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As life becomes more uncertain, it is great to focus on some positive news. This edition includes details about [national recognition for one of our museums](#) and an [extension for funding](#)! Do send us your good news stories or details about opportunities – the museum community needs them now more than ever. We realise that everyone is stretched at the moment, and are increasingly discerning about choices for online participation. One way though, to keep your finger on the pulse, is to join us at one of the [weekly Elevenses](#) or at a [regional forum](#) – we'd love to see you, whether you're a new face or one of our regulars! Finally, we all need some downtime and everyone seems to be baking at the moment – whether that be on TV or in reality....make sure you check out '[And Relax](#)' to see Alan's creation!

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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.

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News and Notices

Museums + Heritage Awards 2020

Worsbrough Mill Volunteers Win Prestigious Award

In addition to the three M+H Award winning museums that we congratulated last week, we are delighted to announce that Barnsley Museums' Worsborough Mill Youth Action Volunteers won in the 'Volunteer Team of the Year' category!

The Judges said: 'This wonderful group of young volunteers make an enormous impact showing just how valuable accessible volunteering can be to the local community.'

The team is made up of young people from across Barnsley with special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) who are giving up their time at Worsbrough Mill Country Park to improve the outside spaces.

Huge congratulations to everyone involved!

www.barnsley.gov.uk/news/worsbrough-mill-volunteers-win-prestigious-award.

National Lottery Project Grants: Now open to NPOs

From Arts Council England:

From 5 October until March 2021, NPOs will be eligible to apply to National Lottery Project Grants for activities over £15,000.

We've added an additional £18 million to the budget for this and will be particularly keen to support projects that maximise employment opportunities for artists, creatives and other freelancers as well as projects that focus on the creation and distribution of arts and cultural content (on and offline) taking place in the short to medium term.

We've updated our guidance for '[Funded organisations and Project Grants](#)' to reflect these changes, so you can take a look and make sure your activity is eligible.

You will also need to read the '[How to apply' guidance](#) in full before starting your application.

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

Welcome to our new MDY Intern

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living in lovely Leeds for the last two years – I did briefly leave Yorkshire to go and study History in London, but I couldn't stay away for long so now I'm back in my hometown. I'm working from home at the moment but I can't wait to (hopefully) get to the office in York and start visiting other museums when the madness is over.

I also have another job, as a Visitor Assistant at Leeds City Museum. After several months of closure, the museum is now open again so I am working part time both there and with MDY.

Again, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My email address is alice.macpherson@ymt.org.uk.



ICOM Follow-Up Survey: the impact of Covid-19 on the museum sector

ICOM's first report, published back in May, presented a dire situation for museums and museums professionals around the World, with 95% of cultural institutions forced to close in order to safeguard the wellbeing of staff and visitors, and serious economic, social and psychological repercussions.

To gather further information and additional data on how the ongoing Covid-19 outbreak is affecting and will affect the cultural sector in the short and long term, ICOM has launched a second global survey.

Find out more and complete the survey at:

uk.icom.museum/icom-follow-up-survey-the-impact-of-covid-19-on-the-museum-sector.

A Meeting Place: Online Global Discussions for Museum and Gallery Professionals

New ICOM UK membership benefit

British Council in partnership with ICOM UK and Museums Association are pleased to announce a new series of live online conversations for leading museum and gallery professionals in the UK and around the world to connect and share experiences.

Find out more at:

uk.icom.museum/new-icom-uk-membership-benefit-a-meeting-place-online-global-discussions-for-museum-and-gallery-professionals.

Eleveneses With MDY

Insightful, interactive and informal, Eleveneses 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 Eleveneses! See you there...

Thursday 8 October - Learning Lessons

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

Join us using the link to MS Teams at:

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

October Schedule:

- **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.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-12th-october.

- **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.

