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**Latest news for week ending
Friday 18 December 2020**

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Dear <<First Name>>

What a year! This is our final ebulletin of 2020 and [everyone at MDY](#) wants to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy and Safe Christmas. Here's to a New Year that brings health, happiness and a really positive 2021! During difficult times it has been wonderful to see so many of you at our training and networking opportunities and it was a delight that over 25 people joined us at [Christmas Elevenses](#). We'll be back in January with a full programme and details about [how we can support your museum in 2021/22](#).

This time of a year can be a challenge at the best of times and perhaps even more so this year. Do make sure you focus on [your own wellbeing](#) and if everything else fails have a look at [Alice's pick of the week](#) – Snowdrop is on a mission to cheer us all up!

From everyone at MDY - keep safe and we look forward to working with you in 2021.

Michael, Alice, Dieter, Jo, Alan, Ali and Liz

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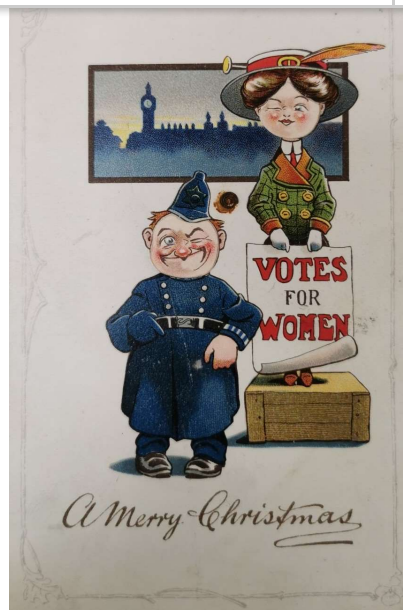
Christmas Elevenses - the winners!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Christmas Elevenses on Thursday! We were delighted to see so many of you from across the region. After the year that we have all experienced it was good to hear some laughter, enjoy ourselves and discover more about the amazing museums and collections that make up such a special part of the country.

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MDY Christmas Elevenes challenges, your tasty treats from Betty's of Harrogate are winging their way to you:

- **Louise Bowen from North East Lincolnshire Museums** was the winner of the Christmas object challenge, with this suffragette postcard.
- **Madeleine Gray from North Lincolnshire Museums** was the winner of the best virtual Christmas background, with her Simpsons nativity scene.
- **Helen Berry from Pannet Art Gallery** was the winner of the best real life Christmas background with a fabulous light up display.
- **Alexandra Haley from the Vintage Carriages Trust** was the winner of the MDY Christmas Quiz, scoring a very impressive 12 out of 14.



There were some fascinating historical Christmas recipes submitted - if you'd like to try your hand at Vinegar Cake or Chocolate Wine, we've collected all the recipes together on our website:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/12/17/christmas-elevenes-recipes.

Thank you to all who participated - hope to see you again next year!

Many of you will no doubt be relieved to hear that normal service will resume in 2021 with the return of Elevenes on Thursday 7 January.

Dates for Your Diary

Elevenes with MDY

Elevenes with MDY will be back in January with an all-new schedule. We'll have a mix of guest speakers and opportunities to find out more about development offers from MDY for 2021-22. We'll kick things off on 7 January.

Thursday 7 January Support for 2021 and beyond

Join us for a first look at support packages available from MDY, to be delivered from April 2021. We'll talk you through the options available and answer any questions you may have.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenes-7th-january-2021.

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Brew Up!

Wednesday 13 January 2021, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Researching diverse histories in industrial collections

The on-going curatorial process of developing collections knowledge and sharing this contextual information has been attracting attention in recent months. We'll explore a case study with John McGoldrick, Curator of Industrial History at Leeds Museums and Galleries, who'll be discussing 'Richer stories: hidden meanings of industrial collections'. There'll be opportunity to talk about your ideas and challenges in addressing this work, and we'll also have time for your updates and catch-ups.

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-industrial-collections-network-brew-up-tickets-131232013485.

Yorkshire Accessible Museums Network

Meet Up

Wednesday 20 January 2021, 9.30am - 11.00am (Zoom)

Yorkshire Accessible Museums Network (YAMN) is a group of museum professionals who want to make spaces, places and programmes more inclusive and accessible. We meet three times a year to explore good practice, and share ideas and news from within the museums sector and wider. Our first 2021 meeting has a dual focus of employability and career development, and Covid-secure inclusive reopening of places, spaces and programmes.

