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**Latest news for week ending
Friday 23 October 2020**

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This week we have an update on the Museum Accreditation scheme, good news of more award winning museums in our region, plus training events and webinars on subjects ranging from [Co-Producing with Young People](#), to [Developing a Powerful Website Content Strategy](#).

We're taking a half-term break from our weekly Elevenses sessions, but will return fresh and fired up (for Guy Fawkes night!) on Thursday 5 November, when we'll be talking to Dales Countryside Museum's Fiona Rosher about their [environmental sustainability initiatives](#). We hope to see you there.

This week's Funding Opportunities section features the [John Ellerman Foundation's Museum and Galleries Fund](#), which aims to help organisations enhance and sustain curatorial development and is open to applications until the New Year. To cap all this off, we explore the wonderful world of Fruitful Fungus in [Dieter's Nature Notes](#)...enjoy!

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News and Notices

Accreditation Update

This week we have heard the excellent news that The Saltaire Collection have passed their eligibility review and are now officially Working Towards Accreditation. Congratulations to them.

Some of you may be aware that all Accredited museums in the UK have had their current award status extended for an additional 12 months with Arts Council assessment panel meetings postponed until April 2021. However, did you know that

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For any museums considering becoming Accredited, feel free to contact Helen Thornton, your Regional Accreditation Advisor at Accreditation@ymt.org.uk.



ACE Brexit Transition Guide

Arts Council England (ACE) have published a guide that provides information to help organisations prepare for the end of the Transition Period on 31 December 2020, now that the UK has left the European Union.

Find out more and read the full guide at:

www.artscouncil.org.uk/guidance-and-resources/brexit-information.

Family Friendly Museum Awards From Home

Two Yorkshire museums have achieved success at Kids In Museums' Family Friendly Museums Awards From Home. The winners were chosen by families along with an expert panel.



- **Cooper Gallery, Barnsley**, won Best Film for their project Wow Wednesdays, a series of weekly films and activities for 0–5 year olds helping children learn about colours and language. All the [Wow Wednesdays videos](#) can be viewed on YouTube.
- **The National Videogame Museum, Sheffield**, won the award for Best Website Activity. Their Create Your Own Pixel Art Character activity was easy to use and proved very popular with families. Have a go yourself: thenvm.org/learning/learn-at-home.

Many congratulations to everyone involved. For a full list of winners and those highly commended, visit: kidsinmuseums.org.uk/2020/10/here-are-families-favourite-lockdown-activities.

Museum Freelance Survey

Findings Now Available



The survey findings into freelancers and freelancing with museums, galleries, heritage

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freelancers, next steps and much more.

You can [view the full survey report](#), watch a recording from [a presentation highlighting the findings](#) recently given to sector organisations, and [read a news release](#) about the survey.

Your Week Ahead

Co-Producing with Young People in the Heritage Sector

26 October, 2.00 - 4.00pm

Join us for a two-hour training session delivered during the project Represent which is part of Ignite Yorkshire (www.igniteyorks.org.uk). This training will be centred on collective discussions around co-production with young people, why it's important in the museum sector, and how we can embed this in our practice. It will be led by Laura Rakotonirina who has worked with young people of colour to co-produce solutions to make heritage more inclusive of minoritised communities.

The training will take place on Zoom, tickets can be booked at:
www.gcfoundation.co.uk/Event/co-producing-with-young-people-in-the-heritage-sector.

Dates for Your Diary

Elevenes With MDY

Returning on Thursday 5 November, we'll welcome a new series of guests for a coffee time conversation. Insightful, interactive and informal, gain new insights from our guest, meet colleagues from the region, and connect with the MDY team at Elevenes with MDY.

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

Make time for Elevenes! See you there...

Thursday 5 November Environmental Sustainability: Climate Actions

Fiona Rosher, from the Dales Countryside Museum, joins us to talk about environmental sustainability initiatives implemented at their site. Join us for ideas, questions and discussion about how helping the planet could also help your museum.
www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-5th-

Monday 9 November DIY Digital: Spinning Stories on the Web

Richard Moss, from Museum Crush and Culture24, joins us to talk about how to develop digital stories and content from your museum collections, and why the internet is the place to share your unique museum stories. With questions, discussion and ideas about how to develop your museum's stories online.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-9th-november.



Jobs Opportunities and Tenders

National Railway Museum (NRM) 2 posts:

STEM Ambassador Engagement Officer Salary £21K (pro rata), fixed term until March 2021

Currently working remotely but contractually based at the NRM in York, you will ensure STEM Ambassadors are engaged with young people whilst building relationships with educational groups and targeting those who could most benefit and make a true difference to the national STEM shortage.

