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Latest news for week ending
Friday 16 October 2020

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Dear <<First Name>>

Congratulations to all our colleagues who have been successful in securing investment from the Culture Recovery Fund. We know this funding from DCMS will help many museums remain solvent and keep engaging with audiences and looking after their collections. We have also been able to invest £35,000 in a further five museums through our MDY Recovery Grants. This has been made possible by Arts Council England and the Art Fund (but more about that in a future newsletter).

In this week's bulletin we have news of next month's [Takeover Day from Kids in Museums](#), details of Arts Council England's '[Developing Your Creative Practice](#)' fund for individual cultural and creative practitioners, plus several [webinars and online workshops](#) on subjects ranging from funding to personal resilience. And yes, 'cultural and creative practitioners' means you!

All of this is making us think about the future and how we can learn from each other to plan for uncertainty. Autumn is a time where we get gardens ready for the spring - sweeping leaves, pruning branches and planting bulbs. If we can help you rethink your plans for next year, get in touch - we'd love to help (but not with gardening!). And if you've always wanted to know how those posh little pats of French butter are made, check out our '[And Relax](#)' video...

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There are five weeks to go until Kids in Museums Takeover Day!



Since 2010, nearly 40,000 children and young people aged 0-25 have taken part, taking on roles including security guards, curators, marketing managers and tour guides. This year requires creative thinking but here's how you can get involved on whilst social distancing measures are in place:

kidsinmuseums.org.uk/resources/how-to-hold-a-takeover-day-with-social-distancing.

AIM History Makers Scheme

Now Open for Expressions of Interest (EOI)

The AIM Biffa Award History Makers Scheme gives grants of up to £75,000 to museums, galleries and cultural facilities so that they can tell the stories of some of our lesser known historical figures.

Your History Maker may not be a well-known public figure, but most importantly, their life and/or work will have helped shape the world we live in today. We are particularly keen to hear from projects based on women who made history, and history makers from diverse backgrounds.

Find out more at:

www.aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/grants/aim-biffa-award-history-makers.



EOI closing date: 5.00pm on 14 December.

Your Week Ahead

Elevenses With MDY

Insightful, interactive and informal, Elevenses is a chance to hear from a guest speaker on the day's topic, meet colleagues from the region, and connect with the MDY team.

Our days vary so please [check the schedule](#), save the date in your calendar, and join us using the link to MS Teams.

Make time for Elevenses! See you there...

Monday 19 October - Collections Care:

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.

Join us using the link to MS Teams at:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-19th-october.

Elevenses with MDY will take an October half-term break and return from Thursday 5 November with a focus on Environmental Sustainability.



MDY Regional Museum Forum Meetings Autumn 2020

There's still chance to join our final autumn meeting, with guest speaker, updates from MDY, and questions, discussion and catch-ups with colleagues. Our forum meetings are via Microsoft Teams, 3.00pm - 5.00pm. You are welcome to attend any meetings which are relevant to you.

If you would like help or advice how to join our online meetings, please contact Alice MacPherson, alice.macpherson@ymt.org.uk.

West Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum Wed 21 October, 3.00pm - 5.00pm Being Innovative

- Understand how you can develop innovation skills with our expert trainer, Dr Jo North from The Big Bang Partnership Ltd
- Hear how Kirklees Museums have implemented their innovation training 12 months on

Free Live Virtual Event 21 October, 5.00pm

A Cultural Collaboration: How Allegories of the Senses Was Brought to Life



Working in partnership the Cooper Gallery, Arts Council Collection and Action for Autism and Asperger's Barnsley (AfAAB) have carefully co curated a unique exhibition 'Allegories of the senses' which is currently on display in the Gallery. The work included focuses on the senses and how art has an impact on sight, smell, touch, taste and hearing.

At the event Laura Biddle from Arts Council Collection along with Alison Cooper and Gaby Lees from Barnsley Museum will explore how the exhibition was developed, discuss working in partnership, the process of choosing pieces to include as well as how opening in the middle of the pandemic resulted in the adaptation and redesign of the displays to take into consideration the new normal we are now living in.

[Find out more and join the event on YouTube](#)

Dates for Your Diary

Museum Education and The Black Curriculum

Online session hosted by GEM NW Monday 9 November, 1.00pm - 2.00pm

The event will feature Lisa Kennedy, Engagement Officer with The Black Curriculum as well as a Q&A period with the chance to speak about how to put this learning into action. Session follow-up will include top tips and signposting to further reading as well as relevant research and organisations to follow to build upon the learning within the session.

Free for GEM members, £6 for non-members.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/museum-education-and-the-black-curriculum-tickets-124530081827.

Museums Making Sense: European Museum Conference, 16-19 November

Connect with colleagues from across Europe at NEMO's online conference. This year's

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To view the programme and book your place, visit

www.ne-mo.org/about-us/european-museum-conference-2020/programme.



