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York Museums Trust **Museum Development Yorkshire**

**Latest news for week ending
Friday 15 January 2021**

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Now that we're back properly, many of you may be counting down to the Spring and more positive news, but we're always on hand to provide support and advice for museums across the region. If you are thinking about applying to the [Cultural Recovery Fund](#), do get in touch with the team at MDY for advice and the opportunity for free access to financial modelling experts. Your [Museum Development Officer](#) is also ready to advise you about our [support opportunities for 2021/22](#), explain about our [grants programme](#) and highlight relevant [Elevenses sessions](#).

With this latest lockdown you may be thinking about how to connect with your local community – [Museums Sheffield has a wonderful low tech project](#) to inspire us all. If you have a Lockdown Initiative do send them in – don't be shy, people are always interested and imitation can become the greatest form of flattery!

Finally, after the huge success of the Christmas Curator Challenge, Dieter has thrown down the gauntlet to you all. [Can you identify the mystery object?](#) Make sure you have a look and do get in touch with him if you have an opinion, or send in a mysterious treasure from your collection to fascinate us all - in these challenging times we all need a distraction!

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ACE Culture Recovery Fund - MDY Support

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(deadline: midday Tue 26 January 2021)?

Arts Council England has opened The Culture Recovery Fund: Grants Second Round to support cultural organisations transition back to a viable and sustainable operating model during April-June 2021. Grants of £25,000 to £3,000,000 are available.

We are keen to support museums in their application either through time with our team or financial modelling experts.

The application deadline is approaching fast, so please book an initial call with us so we can agree which support is best for your museum

[Please complete this online form to book an appointment.](#)

Find out more about the ACE Culture Recovery Fund:

www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/culture-recovery-fund-grants#section-1.

Everyday Innovation – March 2021

Register by 31 January

In the past year, museums have had to innovate more and faster than ever before. Are you looking for help to embed the best aspects of innovative thinking and behaviours into your museum? Or are you aware that your museum needs to change and wondering how to do things in new ways? Everyday Innovation is the development opportunity for you!

"This fascinating and engaging course challenged us to think differently and alter our perspectives. The techniques can be used to deliver innovation in a strategic way but also to make incremental changes."

Following two successful programmes, we are re-running this very popular two-day, online course delivered by the University of York on Wednesday 10 and Wednesday 17 March 2021.

Places are limited to 6 museums only. Each museum must commit the same 2 participants to attending both days, and working together (remotely) in between. The course is suited to museums of all sizes. This opportunity is delivered free of charge and is limited to non-NPO museums in Yorkshire and the Humber.

To find out more [download the PDF](#), and to register your interest in joining (by 31 January 2021), [complete the online form](#).

Collections Trust Award 2020-21

Collections Trust would like to celebrate recent collections-based work achieved in difficult circumstances and the winning museum will receive £1,000 to spend on an agreed collections management activity.

The Collections Trust Award highlights the achievements of those who manage the collections that lie at the heart of all museums. Entries can highlight work that went

For more information and to nominate your museum, visit:

collectionstrust.org.uk/collections-trust-award-2020-21-celebrating-collections-management.

Deadline for entry: midnight on Friday 22 January.

Updated DCMS Guidance on Volunteering

Heritage Volunteering Group (HVG) have recently circulated the latest volunteering updates from DCMS, the main points of which are below:

Although volunteering outside your own home is permissible within the guidance, it was made clear that this is to enable critical care/Covid relief volunteers to remain active and that organisations should follow the spirit of lockdown. The key updates are highlighted below:

Volunteering from home/outside the home:

- People must volunteer from home, unless it is not reasonably possible for them to do so
- If they cannot volunteer from home, people can volunteer outside their home, provided they do not need to self-isolate for any reason, and follow social distancing guidance, or Covid-secure guidance if volunteering in a workplace
- This also applies to clinically vulnerable people.

