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**Latest news for week ending
Friday 26 February 2021**

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Dear <<First Name>>

With the government announcement at the start of the week, museums now have a date to aim for! If you haven't already consulted the full information, [we have the details below](#). Looking to the future, don't forget you only have until Sunday at 23.59pm (to be precise!) to submit an application for [targeted support from MDY](#). The [deadline for cohorts](#) is also fast approaching.

This edition highlights lots of training and networking opportunities but do make sure you read to the end – [Dieter has thrown down the gauntlet to curators](#) across the region and has a number of challenges. After the success of the Christmas artefact selection we know you'll be up to the task. Dieter would love to hear from you – don't be shy!

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News and Notices

Covid-19 Response - Spring 2021

On Monday the Prime Minister presented the roadmap out of the current lockdown for England, this is a four step approach:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021.

Further guidance was published on 24 February:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/reopening-businesses-and-venues-in-england, which listed when specific parts of a museum business can welcome visitors:

- **Step 2 (no earlier than 12 April):**
 - outdoor attractions will reopen at museums and galleries

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contained unit and can be accessed without entering the museum.

- **Step 3 (no earlier than 17 May):** indoor museums and galleries can reopen.

Don't forget to consult the National Museum Directors' Council guidelines for reopening - the information is regularly updated to reflect government guidance:

www.nationalmuseums.org.uk/coronavirus-update/nmdc-good-practice-guidelines-opening-museums.

#MyLocalMuseum Campaign

Runs until 30 March

Theme w/c 2 March: People in Nature

#MyLocalMuseum is a weekly campaign to help museums stay connected to local audiences during lockdown. Every Tuesday, museums share content related to a theme on their social media platforms and blogs. This may be objects and stories from your museum's collection, but if access is limited during lockdown you could share anything from your local area which relates to the theme. This week it was 'Work Life' and museums from across the UK got involved by sharing objects, photographs, art, and more. You can browse the contributions by searching #MyLocalMuseum on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram - take a look at this Twitter feed for inspiration: [#MyLocalMuseum - Twitter Search / Twitter](#).



Photo: Barnsley Museums

For more details and the schedule of upcoming themes visit:

museumdevelopmentnorthwest.wordpress.com/2021/02/08/my-local-museum-campaign.

Secure Museum Development Yorkshire Support Opportunities for 2021-22

****Deadline: 28 February****

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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 preview of our cohorts that will be launched shortly.

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, so we are going to run two application rounds for support in 2021-22:

- a first round now, and
- a second round in early summer.

This means that you will also be able to apply for more or different support later in the year. Support given in the first round could run for the entire year, but we are aiming to create more 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.

Learning Cohorts 2021-22

****Deadline: 14 March****

In 2021-22 we are continuing with our successful programme of themed learning groups known as Cohorts. This is a fantastic opportunity to work with colleagues across the region to discuss, reflect, network and access high quality training for free!

Feedback from museum participants consistently highlights the great benefits of being involved. There is so much on offer including:

- fundraising basics
- collections care
- audience development
- health and wellbeing and
- a new programme focusing on developing facilities for family visitors.

[Download the guidance notes](#) for details of all eight programmes! You can apply to join a learning cohort in addition to applying for the MDY support menu.

Please complete the initial [Expression of Interest Form](#) by 12.00pm, Sunday 14 March.

If your museum has any questions about taking part please contact your Museum Development Officer or email us at MDYOffice@ymt.org.uk

Your Week Ahead

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Wed 3 March Planning in Uncertain Times

In the past year, we have begun to inhabit an uncertain and constantly changing landscape. We may feel inclined to delay or avoid planning until the way ahead becomes clearer, but with funding and other opportunities on offer, planning remains essential.

Join us to think about why planning is vital in uncertain times, and how to approach it: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-north-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-135658699823.

Elevenes with MDY

As ever, we aim to keep it insightful, interactive and informal, so please join us to meet new guests, see colleagues from the region (yay!), and connect with the MDY team. Everyone who works and volunteers in museums in our region is very 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.

Thursday 4 March YEMP Takeover!

Yorkshire Emerging Museum Professionals are taking over MDY Elevenes this morning to tell you more about joining them, and opportunities to join their committee. If you're trying to get a job in museums, are new to the sector, or developing your career, join us this morning and check out

www.facebook.com/yorkshireEMP and @yorkshireEMP on Twitter.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-4th-march-2021.

See 'Dates for Diaries' section below for future Elevenes or view the full Elevenes schedule at: www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/elevenses-with-mdy.

