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Friday 25 September 2020

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should be sent to mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk
by 5pm on Wed 30 September****

The autumn equinox has arrived and the weather, the TV and the kitchen has taken a distinctly autumnal turn. In this edition we have news on how the [latest Covid-19 regulations](#) affect museums. We celebrate the success of three local museums in the [Museum + Heritage Awards](#), well done to everyone involved. MDY still want to receive your views on [face to face meetings](#) and your applications for [Recovery Grants](#).

We are going into conference season and there are plenty of opportunities around at the moment including two sponsored places for [Museum Next's Disrupt](#) event.

This week Lily Wilks hands over the MDY intern baton to [Alice McPherson](#). Thank you Lily for your fantastic contribution and welcome to Alice. This week they both contribute to '[And Relax...](#)' with some very satisfying photographs and a very contented egg.

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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News and Notices

Coronavirus Update - New Requirements in Force

Test and Trace Requirements in Cafes and Restaurants

The NHS Test and Trace app was launched on Thursday 24 September, and although the requirement to refuse entry to people not providing their contact details does not apply to museums and galleries, it does however apply to cafes and restaurants within them.

This means that:

- all the visitors can be admitted, provided that at least one of the group provides their name and contact details and agrees to be the 'lead member', or all of the group have checked in using the QR code
- if no member of a group provides their name and contact details, all the group must be refused entry, with the exception of individuals who check-in using the QR code.

In practice, most museums are now requiring advance booking, and the relevant details are collected when they do that. Others are collecting details when people arrive, and visitors now have the option of scanning the QR code.

The Department of Health and Social Care have produced a [Q&A document](#) which contains more details.

Table Service

New regulations regarding table service are also now in force and can be found at: www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1029/pdfs/ukxi_20201029_en.pdf.

The relevant section regarding table service in cafes and restaurants is at the bottom of page 2, 'Restrictions on service of food and drink for consumption on the premises'. The [Explanatory Memorandum](#) gives some more detail (it sets out the policy intention in paragraph 7.7).

- [...] mandating seated consumption of food and drink aims to reduce the amount of time that customers spend at the ordering counter, which in turn will reduce the risk of transmission from mingling with people you do not live with. Preventing ordering or collection of food and drink at a counter or bar in businesses that sell alcohol for consumption on the premises will limit the risk of transmission even further in premises that carry increased risk.

And what businesses need to do, in paragraph 6.9:

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- If the business serves alcohol for consumption on the premises, to only take orders for food and drink from customers who are seated and only serve them while they are seated. The business must also take reasonable steps to ensure that customers only consume food and drink while seated.

Face coverings

It is now compulsory for retail, leisure and hospitality staff to wear a face covering in areas that are open to the public and where they come or are likely to come within close contact of a member of the public.

The updated guidance is here:

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.

MuseumNext Disrupt 5 - 30 October, Online Learning

Apply now for 2 funded places, worth £480 each!

****Deadline 28 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.

Bursaries:

Thanks to the generosity of Museum Next we now have an extra place available. 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.

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

Closing date for completed applications: 11.59pm on Mon 28 September.
The successful applicants will be informed by 2.00pm on 29 September.

Return to Face-to-Face Working

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.

Winners Announced Museums + Heritage Awards 2020

On 22 September hundreds of sector professionals came together online to find out who had scooped this year's Museums + Heritage Awards at its first ever [virtual ceremony](#). Providing a much needed boon, it was a timely reminder of the creative determination of museums, galleries and heritage visitor attractions across the globe.

Huge congratulations to the three award winners from our region:

- **Innovation of the Year:**
Harewood House Trust with Studio McGuire A Night at the Mansion
awards.museumsandheritage.com/feature/innovation-of-the-year-2020.
- **Learning Programme of the Year:**
Leeds Museums and Galleries Careers for All: meaningful work experience for young people with additional needs
awards.museumsandheritage.com/feature/learning-programme-of-the-year-2020.
- **Partnership of the Year:**
York Art Gallery and Kaiser Chiefs When All is Quiet: Kaiser Chiefs in Conversation with York Art Gallery
awards.museumsandheritage.com/feature/partnership-of-the-year-2020.

York Museums Trust's Chief Executive Reyahn King said:

'Back in Pre-Covid we did an exhibition with Kaiser Chiefs at York Art Gallery. Tonight we heard that York Art Gallery and Kaiser Chiefs won a national Museums and Heritage Award for Partnership of the Year for the project!