The full guidelines can be found at the links below:

- **'Enabling safe and effective volunteering during coronavirus (Covid-19)'** is aimed at volunteer-involving organisations and groups, and helps them to understand how to involve volunteers safely and effectively in their work. www.gov.uk/guidance/enabling-safe-and-effective-volunteering-during-coronavirus-covid-19.
- **'Coronavirus: How to help safely'** is aimed at members of the public who are interested in, or are currently, volunteering 'informally' in their local community. www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely--2/coronavirus-how-to-help-safely.
- **'Coronavirus (Covid-19) volunteering'** is aimed at members of the public who are interested in, or are currently, volunteering 'formally' with an organisation. www.gov.uk/volunteering/coronavirus-volunteering.

Guidance for Archives - Planning Your Re-opening

Whether your archive service has just re-introduced public access or will do in the future, you can find a series of useful resources for planning to re-open on our website. These include a re-opening checklist, an inclusive re-opening scenario worksheet and a risk management template.

View our re-opening and short-term change resources at:

Museum Development Yorkshire Support Opportunities for 2021- 2022

Last week we launched our programme for the next financial year. From support with collections through to developing your offer for visitors there are lots of opportunities! The full information is available in our guidance notes, but don't forget that your [Museum Development Officer](#) is always happy to explain the content in detail and on hand to give advice on what might be the best individual approach for your museum. They'll also be able to provide a sneak preview of our cohorts that will be launched in the next month.

The guidance notes and links to the application form are available at:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/MDY_Guidance_Document-2021_Issue.pdf.

We know that the needs of your museum are changing fast. For this reason, we are going to run two application rounds for support in 2021-22:

- a first round in January/February and
- a second round in late spring/early summer.

This means that you will also be able to apply for additional or different support later in the year. Support allocated in the first round could run for the entire year, but we are aiming to create additional opportunities to respond to your changing needs as the country emerges from the pandemic.

The deadline for this round of applications is 23.59pm on 28 February. We will assess all applications in order of receipt.

Your Week Ahead

Culture Recovery Fund: Grants (second round)

Webinar

Mon 18 January, 12.00pm - 1.00pm

These webinars are for any organisations who want more information before applying to the Culture Recovery Fund: Grants to support their transition back to a viable and sustainable model during April – June 2021.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/culture-recovery-fund-grants-second-round-january-webinars-tickets-133334247323.

Elevenes with MDY

and forward plans for 2021-22.

Insightful, interactive and informal, come along to gain new insights from our 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 during this time. There's no need to book, just click the link provided on the events page on the day.

Wednesday 20 January A New Year Collections Health check

Alan Bentley and Dieter Hopkin will discuss how to give your collections management activity a health check – and how this can help you to decide whether to join one of MDY's development cohorts in 2021.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-wednesday-20th-january.

View the full Elevenses schedule at:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/elevenses-with-mdy.

If you have any questions about Elevenses, please contact Alice Macpherson at: alice.macpherson@ymt.org.uk.

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

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. Our first 2021 meeting has a dual focus of employability and career development, and Covid-secure inclusive reopening of places, spaces and programmes.

