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York Museums Trust Museum Development Yorkshire

Latest news for week ending Friday 4 December 2020

Dear <<First Name>>

As the end of this memorable year is nearly in sight, Christmas decorations are appearing earlier than ever and there is socially distanced excitement at MDY Towers. Only 12 more sleeps until <u>Christmas Elevenses</u>... we are practising your historic Christmas recipes, and invite you to share Christmas objects from your museum and take part in a Christmas quiz.

Away from Christmas we would like to congratulate Harewood House on their success in the White Rose Awards. If you'd like £1,000 for your museum, why not enter the Collections Trust Award? We have the results of the freelancers' survey and several freelance opportunities. I would also remind you that MDY small and micro grants have reopened.

Look out for the great footage of <u>pub carols from</u>

<u>South Yorkshire</u> (it goes some way to make up for not being able to get to the pub at the moment)

plus we round off this week with <u>advice on how not</u>

<u>to get too stressed</u> at this time of the year.

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News and Notices

Collections Trust Award 2020-21 Celebrating Collections Management

Collections Trust would like to celebrate recent collections-based work achieved in difficult circumstances and the winning museum will receive $\pounds 1,000$ to spend on an agreed collections management activity. Entry is open to all UK museums that are Accredited or working towards Accreditation. Trustees, members of staff or volunteers

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There will be an online event to showcase and celebrate the winning museum in March. Find out more at: collections-management.

Deadline: midnight on Friday 22 January 2021.

Impact of Covid-19 on Freelancers Poll Results Out Now

Museum Freelance ran a poll between 12-30 November to identify the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on freelancers working with museums, galleries, heritage sites, libraries and archives. Headline findings based on 305 responses include:

- 78% of respondents have seen drop in income March to October 2020 compared to the same period in 2019 as a result of Covid-19
- 52% have had one or more projects/contracts cancelled
- 63% have had one or more projects/contracts postponed
- 53% haven't been eligible for the government's SEISS (Self-Employment Income Support Scheme)
- 67% have had to find alternative sources of income (including using savings, borrowing, receiving a grant)
- 37% are going to look for or start freelance work outside the cultural/heritage sector in the next six months.

To read the full report and discover much more insight and quotes from respondents, bringing the numbers to life, visit: bit.ly/3luex4L.

Press release: <u>www.museumfreelance.org/news-and-views/2020/12/2/covid-poll-results-2020</u>.

Success for Harewood House at White Rose Awards 2020

Many congratulations to Harewood House for being recognised as the top Large Visitor Attraction in the annual White Rose Awards, the largest tourism awards ceremony in the UK.

This year, to make sure all guests and finalists could enjoy the event, regardless of the Covid-19 restrictions in place, Welcome to Yorkshire hosted the White Rose Awards online in a glittering cyber-ceremony!

For the full list of winners visit: wra.yorkshire.com/winners.

Better Watch Out - Christmas Elevenses is Coming Soon!

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with MDY on **Thursday 17 December**. We've loved connecting with so many of you online this year, and wanted to celebrate getting through 2020 with you.



In need of some socially-distanced fun to deck out your diary? This is your chance to get involved ...

Museum Christmas Bake-off Challenge

A huge thank you to Ryedale Folk Museum who have submitted two gingerbread recipes for our museum Christmas bake off. You can find all the recipes <u>on our website</u> and get ready to bake them for Christmas Elevenses on 17 December.

What about the 1723 sweet-sour tart? Overall, it was a success. The custard set perfectly and didn't curdle, and there was no soggy bottom in sight. It was deliciously rich and creamy. Some members of Alice's social bubble found it a little too lemony, but others loved the sharpness. She has adjusted the quantities for you and added her recipe for the pastry case.



More recipes are welcome, so if you have any in your collections, please send them to Alice at alice.macpherson@ymt.org.uk.

MDY's Christmas Quiz

The best way to ensure you score a point in the MDY Christmas Quiz, is to send us a question ...! We've got a film, TV and music theme emerging, so any sparkly or glamorous links to your museum will make great questions. And we'd still love to hear of any Christmas connections, traditions, stories or ghosts! Don't forget to re-use your Christmas facts in your social media stories. Send us your fact or question and answer

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Dieter's Christmas Challenge

The more the merrier for Dieter's Christmas Challenge. 'D'elve' into your stores and catalogues, dust off that accession register, and locate your favourite museum Christmas object! Share your Christmas-linked object virtually with us, and we'll share it during Christmas Elevenses. To be in with a chance of winning a prize, please drop Dieter a line at: dieter.hopkin@ymt.org.uk.

Curators' Christmas Objects:

1952 Christmas Card from East Riding Museums

We are grateful to Sally Hayes, Curator at the Treasure House, Beverley for submitting the following:

The photograph used to make this Christmas card was taken by Bridlington-based art photographer William Foster Brigham FRPS. Brigham photographed himself and wife Dorothy outside their stylish 1930s house on Kingsgate. He demonstrates his signature style of dramatic lighting, strong silhouettes and a taste of the cinematic. View other works by Brigham online.

But if art photography was Brigham's passion, snapshot photography was his bread and butter. 'Go Home on a Postcard' was the slogan of his company, Snaps, whose team of roving cameramen took pictures of thousands of



holidaymakers 'on spec'. These types of photographs are sometimes called walking photographs – find out more:

gohomeonapostcard.wordpress.com/companies/snaps-bridlington.

The next time you are looking at your photography collections flip a few over – they could have been snapped by Snaps!

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 email: dieter.hopkin@ymt.org.uk.

