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York Museums Trust Museum Development Yorkshire

Latest news for week ending
Friday 20 November 2020

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Dear <<First Name>>

As the temperatures drop this weekend and lockdown continues, sit back and enjoy MDY's latest dose of comfort food for your museum.

Time to savour our new Covid Essentials Support Grants and our reopened regular Small Grants (see below). There are [funding opportunities, awards](#), and a plea for [your opinion on toolkits](#). The usual eclectic mix of development opportunities (including a [Collections Care event](#) focusing on Acquisition and Accessioning procedure on 9 December) and what seems like an unusual number of freelance job contracts.

All rounded off with a [singalong](#), a wombat and a [90 year old Japanese Santa](#)...enjoy!

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News and Notices

New Covid Essentials Support!

In response to the ongoing crisis and demand from museums, we are launching Covid Essentials to help you better survive now and prepare to reopen and relaunch your site. We are encouraging projects of up to £500 with NO match funding. There is a total fund of £3,000 and we anticipate supporting around six projects.

We do require a clear project plan that addresses at least one of these areas:

- A key immediate issue that has resulted from the current lockdown - for example, collections care, training, security, specialist financial or legal advice
- Helps you connect with audiences while you are closed – whether this be digitally or via traditional methods

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your visitors and your staff and volunteers feel safer on a Covid- secure site

We require a clear action plan that relates to your museum's key purpose and, if possible, a timetable. We recognise that we are still in uncertain times so if the plan or timetable needs to change, we are prepared to be flexible as the situation develops.

The fund is now live and available on an open application basis, with assessments carried out weekly. All monies must be spent and claimed by the end of the financial year (March 2021). We strongly advise you to speak to your Museum Development Officer before submitting your application.

For speed and simplicity, we are using the existing small grant system. For the guidance notes and links to the online application form, visit:

bit.ly/MDY18SGApp.

Reopening the Small Grants Programme

We are reopening our scheme for strategic longer-term projects, offering grants of up to £3,000 (with two tiers of up to £1,000 and up to £3,000).

For full details read the guidance notes

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/MDY_Grant-GuidanceDocument-2018-Issue.pdf

We have a limited amount of money and encourage all interested museums to talk to their Museum Development Officer. They will be pleased to comment on potential projects for funding and assist with any queries on the paperwork.

Crowdfunding for MA Institutional Members

The MA have teamed up with Crowdfunder to launch **#SupportOurMuseums**, a new UK-wide campaign to support our fantastic museums as they face the huge challenges of the coronavirus pandemic.

Institutional Members can take part by launching a free crowdfunding campaign. Crowdfunder has waived all their fees, so there'll be no cost to you and every penny donated will go straight to your museum. Whatever the size or location of your museum, this is an opportunity to gain some much-needed support and to amplify your fundraising efforts as part of a UK-wide campaign.

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/support-our-museums.

Museum Sector Toolkits Survey

Newcastle University hopes to develop a toolkit to support museums in exploring belonging and the relationship with public space. To help them in this they are researching how museums use toolkits. Completion should take no more than 15 minutes and will help develop understanding of the learning needs of the sector.

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The survey is at newcastle.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/museum-sector-toolkits-ii.

Nominate a Heritage Charity to Receive a Festive Financial Boost

Ecclesiastical Insurance has launched its annual 12 Days of Giving campaign, where it gives a share of £120,000 to 120 charities over the festive season. Ecclesiastical is inviting individuals to nominate a charity to receive a £1000 donation as part of the campaign. Ten winners will be announced each weekday from 7 to 22 December.

Nominations close on 21 December.

www.movementforgood.com/12days.

Your Week Ahead

Elevenes With MDY

This week's Elevenes is on the hot topic of how museums are making the most of their outdoor spaces and how this can link to wellbeing initiatives. Join Liz Denton and guests for our insightful, interactive and informal coffee time conversation, 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 Elevenes! See you there...**

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

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.

Coming soon!

