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**Latest news for week ending
Friday 13 November 2020**

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Whilst we readjust to being back in Lockdown there is still lots to keep us busy! In this edition we've got advance news of the return of [MDY funding](#) and we encourage you to start thinking about how your museum could benefit! Don't forget that [your MDO](#) is on hand for advice and support.

We've got a [focus on the future](#) and the MA's new manifesto provides food for thought. Collections also feature highly this week with sessions from the [Collections Trust](#), an exciting event from Understanding British Portraits and a great range of [Elevenses](#) – if you haven't joined us before make it a date for the diary.

Do make sure you check out the '[And Relax](#)' section as Alice has found some friendly visitors who look like they're en route to Yorkshire...and don't forget the '[Previously](#)' section is a great resource, packed with links to information relevant to Lockdown and (hopefully) beyond...

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News and Notices

MDY Grants Scheme Returning Soon!

As one of our loyal ebuletin followers we're giving you advance notice that our grants schemes will be reopening this month! Look out for further details next week about our new Covid Essentials scheme which will offer grants of up to £500 to support museums during the pandemic. Our Small Grants programme will also be returning for more long-term, strategic projects.

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****Last chance - only 2 places left for Non-NPOs****

This audience development programme will be delivered free of charge to your museum by The Audience Agency. Training will be through a series of short online sessions over twelve months, starting in December.

Participants will:

- Understand the benefits of visitor surveying using Audience Finder
- Learn how to implement visitor surveying using Covid-safe practices
- Learn how to produce an Audience Development Plan
- Understand how to use visitor data and wider population data to target and develop audiences

For more information or to express an interest in joining, please email by Friday 20 November to: joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk.

Call-Out to Hosts for MA Student Placements

The Institute for Cultural Practices at the University of Manchester are looking for cultural organisations interested in hosting an MA student placement beginning in February 2021. These placements are for postgraduate students on our MAs in: Arts Management, Policy and Practice; Art Gallery and Museum Studies; Heritage Studies and Film Studies.

Our students have a wide variety of skills, knowledge and interests - [find out more about the project and complete the placement form online](#).

Deadline for placement offers: 14 December.

MA Manifesto for Museum Learning and Engagement

Our new manifesto for learning and engagement is a call for museums to play a central role in civil renewal and social change to address the challenges of our time. It has been produced after extensive consultation and in partnership with the Group for Education in Museums, Engage, and the Art Fund. We are working with our members to implement the manifesto.

www.museumsassociation.org/campaigns/learning-and-engagement.

Marsh Awards for Excellence in Gallery Education 2020

Applications are open for the 10th anniversary Marsh Awards for Excellence in Gallery Education. Do you know someone doing excellent and inspirational work in gallery or visual art education and learning?

Engage
Bringing people
and art together

[2020.](#)**Closing date for nominations: 1 December.**

Your Week Ahead

Eleveneses With MDY

Don't miss your Eleveneses! We're welcoming guests for our weekly coffee time conversation. Insightful, interactive and informal, join us to gain new insights from guests, meet colleagues from the region, and connect with the MDY team. Everyone who works and volunteers in museums in our region is most welcome, including museum freelancers who want to stay connected and in the conversation during this time.

Our days vary so please [check the schedule](#), save the date, and join us using the link to MS Teams. **Make time for Eleveneses! See you there...**

If you'd like to speak about your current or emerging work at Eleveneses, please contact Jo Bartholomew at: joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk.

Thursday 19 November Diversifying Volunteering

Ben Marsh, from Barnsley Museums and Gin Jacobucci from the Science & Media Museum, join us to talk about how they have diversified their range of volunteering activities. Come along for inspiration, ideas and answers on how you might engage with different volunteers and how it might move your museum forwards.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-19th-november.



Dates for Your Diary

Eleveneses with MDY:

Monday 23 November Museums Go Outdoors!

Sarah Thomas, from Ilkley Manor House Museum, Philippa Wood from Burton Constable Hall and Health & Wellbeing expert Jo Ward, join us to talk about how Covid risks have prompted them to re-think use of their outdoor spaces. Join us to hear how some museums are taking their offer outside and think about your own opportunities. www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-23rd-november.