Jobs and Trustee Opportunities

Arts Council England (North) Senior Relationship Manager, Strategic Partnership x 2

Salary: £43,604 pa

As Senior Relationship Manager at Arts Council England you will be instrumental in managing partnerships, investments and development programmes which form part of the Cultural Investment Fund across the North of England. You will be responsible for the coordination of multiple programme strands, working as part of your area leadership team and managing several Relationship Managers.

[Download job description and recruitment pack.](#)

Closing date: midnight on Sunday 18 October.

Humber Museums Partnership Evaluation Consultant Opportunity

Fee £5K, work to be completed by 31 March 2021

We are looking for an experienced evaluation consultant to evaluate our successes and challenges as well as mapping the transitions our services have made over our first two years as an NPO (2018 – 20). The selected consultant will also develop an approach for future evaluation and evidencing change going forward, with the opportunity to secure further work to deliver evaluations of subsequent years.

[Download the Tender Document for further details and application information.](#)

Deadline: Friday 23 October.

Ryedale Folk Museum Trustee Vacancies

We are recruiting trustees to join our friendly and dedicated Board. We welcome applications from people with a wide range of skills and experience. At this time, we are particularly seeking a new Treasurer and Secretary for the board, as well as new trustees with skills and experience in:

- Commercial management and developing income streams
- Donor fundraising
- Marketing.

However, if you have different skills and would like to be involved, then please apply, as all applications will be considered.

Find out more at: www.ryedalefolkmuseum.co.uk/get-involved.

Deadline: Sunday 15 November.

Funding Opportunities

Developing Your Creative Practice Fund

Now open for applications from individuals



Arts Council England have reopened their Developing Your Creative Practice (DYCP) fund, which supports individual cultural and creative practitioners to take time to focus on their creative development.

They have published new guidance and also provided resources to help you apply, plus an update about how they've changed the programme to better support you during the pandemic.

Find out more at: www.artscouncil.org.uk/DYCP.

Your Development

Discover Dearne - Free Webinars

Discover Dearne is delivering the NLHF's Emergency Fund on behalf of Barnsley Museums and Heritage Trust to help heritage groups recover from the crisis and as part of that is running a 4-month project featuring a series of free webinars.



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Discover Dearne are delighted to be working with Gillian and Jane from [Access for All UK](#), leaders in the field of accessibility. The training will give you the tools and knowledge to make your group, organisation or site more accessible whilst ensuring you are Covid compliant. This is essential training if you want to offer a great experience to everyone visiting your site.

**Funding and Income Diversification:
'Show me the money - from asking to earning'
Thursday 29 October 11.00am – 1.15pm**

We are also delighted to be working with Jo Boardman, freelance enterprise consultant who has over 20 years' experience of working with and supporting the voluntary and community sector, social enterprise and social finance sector, cultural, creative, museums, heritage, and business sector.

To find out more about these webinars, or to register to attend (and receive a Zoom link), please email discoverdearne@barnsley.gov.uk.

Find your Spark! Building a Resilient You

**28 October or 10 December, 10.30am – 12.30pm
2-hr online workshop, £24**

For anyone wanting to understand about their own personal resilience and discover how they can build their capacity to cope during challenge and adversity.

[Find out more and download a booking form.](#)

**Tell stories that Spark excitement!
Interpretive writing for audio-visual**

**19 and 26 November, 10.30am - 12.30pm
2 x 2-hr webinars, £30**

Participants should have some understanding and experience of interpretation and be looking to build their skills in writing for audio and audio-visual content.

[Find out more and download a booking form.](#)

Your Wellbeing

Why Work Friends Are Worth It

Early on in my (Michael's) career I was advised that you should never be friends with colleagues. Whilst we might not be BFF's with our co-workers, investing time with those we spend our working lives with is worth it!

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same time.

hbr.org/podcast/2020/08/why-work-friends-are-worth-it.

And Relax...!

Alice Recommends...

This fascinating and relaxing video shows you how artisanal butter is made in France. I love the master butter maker's sense of humour and passion for his work.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZyXUzhTn0kI&feature=youtu.be.



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.
- **DCN/EMBED Reopening with Inclusive Practice Online Webinar**
www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/08/04/dcn-embed-

Museum Reopening Guidance:

- **Test and Trace Requirements in Cafes and Restaurants**
[Download Q&A Advice Sheet](#)
- **New Table Service Regulations**
www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/1029/pdfs/ukxi_20201029_en.pdf
- **Face coverings - updated guidance**
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.
- **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.
- **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:

- **Arts Council National Lottery Project Grants**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants
- **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

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- **ICOM Follow-Up Survey: the impact of Covid-19 on the museum sector. Complete the survey at:**
uk.icom.museum/icom-follow-up-survey-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-the-museum-sector.
- **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.
- **National Lottery Project Grants (now open to NPOs):**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants.
- **Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund (deadline 5 Nov):**
www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/weston-loan-programme.

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