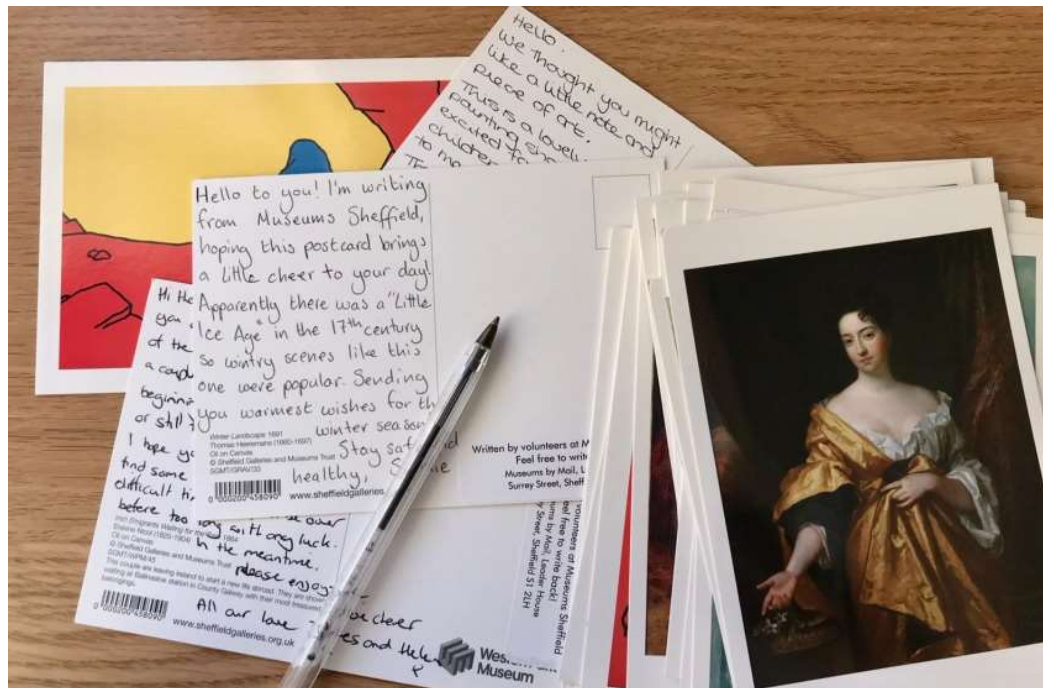
To book: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-accessible-museums-network-meeting-jan-2020-tickets-130387222693.

Lockdown Initiatives

Museums by Mail at Museums Sheffield

Throughout the pandemic Museums Sheffield has been working hard to bring the city's collections, exhibitions and events to audiences online. However, we know not

times.



As the name suggests, Museums by Mail is all about bringing the Sheffield's collections to people through the post. We've been sending postcards featuring artworks from the collection to people across Sheffield, in particular to elderly people and those in residential homes, who may be feeling especially isolated as a result of the pandemic. The postcards have been handwritten by our wonderful community of volunteers, who have spent hours writing hundreds of unique, personalised messages, from goodwill wishes and personal memories to interesting insights about the artworks, and even including games for the recipients to play.

Find out more at:

www.museums-sheffield.org.uk/blog/2021/1/museums-by-mail.

Dates for Your Diary

2021 Regional Museum Forums - save the dates now!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our 2021 Regional Museum Forums – you can download the full schedule with booking links here: [Download PDF](#).

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Forums will be staying online during early 2021, and we have then tentatively planned to be out on sites from May onwards.

All site meetings will be run subject to Covid-secure guidelines on the date of the meeting. We will obviously adapt as the circumstances develop and will keep you updated on any changes. If site meetings prove not to be possible, then we will revert to a two-hour online meeting on the scheduled forum dates.

All of the MDY team are really excited about the possibility of returning to face-to-face meetings in due course and getting out to museums around the region – fingers crossed!

Elevenes with MDY:

Monday 25 January Moving forwards in 2021

Michael Turnpenny and Liz Denton will talk about MDY's learning cohorts offer for 2021-22. This is your chance to hear more, ask questions and consider which development opportunities might be best for your museum in 2021-22.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-25th-january.

Monday 1 February Let's Create – understanding Arts Council England priorities

Gillian Greaves, Relationship Manager at Arts Council England, will join us to talk about Let's Create, Arts Council England's new ten-year strategy for 2020-2030.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-monday-1st-february.

Thursday 11 February Environmental Sustainability - Climate Actions

We'll hear from museums who are taking action to reduce their impact on the climate and improve their own organisational sustainability.

Migration Network: North East and Yorkshire Event

Tue 26 January, 10.30am - 4.00pm

This event will bring together people from museums, cultural and academic organisations working on migration and related themes to share best practice and learn from each other. There will be three case studies in the morning, a networking opportunity and then your choice of five discussion groups in the afternoon. A great range of content is confirmed from museums, organisations and universities in Doncaster, Newcastle, Barnsley, Leeds, Sunderland and Northumberland.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/migration-network-north-east-and-yorkshire-event-tickets-135860525489.