Bea did a great acceptance speech online and it was a joy to be able to celebrate - by watching online - one of the amazing pieces of work by all of you. Thanks particularly to Lee Clarke for his idea and initial co-ordination, to all the team at York Art Gallery and in Public Engagement who made it happen. It was an ambitious show for us!

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know. I thank you all'.

Goodbye Lily, Hello Alice

Lily: Sadly the time has come and I must say goodbye to the MDY team. It has been a wonderful 18 months and I am very sad to be leaving, but it is time to welcome the new intern Alice! I'll let her introduce herself...

Alice: Hello everyone, it's great to be part of the team. I've met some of you already and I'm really looking forward to working with colleagues from all over Yorkshire.

If you want to get in touch, my email address is

alice.macpherson@ymt.org.uk. See you soon!

Join In the BBC's MuseumPassion Event

Thursday 15 October

The BBC – in partnership with the Museums Association, National Museum Directors' Council and Art Fund – is calling for museums across the UK to participate in an event called #MuseumPassion on 15 October, as part of a season highlighting the work of museums which will feature on TV, radio and online.

The #MuseumPassion event will consist of a whole day of promoted content on social media, TV and radio focusing on the UK's museums, and will be similar to the highly successful #MuseumFromHome event run by the BBC in April as part of its Culture in Quarantine season.

Other events taking place during the week will include coverage of the Art Fund Museum of the Year award, four dedicated TV programmes on museums around the UK, and online promotion of a new series of Curator Battles to be run by York Museum.

Find out how to participate at:

www.museumsassociation.org/campaigns/advocacy/covid-19/join-in-the-bbcs-museumpassion-event.

Cultural Consumption Under Lockdown

How did cultural consumption change during the lockdown?

The Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre has published the results of its six-week survey of cultural consumption during lockdown.

pec.ac.uk/policy-briefings/digital-culture-consumer-panel.

MDY Elevenses

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.

Join in using the link to MS Teams at:

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

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 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.



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.

Collections Trust Online Conference 2020

'Dynamic Information for Dynamic Collections'

Thur 1 - Fri 2 October

This year's Collections Trust conference explores an under-appreciated aspect of dynamic collections: dynamic information. Without information to oil the wheels, doing just about anything with collections becomes more difficult than it should be. How can we get this precious resource flowing more freely and realise the full potential of the collections we hold?

The conference will be held online over two afternoons. The event is free, but you do need to register using the form on their website to receive joining instructions.

collectionstrust.org.uk/events/2020-collections-trust-conference-online.

South West Fed Online Conference 2020

'Interpreting, Curating and Combating the Climate Emergency'

Thur 1 - Fri 2 October

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.

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'

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

FED Workshops and Webinars

Now open for bookings:

- **Introduction to Decolonising Collections**
13 October, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Limited number of free places for FED members all other tickets £6.

For further info and to book: tinyurl.com/y5fha5aa.

- **Value-led Experience Design**
10 November, 10.00am - 1.00pm

Limited number of free places for FED members - all other tickets £6.

For further info and to book: tinyurl.com/yx9g9n5a.

- **Museum Accessibility:**
Beyonds Lifts and Braille Guides
15 December, 10.00am - 12 noon

Limited number of free places for FED members - all other tickets £6.

For further info and to book: tinyurl.com/y3dpfn8h.

Museum Freelance Survey Findings Online Event

Tue 20 October, 12.30pm - 1.30pm

Discover the findings of Museum Freelance's large-scale survey into freelancing with museums, galleries, heritages sites, archives and libraries. Thanks to 314 freelancers and consultants who generously and openly took the time to respond to the survey in March and April this year, we have many insights to share about freelancers and freelancing in the sector.

We're running a free session on Zoom about the October for representatives from SSOs, funders, clients, networks and other organisations that commission, fund, support and work with freelancers and consultants. We'll present an overview of the survey results and their implications for the sector and take questions, followed by the chance for participants to share their reflections if they want to.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.tickettailor.com/events/museumfreelance/425336.

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22 and 23 October 2020

The logo for Sporting Heritage, featuring the words "Sporting" and "Heritage" in a serif font, with "Sporting" in blue and "Heritage" in yellow, set against a dark blue background with a yellow curved border.

Join us as we bring together key members from the heritage and sport sectors, along with sharing best practice case studies, providing hands on advice and guidance, and increasing the confidence and knowledge of those wishing to develop sporting heritage activity. This year's online conference will focus on two main themes:

- Day 1: The Resilience and Sustainability of Sporting Heritage
- Day 2: The Diversity of Sporting Heritage

We will explore these themes and share the impact of sporting heritage and the stories it tells, discuss how to engage greater support for the sector going forward, and how to support grassroots projects and collections.