We're also excited to announce that we'll be hosting a special **Christmas Elevenes with MDY on Thursday 17 December**. We've loved connecting with so many of you

To kick us off, **Dieter's Christmas Challenge** is for you to 'd'elve' into your stores and catalogues, dust off that accession register, and locate your favourite museum Christmas object. We'd love you to share your Christmas-linked object virtually during Christmas Elevenses! Maybe you can share it in your social media or museum communications too? To be in with a chance of winning a prize, please drop Dieter a line at: dieter.hopkin@ymt.org.uk. In preparation, Dieter has been doing some digging of his own – [check out 'And Relax'](#) to see what he's found...

Next week, find out more about our taste of museum Christmas Bake-Off...



Dates for Your Diary

Elevenses with MDY:

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**

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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.

Thursday 17 December Christmas Elevenses with MDY 11.00am - 12.30pm (*extended time!)

Wow, we made it through 2020 (online!)... So let's be together apart once again, and celebrate with some Christmas museum fun and games. Join us with a Christmas coffee and mince pie. Lovely prizes to be won* for best museum Christmas object, a taste of museum Christmas Bake-Off, best virtual Christmas background, and the MDY mini Christmas quiz!

**Did someone mention Betty's online?*

LGBTQ+ Conference: UNORTHODOX

**Saturday 5 December, 10.00am - 5.00pm
London Metropolitan Archives**

Celebrating its 18th birthday, the LGBTQ+ History Conference is 'coming of age', yet it is still grappling with important themes in history and heritage. This year explores a variety of topics and themes, including:

- How to Search LGBTQI+ Historical Records
- What are the Missing Voices in LGBTQI+ History?

Find out more and book a place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/18th-annual-lgbtq-conference-unorthodox-tickets-121540594189

Collections Care: Spotlight on Acquisition and Accessioning Procedure

Wednesday 9 December, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Join Sarah Brown from Collections Trust for a 1-hour, online, spotlight session (via MS Teams) to help you review and update your Acquisition and Accessioning Procedure. The session includes a brief introduction to the procedure, case studies from Bradford Museums & Galleries and Thackray Museum of Medicine, followed by questions and discussion.

This session is free of charge to your museum. There are only 10 places available, so please book quickly: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/collections-care-spotlight-on-acquisition-accessioning-procedure-tickets-128743371891.

Decolonisation + Democratisation Seminar Series

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part of their Decolonisation and Democratisation conference:

Beyond the Museum's Walls

Wednesday 25 November, 1.30 – 2.30pm

Through loans and international partnerships, the Courtauld Institute and Brighton and Hove Museums take us further afield.

Sharing Power

Wednesday 2 December, 6 – 7.15pm

Ipswich Museums, the South London Gallery and York Museums Trust reveal some of the hidden and, often hard histories being brought to the fore.

All together now

Wednesday 9 December, 1.30 – 2.30pm

We welcome back all our speakers, as Subhadra Das chairs a wrap-up roundtable.

All seminars are also available to view after the event at:

cimuseums.org.uk/dandd.

Job Opportunities and Tenders

Museum Development Yorkshire Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Consultancy

Request to Quote

Museum Development Yorkshire are inviting proposals for a consultancy contract to support us in enabling museums in Yorkshire and The Humber to better understand, embed and champion equality, diversity and inclusion as core to all areas of our work.

To find out more [download the tender document](#).

Submission deadline: Monday 4 January 2021.

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,

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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.

Bradford Museums and Galleries

Several Opportunities

Bradford Museums and Galleries have a number of consultancy, freelance and casual post vacancies, including:

- Marketing Consultant
- Digital Consultant
- Community Consultant
- Evaluation Consultant
- Events Business Consultant
- Learning Business Consultant
- Casual Digital Assistant
- Casual Collections Assistant
- Freelance Website Project Officer

This is all part of the Covid Recovery Funding, with the aim that work will be completed by 21 March. Interviews will be held in early December.

www.bradfordmuseums.org/get-involved.

Deadline: 5.00pm on Sunday 29 November.

Royal Armouries, Leeds Head of Interpretation & Digital Engagement

Salary: £45K - £50K dependent upon experience

As the Head of Interpretation & Digital Engagement you will lead the creative development and delivery of our exhibition, interpretation and gallery improvement programme across our three sites and the delivery of a major digital infrastructure and content change programme.