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



North Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum

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

- A bitesize introduction to planning a collections digitisation project from Collections Trust
- Insight into how to develop your online retail offer from The Quilters' Guild

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

Emerging Futures 2020: The Workshops

6 - 9 October

This series of satellite workshops, accompanying the Clore Leadership 'Emerging Futures' conference, are a chance to hear from leaders, trailblazers and activists, make connections with others and exchange ideas on what leadership is and will be for the Creative sector.

The 2-hour workshops are for early-career change-makers who have been working in the sector for 2-5 years. Topics range from Working Well With Others, to Fundraising, Self Care and Resilience and Storytelling. The workshops will operate on a Pay-What-You-Decide basis, with a suggested fee of £12 per workshop.

www.cloreleadership.org/news-events/events/emerging-futures-2020-workshops.

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8-23 October

The Rural Museums Network (RMN) is delivering an online Conference for people who work with rural life collections and looks for practical solutions and support.

Topics covered will include how rural collections and rural sites can respond to global environmental issues, Covid-19 and Black Lives Matter, as well as how the RMN supports people to get the best out of their collections.

These sessions will be run on the Zoom platform and are free to members and non-members.

For more information and to book, visit: www.ruralmuseums.org.uk.

Dates for Your Diary

MDY Regional Museum Forum Meetings Autumn 2020

There's still chance to join one of our autumn forum meetings - with guest speakers on our chosen theme, updates from MDY, and questions, discussion and catch-ups with colleagues.

Our autumn forum meetings are online via Microsoft Teams, 3.00pm - 5.00pm on the scheduled dates. You are welcome to attend any meetings which are relevant to you.

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

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

FED Workshops and Webinars

- **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.

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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.

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

Sporting Heritage Digital Conference

22 and 23 October 2020

Join us as we bring together key members from the heritage and sport sectors, along with sharing best practice case studies. 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

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



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 for MA members only and features a range of fantastic speakers, engaging sessions and lots of practical advice and support.

Plastics in Peril: Focus on Conservation of Polymeric Materials in Cultural Heritage

Virtual Conference, 16-19 November

This conference will discuss real-life approaches to caring for the plastics in our museums, including identification of materials, collection management and storage, conservation treatments, and packaging. Focusing on practical solutions, speakers from leading international institutions will share their experiences of analysing, conserving and caring for plastic heritage. Individual papers and keynotes will be complemented by a panel discussion and virtual coffee breaks to help us connect to one another in digital space.

For details of the programme visit:

www.museumfuernaturkunde.berlin/de/museum/veranstaltungen/virtual-conference-plastics-peril.

Funding Opportunities

Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund

Round 5 now open for applications

The Weston Loan Programme provides funding for museums and galleries across the UK to secure important strategic loans from major UK collections. Grants of £5K - £25K are available to cover up to 100% of the costs associated with securing and displaying a loan. They also support activity related to maximising the impact of the loan, such as production of marketing materials, on-site interpretation and/or audience engagement activity.

Applications are open to UK public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives which are regional and/or run by local authorities or universities, or have independent trust status.

For further details visit:

www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/weston-loan-programme.

Deadline for applications: midnight on 6 November.

Your Development

Why History? Hidden History of Black Victorians

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The British Academy are hosting an online conversation with Dr Caroline Bressey, of University College London, about the history of ordinary black men and women in Victorian Britain.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/why-history-the-hidden-histories-of-black-victorians-tickets-121516355691.



Collections Care: Documentation Procedural Manuals

Wed 25 November, 2.00 - 3.30pm

Join Sarah Brown from Collections Trust to find out how to review and update your Documentation Procedural Manual. This online session will explore what makes a good procedural manual – what it should contain, different formats, and how to create a user-friendly document.

Aimed at museum staff and volunteers in Yorkshire and the Humber, the session will support you with Accreditation 5.2 - following the primary Spectrum 5.0 documentation procedures.

If you are new to online meetings, and would like to gain confidence before this session, please contact us as soon as possible, to arrange a short and friendly introductory session at: mdyoffice@ymt.org.uk.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/collections-care-documentation-procedural-manuals-tickets-123180344727.

Please book early – bookings close 2 November 2020.

