: '2.2.2 Indoor and outdoor attractions'. Businesses will also now

have a clear duty to support NHS Test and Trace. From 18 September, it will be mandatory for certain businesses to have a system to collect NHS Test and Trace data and keep this for 21 days.

www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/the-visitor-economy.

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.

Survey Results from VocalEyes

VocalEyes has just released the results of a survey into the concerns and needs of blind and visually impaired museum visitors when making both physical visits and taking part in online events. The survey provides useful information for museums in developing their access for all.

vocaley.es.co.uk/survey-museum-re-opening-and-live-streamed-events.

Your Week Ahead

MDY Elevenses

Only one September session left and a chance to think about keeping it family-friendly for October half-term ... After that, dig out your jumpers and scarves, we are looking forwards to those crisp October dates!

Monday 21 September - Keeping it Family-Friendly

Laura Bedford, from Kids in Museums, joins us for an update with their latest advice on keeping your museum family-friendly during Covid-19 restrictions. Hosted by Liz Denton, catch up on current thinking in family-friendly practice with colleagues from around the region.

Join in using the link to MS Teams at:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-21st-

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...

October Schedule:

- **Thursday 1 October - Diversity and Inclusion: Making Change Happen**

Charlotte Hall, from the Peace Museum in Bradford, will join Alan Bentley to talk about their work on Equality Action Planning. A chance to ask questions and share ideas about how you could move diversity planning forwards at your museum.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-1st-october.

- **Thursday 8 October - Learning Lessons**

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-8th-october.

Kate Fellows, from Leeds Museums and Galleries, joins Liz Denton to explore current thinking about how we can deliver museum learning to meet current needs. Join us to share your plans and questions, and support each other through the challenges.

- **Monday 12 October - DIY Digital**

Gill Greaves, from Arts Council England, and Abi Colling and Chris Streek from York Museums Trust, join Michael Turnpenny to discuss how the surge in demand for digital has altered our thinking, and what we can do digitally. A friendly space to talk about your digital ideas, questions and challenges.

- **Monday 19 October - Collections Care: Lockdown and Beyond**

Libby Finney, ACE Regional Collection Care Development Officer at the Museum of London, joins Dieter Hopkin to discuss collections care issues that we're seeing as museums recover from lockdown, and ideas for future emergency planning.



Coronavirus Conversations: Dismantling Racism in Museums

23 September, 6.00pm - 7.00pm

Join the Museums Association (MA) and Museum Detox in an online panel discussion about how individuals and museums can confront racism in the heritage sector and pro-actively support and advance wider anti-racist movements. Hannah Mason, Accountability Lead at Museum Detox, chairs this discussion with Lisa Kennedy, Curator and Head of Content at the Black Curriculum, Deanne Naula, Cultural Engagement and Learning Consultant, and Tara Okeke, Writer, Artist and Museum Futures Trainee at the Horniman Museum.

The panel will share their personal reflections, drawing on their lived experience and activism, before discussing questions that have been submitted by attendees in advance of the webinar.

This webinar is free for all members of the Museums Association and Museum Detox to attend. Find out more and book a place at:

www.museumsassociation.org/events/coronavirus-conversations-dismantling-racism-in-museums.

South Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum

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

- Take a health check on your volunteer management practices

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

Dates for Your Diary

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 are relevant to you.

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.

South West Fed Online Conference 2020

1-2 October 2020

Keynote speakers include Stuart Frost (British Museum), Dave Coleman (Carbon Literacy Project) and Lynsey Jones (Museum Development NW). Sessions will explore and discuss how museums and heritage sites can contribute to increasing public awareness and civic engagement, and how we can develop sustainable and safe practices which will mitigate and adapt to the climate emergency, and to the Coronavirus. The event will provide inspiration and practical examples to take away and apply to your own work and the organisations you work with.

For tickets and information visit: www.swfed.org.uk/conference2020.

Funding Opportunities**MDY Recovery Funding Grant Scheme******Apply by 30 September****

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/2020/07/01/museum-development-network-and-art-fund-covid-19-recovery-funding.

If you have any questions please contact your Museum Development Officer or a member of the MDY team to discuss. [Contact details are at the end of this bulletin.](#)

**Association of Independent Museums (AIM)
Collections Care and Conservation**

Grants are available to independent museums who are members of AIM for collections care and conservation work. There are a range of grants with levels up to £10,000.

Closing date for applications: 30 September.

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: mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk.

Your Development

Personality, Purpose and Heart: how your website can better reflect your brand

30 September, 10.00 am - 11.30 am

Beyond your logo, colour palette and typeface, what's special about your organisation? Does that come across clearly to people through your website? In this webinar, Supercool share the biggest opportunities to reflect your brand on your website - alongside potential solutions, and shining examples from across the sector. You'll get practical, quick-wins for adding personality, purpose, and heart to your website - without the need for a redesign.

Find out more and book a FREE place at:
www.a-m-a.co.uk/event/personality-purpose-and-heart.

Job Opportunities

Association of Independent Museums (AIM) Freelance Project Administrator - Hallmarks at Home

**Salary: £5,000 (total fee for 6 mth contract period)
1 day pw or flexible working times**

Launched in 2016, Hallmarks is a framework that brings together the key

characteristics and behaviours that enable heritage organisations to prosper and thrive. The programme provides support for AIM members through weekly online workshops, developed and led by an experienced consultant. AIM is now planning the next phase of Hallmarks at Home from October 2020 – March 2021.

www.aim-museums.co.uk/job-vacancy-freelance-project-administrator-aim.