To apply online please visit:

www.cloudonlinerecruitment.co.uk/royalarmouries.

Ripon Museum Trust: 2 Consultancy Briefs

Digital Content Development Strategy

Budget: £12K

Business Resilience

Budget: £8K

Download the full brief documents for further information:

- [Consultancy Brief for Digital Content Development Strategy](#)
- [Consultancy Brief for Business Resilience](#)

Any queries please email Helen Thornton, Director, Ripon Museum Trust on helen.thornton@riponmuseums.co.uk or telephone 07913 722205.

Closing date: 5.00pm on 6 December.

Funding Opportunities

The Award for Civic Arts Organisations

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, in partnership with King's College London, have opened submissions for a new award that celebrates the civic role of arts organisations in society. Offering one award of £100,000 and two of £25,000, the Award for Civic Arts Organisations aims to shine a spotlight on the vital role that arts organisations play in society.

gulbenkian.pt/uk-branch/our-work/the-civic-role-of-arts-organisations/the-award-for-civic-arts-organisations.

Applications close at 1.00pm on 30 November.

Heritage Funding Directory

The Heritage Funding Directory is a free guide to financial support for anyone undertaking UK related heritage projects, and a useful starting point for navigating funding sources in the sector.

Using support from the Historic Houses Foundation, The Heritage Alliance and The Architectural Heritage Fund combined their funding directories to provide around 400 updated listings detailing sources of grants from trusts and foundations, as well as organisations offering loan finance, awards, scholarships and other 'in kind' resources.

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

Makes Some Noise! Singing for the Sake of It

**Wednesday 16 December, 1.00pm
FREE**

Join Musical Director and actor Tom Self for an uplifting hour online to connect and make some noise! Singing can strengthen your immune system, lower stress levels and act as a natural antidepressant, so there has never been a better time to give it a go. If you usually reserve your singing for the shower, this is a great time to do it in a virtual group. These no pressure sessions are suitable for all ages.

www.watermill.org.uk/make_some_noise_singing_for_the_sake_of_it.

Your Development

Extend Leadership Programme Spring 2021

Application deadline: 23 November

Now in its tenth year, Extend is informed by a commitment to empowering education and learning professionals so that they are able to influence the sector's development and help to ensure that learning is embedded in arts and cultural organisations. Extend is cross art form and welcomes applicants who work in the arts, museums, libraries, archives and heritage settings.

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reduced fee of £200 to reflect the changes necessitated by Covid-19.

engage.org/happenings/apply-for-extend-2020-21.

And Relax...!

Dieter's Christmas Challenge

Preparing for Christmas has led me to fish out a couple of decorations from the 1920s and 1930s.

This Celluloid (Early Plastic) figure was made in Japan in the 1920s. He is 4¼ inches high and has remarkable blue eyes with detailed pupils, and a flesh coloured face, with hair and beard as well as hands. This is the true European faced Santa Claus, which was unusual as a Japanese product of this period. His costume is also detailed with red fur trimmed coat and hat and gold and black belt.

He is holding a candle lantern in one hand to light his way and waving with his other hand. Embossed 'MADE IN JAPAN' on the back. Made of, now quite brittle, cellulose nitrate, an early synthetic plastic. This is believed to be a really early example of mouldable plastic used for Christmas decorations.



What's your favourite museum Christmas object? We'd love you to share your Christmas-linked object virtually during our Christmas Elevenses on 17 December! To be in with a chance of winning a prize, please drop me a line at: dieter.hopkin@ymt.org.uk.

Alice Recommends...

I can't imagine a creature more chilled out than this adorable wombat eating grass on the mountainside. I'm starting to feel relaxed just watching him.

imgur.com/ldWd1bG.



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:

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/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.

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- **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](#).

Other Previous Articles:

- **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.

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- **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.](http://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.](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/7TUY06)
- **Weston Jerwood Creative Bursaries 2020-22**
[jerwoodarts.org/projects/weston-jerwood-creative-bursaries-2020-22.](http://jerwoodarts.org/projects/weston-jerwood-creative-bursaries-2020-22)

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