Wednesday 2 December Diversity and Inclusion: Diverse histories in natural history collections

Miranda Lowe, trustee of York Museums Trust, and a Principal Curator & Museum Scientist at The Natural History Museum, joins us to talk about her work on identifying and sharing diverse stories in natural history collections. A chance to ask questions and discuss how you could move diversity and inclusion forwards at your museum. www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-wednesday-2nd-december.

Thursday 10 December Learning Lessons: Bridging the Digital Divide

Laura Travis, from Museums Sheffield and Sarah Hammond from East Riding Museums join us to talk about their non-digital learning offer while the world was shifting online, and on-going alternatives to digital delivery. How can we bridge the digital divide, for people in need of support. www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-10th-december.

Immerse UK and Musemio: Culture Reimagined Virtual Summit

24 November, 1.00pm – 5.30pm

Join the UK's newest summit, Culture Reimagined, for forward-thinking museums and cultural institutions.

This event celebrates innovation in the cultural sector with interactive panels, fireside chats, and technology demonstrations from cultural leaders and innovation professionals.

www.immerseuk.org/resources/immerse-uk-and-musemio-present-culture-reimagined-virtual-summit.



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From De-colonial to Anti-colonial: What's Next for Museum Interpretation?

26 November, 11.00am – 2.00pm

This free online event from Understanding British Portraits explores the possibilities of decolonial action in the interpretation of museum objects, in particular the challenges of portraiture as a genre. By sharing ideas, strategies and activism, delegates are invited to take part in a day of conversation aimed at inspiring and empowering them to action within their institutions.

www.eventbrite.com/e/from-de-colonial-to-anti-colonial-whats-next-for-museum-interpretation-registration-126987307455.



Job Opportunities and Tenders

Thackray Museum of Medicine Volunteer Coordinator

Salary: £22K, Fixed term (12 months)

This role will be instrumental in helping us realise our ambition, by setting up our volunteering programme; recruiting and developing volunteers, and managing ongoing relationships. This role is funded through the Arts Council England NPO and CRF schemes and is initially for a period of 12 months although we will be aiming to extend that.

thackraymuseum.co.uk/about-us/work-for-us.

Closing date: 5.00pm on Friday 13 November.

North Craven Building Preservation Trust Freelance Museum Volunteer Co-ordinator

Fixed fee: £10K

Like many heritage organisations, our volunteers are our lifeblood, without whom we could not exist. We have been awarded a Cultural Recovery Fund Grant, which includes £10,000 to appoint a freelance volunteer co-ordinator. They will recruit new volunteers, while finding ways to retain and re-engage current volunteers; review our volunteering policies; and improve communication within the volunteer team and between volunteers and trustees of the museum.

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Wakefield Council Freelance Curator

Fee: up to £3,750

You will support the development of a landmark exhibition, showcasing creative works that respond to and document life in the Wakefield district during the Covid-19 pandemic. The exhibition will be held at Wakefield's iconic former Market Hall space in spring 2021.

[Download further details](#) or contact: creativewakefield@wakefield.gov.uk.

Deadline: Friday 20 November.

Wilderspin National School Museum, Barton upon Humber Business & Site Manager

Salary: £24K pa pro rata (£9,600, 0.4fte, 2 days pw)

The Queen Street School Preservation Trust requires a part-time manager to support its volunteers run the Wilderspin National School Museum. This is a leading management role requiring someone with experience of looking after a site, venue or building and preparing it for visitors.

We have three buildings in our care and a group of volunteers who look after them, but the role also includes making sure front of house services run smoothly – which include the Museum and events which mostly happen in the Joseph Wright Hall.

Experience of working with volunteers would be a huge advantage, and some knowledge or experience of business operation too as the post holder will assist with behind the scenes work, managing the Caretaker and Administration Assistant and liaising with our volunteer management team.

Telephone 01652 635172 for an informal chat about the post – but expect a call back during this lockdown period, or email wilderspainschoolmuseum@gmail.com. Job description at: www.wilderspainschool.org.uk/news, application by letter with short CV or resume.

Closing date 23 November. Start date: January or as soon after as possible.

Funding Opportunities

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The Fund is delivered in partnership with the new National Academy for Social Prescribing, with funding being used for projects which 'increase social connectedness, and help communities cope with the impact of COVID-19'.