Closing date: 5.00pm on Monday 21 September.

Port Sunlight Village Trust (PSVT) Tender Opportunity

**A village in lockdown:
Understanding the impact of Covid-19 on Port Sunlight**

Budget: £28,800 + VAT

The main focus of the project is a programme of stakeholder research and engagement that includes the village's residential community – of tenants, owner-occupiers and landlords – as well as businesses, clubs and societies. The work must conclude no later than 1 March 2021.

www.portsunlightvillage.com/a-village-in-lockdown-understanding-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-port-sunlight.

Deadline: 10.00am on Thursday 24 September.

Jane Austen's House Museum Online Learning Resources Consultant

12 week grant-funded project

This work will involve the production and promotion of a suite of online learning resources to inspire a teenage audience to study Jane Austen's world, read her books and develop their own creative writing voices.

Find out more at: janeaustens.house/jobs

Deadline: Friday 25 September.

English Heritage Consultant Tender Opportunity

English Heritage is seeking one or more interpretation consultants to deliver two important public history projects which will help raise awareness of and interpret links

between sites within the National Heritage Collection and transatlantic slavery. Preference will be given to candidates who have experience of interpreting difficult and sensitive subject matter in a museum or heritage context.

For more details and to register your interest, please visit:

in-tendhost.co.uk/english-heritage.aspx/ProjectManage/1441

MDN Seeking New Logo

Museum Development Network (MDN) is seeking a designer or design agency to develop two distinct logos: a new logo for the Network and a separate logo for Museum Development in England. Both logos together with accompanying brand guidelines should be delivered by 1 February 2021.

museumdevelopmentnetwork.org/mdn-seeking-new-logo.

Deadline for proposals: 23 October.

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.

Nine Ways to Improve Your Home Working Routine

Need inspiration? Follow these tips on working from home for the long haul:

www.theguardian.com/business/2020/sep/12/turn-up-the-heat-and-get-a-work-box-nine-ways-to-improve-your-home-working-routine.

Food and Wellbeing - with Dr Rupy Aujla

Wed 23 Sept, 7.00pm

At this special online event, organised by Action for Happiness, Dr Rupy Aujla will explore the relationship between nutrition and our health (both physical and mental)

and reveal practical ways we can enhance our wellbeing. Rupy will provide lots of research-based tips, including which foods can boost your energy levels, strengthen your immune system, support your mental health and help you sleep better. He'll also reflect on the current crisis and how our lifestyle choices around nutrition, exercise, stress and sleep can help us cope better in difficult times.

Tickets: Open to all with optional donation.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/food-wellbeing-with-dr-rupy-aujla-tickets-116404062685.

And Relax...!

We all need an opportunity to smile, at this time, or a chance to share great ideas to help us ...relax!

We are encouraging you to send in any great resources or tips that are helping you, email: mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk.

Liz Recommends...

Together At Home Chris Martin (8 May 2020).

You don't have to be a Coldplay fan to enjoy Mirko and Valerio's accompaniment to Viva La Vida! For all those who have ever felt that their child was a musical prodigy it makes for sobering viewing...

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeJzWkfxzas.

Dieter's Nature Notes

Red squirrels (*Sciurus vulgaris*)

We don't see much of red squirrels in Yorkshire although there are a few groups of this elusive and endangered species in the Yorkshire Dales.

Red squirrels were once the only squirrel species in Britain and were widely distributed as they remain in significant parts of mainland Europe. However, during the early 20th Century huge UK colonies of the red squirrel population were wiped out by a virus. They were also hunted for sport and as pets and taxidermy specimens up until 1927. But a major cause of their drastic population decline in the UK was the introduction of the non-native grey squirrel from North America which began during



They are for me the highlight of holidays in wooded south west Scotland near the Solway Firth. Though I'm not sure what visitors expect when they see roadside signs warning them of Red Squirrels as hazards to drivers – perhaps giant marauding mammals rather than endearing small creatures?



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**
www.theaudienceagency.org/bounce-forwards-events.
- **Cleaning and Disinfecting Historic Surfaces Guidance**
historicengland.org.uk/coronavirus/historic-places/cleaning-disinfecting-historic-surfaces.

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.
- **The National Archives Re-opening Visitor Charter**
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/coronavirus-visitor-charter.pdf.
- **Reopening Toolkit from South East Museum Development**
southeastmuseums.org/resource-library/advice-on-reopening-museums-reopening-museums-toolkit.
- **Space for Learning - New Guidance for Learning Services**
spaceforlearning.org.uk/covid-guidance.
- **Timed Ticketing - Quick Guide**
[Download a PDF copy of the guide](#).

Other Previous Articles:

- **Advocacy Resources for Digital Archives**
nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/projects-and-programmes/plugged-in-powered-up/advocacy-resources.
- **Archive Service Accreditation Guidance**
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/archives/archive-service-accreditation-and-coronavirus.pdf.
- **Art Fund's Respond & Reimagine Grants (deadline 12 Oct)**
www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/respond-and-reimagine-grants.
- **Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants
- **Coronavirus Business Support Finder Tool**
www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder.
- **Culture Geek Virtual Conference (20 November)**
culturegeek.com.
- **Digital Culture Network - Webinars and Advice Videos**
www.youtube.com/channel/UC-owfPGAfecnJyW74dD_Agw.
- **Financial Difficulties Toolkit**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit.
- **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**
www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/support-mental-health-in-lockdown
- **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/08062020-supporting-museum-workforce-wellbeing-post-lockdown.
- **Self-Care September from Action for Happiness**
www.actionforhappiness.org/self-care-september.

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