Places are just £20 for non-members and £10 for members for the full two-day conference. We also have a number of supported places to open access to those who would otherwise be unable to attend – to find out more, view the programme, and to book your place, please visit:

www.sportingheritage.org.uk/content/category/events/conference/2020-sporting-heritage-conference.

Don't forget, members have a special discount on our conference, so if you haven't joined yet, you can do so at:

www.sportingheritage.org.uk/become-a-member.

World Turned Upside Down: Exploring the Future of Museums

Museums Association (MA) Conference

2-6 November 2020

This year's MA Conference is open for booking.

The event, which is for MA members only, features a range of fantastic speakers, engaging sessions and lots of practical advice and support. It will be held online via Zoom on 2-6 November 2020.

For more information and to book a place, please visit:

www.museumsassociation.org/events/world-turned-upside-down-exploring-the-future-of-museums.

Funding Opportunities

MDY Recovery Funding Grant Scheme

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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](#).

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

Developing a Digital Strategy

People often talk about their lack of a digital strategy – here's a link to a recorded webinar on Digital Strategy: The what, how and why from the Charity Digital conference in September 2020. It contains a useful framework for developing a strategy and links to resources that will help you take this idea forwards.

charitydigital.org.uk/webinars/webinars/digital-strategy-the-what-why-and-how.

Digital Advice and Resources

Arts Council England's Tech Champions have launched their new Digital Champions Network website. Make this your first stop for all kinds of digital advice and resources, plus links to digital training events and online recordings of past events.

digitalculturenetwork.org.uk.

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Job Opportunities

Harewood House Trust Visitor Experience Team Leader - House

Salary: £21K, Permanent, Full-time role

We are looking for a Visitor Experience Team Leader who will deliver excellent customer care standards to meet the high expectations of our audience. This position is based in Harewood House, which is an accredited museum. This is a busy and varied role which requires solid experience of leading a customer facing team. If you are committed to driving a culture of excellence then we'd love to hear from you.

Find out more at: harewood.org/about/blog-2/jobs.

Closing date: midnight on Sunday 4 October.

Thackray Museum of Medicine:

Digital Learning Consultant £12K for min. 40 days (incl. expenses) Nov 2020 – Mar 2021

We are looking for someone who combines great experience and technical knowledge, creating successful digital assets and programmes for cultural organisations but who still retains a passion for engaging diverse audiences and curiosity for exploring new ways of working with them.

Content Developer £6K for min. 20 days (incl. expenses) Nov 2020 – Mar 2021

We are looking for someone experienced in developing compelling content for cultural organisations and working with different people and perspectives to co-create interpretation that brings arts, culture, or heritage to life, unlocking new meaning and relevance and inspiring action.

For more information about these posts and to apply, visit:
thackraymuseum.co.uk/about-us/work-for-us.

Deadline: 5.00pm on Tuesday 13 October.

Your Wellbeing

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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.

Alan's Sourdough Experiment

This week, at home, we have harvested the last of our apples from our very small but very productive James Grieve apple tree. So, it seemed the right time to have a go at sourdough bread making using a [Paul Hollywood baking book](#) and under the guidance of the team's fermentation guru Michael.

The gloop seems to be magically bubbling away so hopefully there will be a photo of a delicious loaf for next week's bulletin. In my distant past I worked on a temporary exhibition 'Yeast the Mighty Microbe', my favourite takeaway fact being that yeast was known as '[godisgoode](#)' as it magically appeared out of the air and made bread and beer.



And Relax...!

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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: alice.macpherson@ymt.org.uk.

Lily Recommends...

- This is a lovely and relaxing video from the National Trust on what we love most in Autumn. I love going on walks and crunching all the crisp leaves, and Halloween. What do you love?
twitter.com/nationaltrust/status/1309024969783943169?s=20.
- If you like satisfying images this is the link for you. Now that's what I call relaxing!
en.theecofeed.com/40-of-the-most-perfectly-satisfying-photos-on-the-internet

Alice Recommends...

- The Great British Bake Off returned for its eleventh series this week so it's a great excuse to revisit some of the best bits. This Celebrity Bake Off video features the worst gingerbread Paul Hollywood has ever had!
www.youtube.com/watch?v=HIaMTQpFsg.
- The nights are drawing in and Autumn is upon us. This comic by American artist Rachel Greenberg made me laugh.
twitter.com/WholesomeNsuch/status/1047592623689461760.

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-

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- **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:

- **Working Safely During Coronavirus - Government Advice**
www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/the-visitor-economy.
- **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](#).

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[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-owfPGAfecJyW74dD_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.

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