Job Opportunities

The Turnpike (Independent Arts Organisation) Freelance Evaluator - part-time (20 days)

**Fee: £6K inc. VAT and expenses
November 2020 to March 2022**

The Turnpike is looking for a freelance evaluator to work closely with its project team to conduct evaluation of 'Making of Us.' Between October 2020 and March 2022,

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with partners across Wigan, Stockport and Salford.

Find out more at: www.theturnpike.org.uk/makingofus.

Closing date: 5.00pm on 9 October.

Yorkshire Air Museum Collections and Archive Consultant

Start date: asap

Completion of project: by 21 January 2021

The selected consultant will conduct a short audit of the museum's registered collection, work with the organisation to identify themes of interest and relevant audiences and put together a digitisation strategy with a view to improving public accessibility and creating new digital content.

The funding (provided by the National Heritage Lottery Emergency Grant) covers between 10 to 15 days of work. The candidate should show experience in conducting previous similar projects.

For information on this project or to send an expression of interest, please contact Barbara George, Museum Director on 01904 608 595 or by email at director@yorkshireairmuseum.org.

Deadline: 13 October.

Hull Maritime Museum

Contract Opportunity: Removal, Transport, Conservation, & Return of Paintings

The Hull Maritime Programme of work is a £30m development of four sites and two historic ships, which will celebrate Hull's maritime heritage. A major element of the project is the refurbishment and redisplay of the Hull Maritime Museum. One of the first elements of this work to be undertaken will be to remove two large paintings from the museum's main staircase area. These two paintings along with 10 others from the museum's collection will require packing and transportation to a conservation studio for essential conservation treatment including repairs of their frames and re-glazing.

Find out more at: tinyurl.com/y4dgo23w.

Deadline for expressions of interest: 12.00pm on 20 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.

Actively Happier - with Darryl Edwards

Tues 6 Oct, 7.00pm
Open to all with optional donation

Although movement makes us healthier and happier, it can be really hard to build habits which keep us active on a daily basis. The most popular day to exercise tends to be 'tomorrow'!? At this special event Darryl will suggest ways to make activity fun while helping you get healthier, fitter and stronger too.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/actively-happier-with-darryl-edwards-tickets-119281346719.

Dreading a dark winter lockdown? Think like a Norwegian!

Here's an interesting article on how the way that we think about an event changes our perception and experience of it. Below are some key points - but if you habitually dislike winter, the article is worth a read.

- Try to view a daunting challenge as an opportunity to learn and adapt
- Don't deny the difficulties, but recognise your ability to control your own response to the situation
- Use positive statements to re-frame a stressful event in a constructive way
- Recognise that your feelings are subjective, e.g. you can actively find things to love about wintertime
- Focus on the little things that comfort you most, e.g. reading a book under a snuggly blanket
- Adopt active coping strategies, e.g. managing a good eating and sleeping routine.

www.theguardian.com/science/2020/sep/26/dreading-a-dark-winter-lockdown-think-like-a-norwegian.

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: alice.macpherson@ymt.org.uk.

Alice Recommends...

- Beavers are amazing creatures – they can build dams several meters in length and up to two meters high. But did you know they also love lettuce? If only we could all be so healthy!
imgur.com/xHsPLC5.
- Do you like getting lost down a Wikipedia rabbit hole? This article has done all the hard work for you and summarised ten of the most interesting and unusual Wikipedia articles, all in one place.
listverse.com/2011/03/21/10-interesting-and-unusual-wikipedia-articles.

Alan's Sourdough Experiment - the Results!

Last week Alan Bentley reported he was venturing into breadmaking at home, using apples harvested from his garden and a magical souldough 'gloop'. We are happy to announce that the results were so delicious Alan is already busy on the next batch!



Previously...

In case you missed it...

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.

Museum Reopening Guidance:

- **Test and Trace Requirements in Cafes and Restaurants**
[Download Q&A Advice Sheet](#)
- **New Table Service Regulations**
www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1029/pdfs/uksi_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

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