Your Wellbeing

Piecing it Together!

The Cooper Gallery in Barnsley made some of their paintings available online and are challenging audiences to complete them 'against the clock' – with a timer and live leader board. If you need to wind down have a look – be warned though, it is highly addictive!

See: www.jigsawplanet.com/BarnsleyMuseums.



Job Opportunities and Volunteering

National Railway Museum Masterplan Project Director

Salary: £50K - £56K pa

Do you have experience of leading on capital projects? Do you have a collaborative and engaging approach?

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and this also coincides with the 200th anniversary of the Stockton and Darlington Railway. To commemorate these momentous occasions, the Vision 2025 Masterplan seeks to deliver a programme of upgrades (to both the National Railway Museum and sister museum, Locomotion, at Shildon) made up of a series of ambitious and innovative projects. This coincides with the transformation of the underused land around the museum in York by the York Central Partnership, aiming to power York's economy into the future.

Find out more at: bit.ly/39c8EVY.

Closing date: 24 January.

York Museums Trust Grants and Sponsorship Fundraising Manager

Salary: £30,956 - £37,530

Founded in 2002, the Trust has a strong record of fundraising and this post is designed to build on these foundations. We are seeking an experienced and successful Grants and Sponsorship fundraiser who will develop, manage and co-ordinate a portfolio of statutory, trusts and foundations and corporate supporters, cultivating strong and long-lasting partnerships. Managing the Trust's CRM system, you will ensure successful relationship management and enjoy inspiring and developing relationships with our staff, managers, trustees and our donors and supporters.

Find out more at:

www.yorkmuseumstrust.org.uk/about-us/our-people/jobvacancies.

Closing date: 9.00am on Monday 1 February.

Interviews will take place online on Monday 22 February.

York Museums Trust Individual Giving and Major Gifts Fundraising Manager

Salary: £30,956 - £37,530

Founded in 2002, the Trust has a strong record of fundraising and this post is designed to build on these foundations. We are seeking an experienced Individual Giving Specialist who will establish and steward relationships with current supporters and prospective high value givers, securing growing and sustainable income for the Trust and a successful pipeline that converts mid to high level givers to Major Donors. Working in collaboration with the Grants and Sponsorship Fundraising Manager, you will ensure successful relationship management and enjoy inspiring and developing relationships with our staff, managers, trustees and our donors and supporters.

Find out more at:

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Closing date: 9.00am on Monday 1 February.

Interviews will take place online on Tuesday 23 February.

British Deaf History Society (BDHS) Freelance Archivist

Fee: £15,750 (for 7 months full-time, payable monthly)

The archivist candidate will take a lead role in re-establishing and relaunching the Deaf Museum archive which comprises of over 300 acid-free box files plus range of loose and bound photographs, an audio-visual collection, newspaper cuttings, slides, microfilms and related ephemera. The total archive collection held by the BDHS is c.90 linear metres.

To find out more and request an application form, email: info@bdhs.org.uk.

Closing date: 5.00pm on Friday 29 January.

Interview date via Zoom: Thursday 11 February.

East Riding Museums Assistant Curator - Community

Salary: £18,562

Full time, fixed term (1 April 2021 – 31 March 2023)

The assistant curator will work on delivery of the North Wolds Engagement project connecting our sites and collections with rural communities in the Yorkshire Wolds to fulfil the Creative Case for Diversity. We aim to collect the stories, oral histories, objects and images of the people of the North Wolds. Much of the work will involve working with people from Protected Characteristic groups and will involve workshops, talks, seminars, object handling sessions, touring exhibitions for libraries/mobile libraries.

Find out more and download full job description at:
www.eastridingcouncil.jobs/job-search/?entry=culb000075.

Deadline: 8 February.

Interviews: 23 February.