To book: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-accessible-museums-network-meeting-jan-2020-tickets-130387222693.

Centre of Ceramic Art (CoCA) Subject Specialist Network Events

Two new, FREE online events, organised in partnership with Newcastle University and the Shipley Art Gallery, supported by Arts Council England. All welcome to attend.

Tue 26 January, 4.00pm - 6.30pm

Curating Ceramics: Museums, Ceramics Collections and Community Agency

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/curating-ceramics-museums-ceramics-collections-and-community-agency-tickets-132707482653.

Tue 2 February, 5.00pm - 6.30pm

Curating Ceramics: Online Collections, Community Building and Activism

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/curating-ceramics-online-collections-community-building-and-activism-tickets-132709605001.

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East Riding & Northern Lincolnshire Regional Museums Forum

**Thursday 11 February 2021
3.00pm - 5.00pm**

Our theme is Volunteer Development during the pandemic, and we'll look at ways of staying in touch with volunteers, and maintaining volunteer involvement during Covid-19 restrictions.

How can we use this time to develop our relationship with volunteers and develop the range of volunteers we work with?

- Involving volunteers remotely – from staying in touch to remote volunteering
- Diversifying - bringing in new and different volunteers.

Our speaker is Rebecca Benson, Volunteer Manager, Birmingham Museums Trust talking about how they developed volunteering practices during 2020, with tips and techniques that you can try. We will also hear an update from Hull Museums Partnership on their experiences of re-opening plus opportunities for museums and visitors in 2021. And there will be time to hear updates from MDY on ways we can help you and opportunities for you to catch up with your colleagues in the region.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-east-riding-northern-lincolnshire-museums-forum-tickets-132247621195.

Your Development

Happy Museum Peer Learning Programme

Running from Feb - Jun 2020, 'No Going Back' will support museum teams to work with spaces, stories, colleagues and connections and rethink museums for thriving people, places and planet.

Full details are available on their website:

happymuseumproject.org/no-going-back-peer-learning-programme.

Closing date: midnight on Sunday 10 January.

Job Opportunities and Tenders

Castle Howard Volunteer Co-ordinator

**Salary: £22K pro rata (plus pension and benefits)
part-time (24 hrs pw)**

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can support the visitor operation, enhancing the visitor experience through their knowledge and engagement with visitors, as well as become involved in a range of other activities both in the house and grounds. We started a small volunteer programme in 2018 and have been developing this extensively since re-opening in July 2020. We currently have a pool of twenty-thirty volunteers and our goal is to create a pool of 100+ volunteers for Spring / early Summer 2021.

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

Closing date: 24 December.

First interviews: week commencing 4 January 2021.

AIU Race Relations Resource Centre (Manchester)

Freelance Opportunity: Educational Resource Development

Fee: £250 per day

Contract: 40 days between Jan and April 2021

The Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust are looking for someone to help create a set of lesson/activity plans and other resources using their collections and support teachers and educators to deliver strong anti-racist teaching.

See the full brief, with details of how to apply, at:

www.racearchive.org.uk/educational-resource-development-freelance-opportunity.

Closing date: 5.00pm on Wednesday 6 January 2021.

Science Museum Group (Yorkshire) Community Partnerships & Events Manager

Salary: £34K

As Community Partnerships & Events Manager, you will play a key part in delivering our new ten-year Learning Strategy with an approach that is equitable, evidence-based, collaborative, relevant, agile, efficient and sustainable. Being a passionate and knowledgeable advocate for community engagement, you will lead on writing our first Community Participation Action Plan, working with colleagues across the museum to embed community partnership approaches into our future plans and develop collaborative programmes

Find out more: gem.org.uk/jobs/community-partnerships-events-manager.

Closing date: 10 January 2021.

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Heritage Engagement Manager

Salary: £29,577 to £32,910

The restoration of the historic Rochdale Town Hall building is a significant project for the borough of Rochdale and has received significant investment from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. Through a programme of events, residents and visitors to Rochdale will be able to engage with the town hall in a variety of ways. Starting with its grand opening, people will be placed at the heart of how the building operates.