Your Week Ahead

Elevenses With MDY

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Thursday 10 December, 11.00am - 12.00pm Learning Lessons: Bridging the Digital Divide

Non-digital learning offers and on-going alternatives to digital delivery: how can we bridge the digital divide, for people in need of support?

<u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-10th-december</u>

Join us for an 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 <u>check the schedule</u>, save the date, and join us using the link to MS Teams. **Make time for Elevenses! See you there...**

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

Dates for Your Diary

Elevenses with MDY:

Thursday 17 December, 11.00am - 12.30pm* Christmas Elevenses with MDY (*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 guiz!

<u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-17th-december.</u>

*Did someone mention Betty's online?

Elevenses will be back in 2021 with new speakers, a return to popular themes and also new topics.

Job Opportunities and Tenders

Rotherham Museums, Arts and Heritage Early Years Creative Practitioner

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Experienced practitioner required to deliver a programme of virtual and physical family engagement for under-5s at Clifton Park Museum, as part of the Blended Realities project – funded by an Art Fund Respond and Reimagine grant.

Find out more at:

<u>www.artsjobs.org.uk/arts-job/post/early-years-creative-practitioner-family-engagement-commission/</u> or email <u>victoria.dawes@rotherham.gov.uk</u> for a copy of the brief.

Closing date: 12 noon on 10 December.

Elizabeth Gaskell's House Events Coordinator

Salary: £7,000 pa, part-time (1.5 days pw), 12 month contract

The Events Coordinator will be responsible for coordinating and delivering a 12 month online and off line events programming at Manchester's very own literary House.

For a full job description and more information visit:

<u>elizabethgaskellhouse.co.uk/get-involved/work-elizabeth-gaskells-house/event-coordinator.</u>

Closing date: 12 noon on 18 December. Interviews: 22 December.

The Landmark Trust **Evaluation Consultant (Yorkshire and the Humber)**

Part-time from 2021 to 2026

Experienced Evaluation Consultant required to act as the independent evaluator for Crafting Cultures: Reviving Calverley Old Hall. The Hall is an outstanding medieval manor house, listed Grade 1, which is now on the Buildings at Risk Register. The Consultant will be responsible for evaluating the project, supporting key staff, and writing interim and final evaluation reports in line with current NLHF guidance.

Download the full brief here.

Closing date: 18 December.

Museum Development Yorkshire Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Consultancy

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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

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.

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

<u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/MDY Grant-GuidanceDocument-2018-Issue.pdf</u>

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.

For details about both schemes please visit:

<u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/11/24/mdy-small-grants-and-covid-essentials-support-now-available</u>.

Support for Carers

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.

Please contact your MDO who will be happy to talk through all opportunities.

Your Wellbeing

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We all know Christmas can be a tough time for a whole host of reasons – add a global pandemic to the mix and things can feel even trickier. Studies show that at least one in ten of us feel unable to cope during the festive season, while more than a quarter of us feel pressured to have the perfect Christmas. (Spoiler – that does not exist, we repeat that does not exist).

NOEL from CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably) is here to help with some solid advice for Christmas and beyond.

www.thecalmzone.net/2020/12/chris tmas-getting-too-much-introducingnoel.



And Relax...!

South Yorkshire Pub Carol Sings

There is a very strong tradition that has been around for at least 200 years of community carol singing in pubs around the South Yorkshire and North Derbyshire Pennine area. Much of the singing takes place in the local pubs during the evenings. Some are well-known carols and others are more specific to a particular area or even unique to one village. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, Pub Carol Sings are making use of on-line platforms: Local carol sings in Sheffield and North Derbyshire for 2020.



Archive footage which showcases the local village traditions can be found at:

- Sheffield Carol Countdown: Carols in The Royal YouTube.
- Pentonville Old Harrow pub Grenoside YouTube.

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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:

Coronavirus Updates: 3-tier system from 2 Dec

www.gov.uk/guidance/local-restriction-tiers-what-you-need-to-know.

<u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/11/24/coronavirus-updates-24th-november-2020-three-tier-system</u>.

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

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

Reopening Resources and Guidance:

- Test and Trace Requirements in Cafes and Restaurants
 <u>Download Q&A Advice Sheet</u>
- New Table Service Regulations
 www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1029/pdfs/uksi 20201029 en.pdf
- Working Safely During Coronavirus Government Advice <u>www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-</u> 19/the-visitor-economy
- NMDC good practice guide on reopening Museums <u>www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/coronavirus-update/nmdc-good-practice-guidelines-opening-museums.</u>
- 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 <u>Download a PDF copy of the guide</u>.

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- www.artscouncil.org.uk/guidance-and-resources/brexit-information.
- AIM History Makers Scheme (EOIs by 14 Dec)
 <u>www.aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/grants/aim-biffa-award-history-makers</u>.
- ACE National Lottery Project Grants <u>www.artscouncil.org.uk/projectgrants</u>
- ACE 'Developing Your Creative Practice' Fund www.artscouncil.org.uk/DYCP.
- Digital Culture Network Webinars and Advice Videos <u>www.youtube.com/channel/UC-owfPGAfecnJyW74dD_Agw</u>.
- Financial Difficulties Toolkit <u>www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit</u>.
- Heritage Funding Directory free guide to financial support <u>www.heritagefundingdirectoryuk.org.</u>
- Mental Health Directory of Online Courses
 <u>www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/support-mental-health-in-lockdown</u>
- 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 Freelance Survey Findings
 View the full survey report.
- Museum Wellness Network: supporting staff wellbeing post-lockdown: www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020supporting-museum-workforce-wellbeing-post-lockdown.
- Weston Jerwood Creative Bursaries 2020-22
 jerwoodarts.org/projects/weston-jerwood-creative-bursaries-2020 22.

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