The grant range is between £25,000 – £50,000 and applications close on midday 8 January 2021.

For more information regarding eligibility and how to apply, visit:

www.artscouncil.org.uk/thriving-communities-fund#section-1.

Support for Carers

We know there are loads of exciting CPD (Continuing Professional Development) opportunities out there now. We also know that there are barriers, attitudes and issues that can make it difficult for you to take part.

If your museum wants to support you to attend an online workshop or conference but there is an obstacle, we can support your organisation with a small grant. This could pay for a support worker to take over your carer duties for an afternoon or the cost of an alternative technology that makes attending easier.

Before Covid-19 hit, we planned to offer bursaries to support adaptations or costs associated with dependent care provision for people to attend conferences. There are similar challenges now conferences are online. We don't have an answer but we want to help, please [contact your MDO](#).

Your Wellbeing

Creative Workshop for Wellbeing

17 November

Do you live in East Riding? If yes, please read on! If no, not to worry - you can join in by requesting our recorded workshop (see below).

Fall into Place Theatre are offering free workshops that promise the chance to switch off and take care of your mental and physical wellbeing. The workshops are a chance for you to be creative, learn new things and have some fun.

Book at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creative-workshop-for-wellbeing-tickets-124521054827.

If you'd like to receive the recorded workshop please email us at:

creativewellbeingworkshops@gmail.com.

****Only 5 places left****

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.

Bookings close 16 November 2020 at noon.

TEG 'Power Hour' Mentoring Sessions Available from 25 November

Thanks to support from Art Fund, Touring Exhibitions Group (TEG) is offering Power Hour Mentoring Sessions for sector colleagues working on temporary and touring exhibitions and partnerships. Available on a first-come-first-served basis, these 1:2:1 will give you the opportunity to focus on a challenge you are experiencing in relation to an area of your exhibitions, touring or partnership work.

Sessions are free of charge to colleagues working in museums, galleries and charitable organisations, and available to commercial suppliers and touring companies for a small fee.

For more information and to request a session visit:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/TEGpowerhour.

Storage and Display of Numismatics

Friday 27 November, 10.00am - 1.00pm

This online training event offered by the Money and Medals Network focuses on the best practice methods for storage and display. This session is FREE to attend and open to anyone working or volunteering with numismatic collections in UK museums and

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To book a place please email mmn@britishmuseum.org stating your name and the institution you will be representing, and the Zoom details will be sent to you closer to the time

Last AIM Hallmarks at Home Webinars of 2020 with Support from Art Fund

- 10am Tuesday 1 December – Practical governance for museum trustees
- 11am Wednesday 9 December – Marketing planning in times of change
- 11am Tuesday 15 December – Tackling inequalities
- 11am Wednesday 16 December – Applying to Trusts

Free to AIM members - find out more and book a place at:
www.aim-museums.co.uk/dates-for-your-diary.

And Relax...!

Alice Recommends...

It's been a foggy few days for much of Yorkshire this week, with the weather reminding us that winter is creeping closer. To lighten the atmosphere, I enjoyed watching this herd of alpacas in Northumberland frolicking in the mist.
twitter.com/BarnacreAlpacas/status/1324994350661701633.



Previously...

In case you missed it...

Just in case you missed them first time round, we're listing below snippets of some of

National Restrictions from 5 November - Resources for Your Museum (listed on MDY Website):

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/11/04/national-restrictions-from-5th-november-resources-for-your-museum.

Reopening Resources and Guidance:

- **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.
- **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.
- **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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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACE Brexit Transition Guide www.artscouncil.org.uk/guidance-and-resources/brexit-information. • 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 and Heritage Access Survey 2020 Report vocaley.co.uk/museum-and-heritage-access-survey-2020. • Museum Freelance Survey Findings View the full survey report. • Museum Wellness Network: supporting staff wellbeing post-lockdown: www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020-supporting-museum-workforce-wellbeing-post-lockdown. • National Archives New Covid-19 Impact Survey (closes 4 Dec) www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7TUY06. • Weston Jerwood Creative Bursaries 2020-22 jerwoodarts.org/projects/weston-jerwood-creative-bursaries-2020-22. | |
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