A new Activity Plan has been created to help draw visitors to the building from far and wide and engage the local community not only with the building and its history but also with each other. The Heritage Engagement Manager post is an essential role in helping to plan and deliver the project's Activity Plan.

Find out more at:

www.greater.jobs/search-and-apply/job-details/RO-42878.

Closing date: 10 January 2021.

Museums Sheffield Consultancy Briefs

Inclusivity and Representation in Schools Activities

Total budget: £5K

New Programme of Schools Activities

Total budget: £10K

From 1 April 2021 Museums Sheffield will join with Sheffield Industrial Museums Trust to form Sheffield Museums Trust and we plan to launch a re-energised schools offer in Summer 2021. Download the full briefs for further information:

[Inclusivity and Representation in Schools Activities](#)

[New Programme of Schools Activities](#)

Closing date: midday on Monday 11 January 2021 with virtual interviews taking place that week.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura at laura.travis@museums-sheffield.org.uk. Laura will be available to respond to questions on 22 December 2020 or 6 January 2021, please email her to arrange a time to talk.

Burton Constable Foundation Evaluation Consultant

In connection with Burton Constable Foundation Resilient Heritage Project – increase organisational resilience and financial sustainability

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project aims to secure the future of Burton Constable by reviewing the effectiveness of the organisation, building capacity through adopting new ways of working, testing out ideas, increasing the skills of staff, volunteers and trustees and becoming more financially sustainable.

The project is now drawing to a close and we are looking to appoint an experienced evaluation consultant to undertake an independent objective evaluation and to write the evaluation report in line with current NLHF guidance.

For a copy of the brief please contact Susan Hopkinson, Director, by email: susanhopkinson@burtonconstable.com.

Closing date: Monday 18 January 2021.

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.

Funding Opportunities

Museum Freelance Covid-19 Hardship Fund

Deadline: 4 January

The fund is for freelancers who are in urgent need of critical financial support due to the devastating impact of Covid-19 on their work and livelihood, and who have not been eligible for and received the government's Self-Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS), or furlough payments from the Job Retention Scheme.

There are 15 x £500 grants (which don't need to be paid back).

For the full details and to apply (by 4 January deadline) please visit: www.museumfreelance.org/news-and-views/mfhardshipfundroundtwo.

Cultural Recovery Fund

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To help organisations transition back to usual operating mode from April 2021, a further £300 million will be made available in grants alongside £100 million in repayable finance. Arts Council England will publish more information soon.

www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/culture-recovery-fund-more-support-arts-and-culture.

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Your Wellbeing

Mental Health at Christmas:

12 Tips for Wellbeing

Mental health doesn't take time off at Christmas, and with all the added stresses that can come with the festive season (especially this year!) it's very important to care for your wellbeing.

ben.org.uk/our-services/health-and-wellbeing/coronavirus-help/christmas-2020/mental-health-at-christmas-12-tips-for-wellbeing.

And Relax...!

Peeping in to a magical world...

Thanks to Sarah Thomas at Ilkley Manor House for sharing this short film created by film producer, Clare Dearnaley that shows the magical light installation at the Manor House that will run until 3 January 2021 from 4.00pm - 10.00pm every day. It has really got us all into a festive mood!

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

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Alice Recommends...

Sidmouth may be a long way from Bethlehem but these little donkeys are certainly getting in the festive spirit. Let your Christmas stresses float away as you watch them gallop around their enclosure at a donkey sanctuary in Devon.

twitter.com/DonkeySanctuary/status/1339495712397139968.



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:

Other Reopening Resources and 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
- **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
- **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
- **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-owfPGAfecJyW74dD_Agw
- **Financial Difficulties Toolkit**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit
- **Heritage Funding Directory - free guide to financial support**
www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org

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- **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**
vocaleyes.co.uk/museum-and-heritage-access-survey-2020.
- **Museum Wellness Network: supporting staff wellbeing post-lockdown:**
www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020-supporting-museum-workforce-wellbeing-post-lockdown.

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(on Friday 8 January) to: mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk

by 5.00pm on Wednesday 6 January.

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