Closing date: 25 October.

Corporate Information Officer Salary: £22K

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activities, helping colleagues in maintaining the Group's commitment to transparency and compliance with our access to information obligations. In this role, you will share the team's responsibility for the creation, cataloguing, storage, retrieval and disposal of all records created by our colleagues.

Closing date: 27 October.

Find out more and apply for either post at:
www.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/work-for-us.

ArtLincs: North Lincs Cultural Education Partnership

Artist in Education Development Scheme One-off Fee: £150

Whatever the art form, we are seeking artists to provide exciting, innovative and inclusive opportunities for North Lincolnshire school children to be inspired in their homes. You'll get a training session and support to create an online learning resource that schools can include on their websites etc. We're estimating it should take five hours of your time, for which you'll receive a one-off payment of £150.

www.2021visualartscentre.co.uk/information-for-artists.

Closing date: 27 October (noon).

Greater Manchester Fire Service Museum Learning and Communities Officer

Salary: £25K plus benefits Fixed term until August 2023 (possibly beyond)

The Museum is seeking an enthusiastic, self-motivated team player to develop and deliver a new learning and activities programme at our exciting new venue. Supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the Museum is currently undergoing a transformational project to relocate and expand into a restored 1930s former fire station which is planned to open in early 2021.

Find out more at: gmfsmuseum.org.uk/vacancies.

Closing date: 6 November.

Funding Opportunities

John Ellerman Foundation Museums and Galleries Fund

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The Foundation wants to help organisations enhance and sustain curatorial development to attract a broader and more diverse public.

We are keen to fund work which has a legacy within and beyond the organisation, prioritising applications that aspire to achieve outcomes for people working in curatorial roles, the collections they work with and the institutions in which they work.

Find out more at: ellerman.org.uk/museums-and-galleries-fund

Deadline: 8 January 2021.

Your Development

How to Develop a Powerful Website Content Strategy

5 November, 2.00pm

In this one-hour webinar presented by the Digital Culture Network's Tech Champion for Websites, Roberta Beattie, you will learn how a strong content strategy can bring about the best results from your website.

Find out more and book a place at:

digitalculturenetwork.org.uk/events/how-to-develop-a-powerful-website-content-strategy.



**Digital Culture
Network**



Your Wellbeing

Deeper Connections with Dr Roxy

**Weds 28 October, 7.00pm (online)
Free - donations encouraged**

How can we cultivate real vitality in our relationships and create deeper connections? At this special event, Dr Roxy Manning will explore how we can enhance our relationships, deal constructively with conflict and create more harmonious connections in our families, communities and organisations. She will also share how we can tap into our innate capacities for empathy, creativity, healing and problem solving.

And Relax...!

Dieter's Nature Notes - Fruitful Fungus

Autumn is the classic time for the emergence of the fruiting bodies of fungi and this year seems to be a particularly bumper year in our garden with a number of different varieties emerging.



The most striking, Verdigris Fungus (*Stropharia aeruginosa*), has a distinctive blue-green colour and glutinous cap. It is one of very few blue-green fungi. In most instances the caps are much nearer to green than to blue, but when young and fresh they are quite startling. Initially bell-shaped, the caps flatten and turn paler from the centre. White scales adorn young caps of this remarkable fungus, which is a native of woodland and gardens and has sprung up in our garden on the ground up stump remains of a long-dead cherry tree.

The next remarkable but more common example is the Shaggy Inkcap (*Coprinus comatus*). Commonly known as the Shaggy Mane or Lawyer's Wig fungus because of its similarity to long hair or the headpieces traditionally used by lawyers in court. This common fungus is often seen growing on lawns, along gravel roads and waste areas. The young fruit bodies first appear as white cylinders emerging from the ground, then the bell-shaped caps open out. It is reputed to be edible when young but whenever considering culinary use of any fungi, extreme caution should be used by the inexperienced. As one curator in Gdansk once told me: 'in Poland all mushrooms are edible – but some of them only once!'



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.

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.

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- **Timed Ticketing - Quick Guide**
[Download a PDF copy of the guide.](#)

Other Previous Articles:

- **AIM History Makers Scheme (EOIs by 14 Dec)**
www.aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/grants/aim-biffa-award-history-makers.
- **ACE National Lottery Project Grants**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants
- **ACE 'Developing Your Creative Practice' Fund**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/DYCP.
- **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.
- **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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