Yorkshire Air Museum Museum Mentor

Volunteer role, up to 4 days per year

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relating to our accreditation return due at the end of this year. Substantial museum experience necessary, including recent managerial experience in one of the three areas covered by the accreditation i.e organisational health, collections or users and experiences. In line with Arts Council guidelines, the Mentor will be expected to:

- conduct an annual accreditation review
- attend at least one trustee meeting
- visit the museum and meet staff, and
- either attend a mentor networking meeting or show continuing commitment to CPD relevant to the role.

The expected commitment for this voluntary role is up to 4 days per year.

Please contact Museum Director Barbara George to discuss at director@yorkshireairmuseum.org. For further information on the Yorkshire Air Museum, go to: yorkshireairmuseum.org/about.

Deadline: 18 February.

Join the NLHF North Committee

There is currently an opportunity to join the Committee at The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), specifically the team in the North of England.

The NLHF are holding virtual drop-in sessions during January as a chance for people to find out more about The Fund and the role, as well as providing a chance to ask questions. The next session date is:

- **[Thursday 21 January, 1.00pm - 1.30pm.](#)**

For more information about being a Member, including an interview with North Committee member Stephen Welsh, see:

www.heritagefund.org.uk/stories/insiders-guide-being-committee-member.

To apply, please see the full vacancy advert at:

forms.hlf.org.uk/applications/HLFCommittees_PublicPortal.ofml.

Funding Opportunities

Bill Pettit Memorial Award 2021

NatSCA is pleased to invite applications to this year's Bill Pettit Memorial Award. Up to £3,000 of grant money, is available to NatSCA members this year to support projects including the conservation, access and use of natural science collections.



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conservation of collections, collections access, collections use and timescales and costs. They are looking for innovative projects that can be delivered on time and budget, leaving a tangible legacy. Each project will be considered on its own merits by the NatSCA committee.

For more information and to get an application form, visit:
www.natsca.org/awards-and-bursaries.

MDY Funding:

New Covid Essentials Support!

In response to the ongoing crisis and demand from museums, we've launched 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.

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.

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

For details about both schemes please visit:
www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2020/11/24/mdy-small-grants-and-covid-essentials-support-now-available.

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.

And Relax...!

Curators' Choice

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delights allowed us to share a great variety of Christmas themed objects from across the region. We might consider other themed object challenges in future months if there is enough interest.

As a start for 2021 I've hooked down a mystery object and would ask you for your suggestions as to its purpose. It is made from pewter and is 5½" (14.5 cm) high and 2" (5 cm.) wide. A mixture of natural history and social history knowledge will help.

Please send your identifications to me at dieter.hopkin@ymt.org.uk. There are no prizes this time and the challenge is just for fun. I look forward to hearing from you.



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:

Covid-19 Updates on MDY Website

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/category/covid-19.

Other Reopening Resources and Guidance:

- **Culture Restart Kit from Indigo**
www.indigo-ltd.com/culture-restart-toolkit.
- **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'**

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- **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 Culture Recovery Fund**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/culture-recovery-fund-more-support-arts-and-culture.
- **Advice on Holding Meetings Online or by Telephone**
www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-the-charity-sector.
- **Digital Culture Network - Webinars and Advice Videos**
www.youtube.com/channel/UC-owfPGAfecnJyW74dD_Agw.
- **Easy Read Marketing Guide**
weareunlimited.org.uk/accessible-marketing-guide.
- **Financial Difficulties Toolkit**
www.artscouncil.org.uk/publication/managing-financial-difficulties-guide-and-toolkit.
- **Guidance for Trustees from Charity Commission**
www.gov.uk/government/news/regulators-new-5-minute-guides-will-support-charity-trustees-to-meet-duties.
- **Impact of Covid19 on Freelancers (Poll Results)**
bit.ly/3luex4L.
- **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**
vocaleyeyes.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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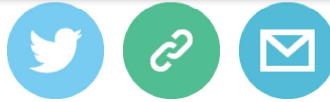
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