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

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

Dates for Your Diary

MDY Elevenes - Coming Up

Read on for details of our new series of Elevenes. There are more opportunities to chat to us about ways that MDY can support you in 2021-22, and new opportunities to hear from and ask questions of sector organisations, including Yorkshire Emerging

Thursday 11 March Meet your new MA Rep - hear news and share your views

Victoria Ryves, from Heritage Doncaster, is a new Museums Association Representative for the North of England. Join us this morning to find out more about the Museums Association's focus campaigns for 2021, and feed back to Victoria on your current museum issues.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-11th-march-2021.

Thursday 18 March Accreditation Update

Shabeena Anait joins us from Arts Council England to provide an update on the Accreditation scheme, which was paused in 2020, and to answer questions on your museum's situation with regard to Accreditation. Shabeena is Relationship Manager for Museums Accreditation in the North of England.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-18-march-2021.

2021 Regional Museum Forums

We're now into our first round of regional museum forums for 2021. All sessions will be online via MS Teams from 3.00pm - 5.00pm on the date given. Please follow the booking links below for more information and to register:

West Yorkshire - Tue 9 March Developing your Volunteer Practices

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-west-yorkshire-museums-forum-tickets-135659833213.

Please see the full schedule for 2021 and booking links here: [Download PDF](#).

We hope to see you in person for dates later in the year, but will revert to online sessions on the advertised dates if this is not possible.

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Your Wellbeing

Alan Recommends...

If you've never tried making your own pasta from scratch, I can highly recommend it! This recipe online has very clear step-by-step instructions:

getpocket.com/explore/item/how-to-make-fresh-pasta-from-scratch?utm_source=pocket-newtab-global-en-GB.



Job Opportunities and Volunteering

Thackray Museum of Medicine Community Co-Producer

Salary: £22K, 12 mths fixed term, full time

Our Community Co-producer will help us to share the museum – its displays, collection and resources with local people. We would like to get to know our neighbours in Harehills and St James's Hospital and develop our programmes and exhibitions with and for them. Harehills is one of the most diverse and dynamic wards in the city and we have worked with several very different community groups on projects in the past. Our ambition now is to create lasting links by including local people in making decisions about the work we do – about what the museum collects and does with those collections.

Core is a brand new space at the heart of the museum, which we will dedicate to co-creating with local people for their benefit, embedding it as a community asset in the area. This role will play a major part in establishing the space and the programmes we devise and run.

Find out more: <https://thackraymuseum.co.uk/about-us/work-for-us>.

Deadline: 5.00pm on 18 March.

Your Development

Centre of Ceramic Art (CoCA) FREE Online Symposium

**Restating Clay: There's much work to be done...
23 March, 10.30 - 3.00pm**

The event, hosted in Zoom, will explore key issues faced by the ceramics sector, most particularly from a curatorial and collections perspective, including the future of research, the diversification of collections, engagement with the press, digital opportunities and exhibition activism.

The keynote will be presented by Design Historian Tanya Harrod, with further contributions from Beth Ann Gerstein, Executive Director, American Museum of Ceramic Art, California, USA, Emma Crichton Miller, Freelance Journalist, Writer and Editor and Jane Audas, Digital consultant, design historian, craft writer and curator. The day will be convened by Paul Greenhalgh, Director, Sainsbury Centre.

Find out more and book at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/restating-clay-theres-much-work-to-be-done-tickets-142390177855.

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust

Grants between £500 and £5,000 for charities working in the arts, the environment and medical welfare. Applications are considered at panel meetings three times a year, usually in March, July and November. The Trust's grants are single grants over a one-year period. The Trustees will consider applications for core costs or projects

Find out more at: www.doilycartecharitabletrust.org/what-we-fund.

And Relax...!

Curatorial Curio

A surviving object from the Victorian hearth.



This is a basic nineteenth century domestic practical and ornamental object which raises a variety of challenges for the contemporary curator.

1. How would you describe it and what is its name? Is this universal or are there local variants? What other objects might it relate to in the museum's collection?
2. Who might have made, retailed, purchased or used this object? Did it have political, religious, cultural or other connotations in the mid-nineteenth century?
3. How might you address and present this object in the context of the climate crisis?
4. How might you address issues which might be raised in the current context by the figure celebrated here - David Livingstone especially in the context of re-assessing imperialism and de-colonising a museum's collections?

Please send any suggestions and thoughts to me dieter.hopkin@ymt.org.uk and we will aim to include a selection in future postings.

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:

- **Guidance for Archives - Planning Your Reopening:**
www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives-sector/our-archives-sector-role/coronavirus-update.
- **Updated DCMS Guidance on Volunteering:**
www.gov.uk/guidance/enabling-safe-and-effective-volunteering-during-coronavirus-covid-19.
- **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'**
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 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-

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- **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.
- **Giving Days Calendar 2021**
hub.blackbaud.co.uk/npinsights/giving-days-calendar-2021.
- **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**
vocaley.es.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.
- **Online Abuse - A Toolkit for the Sector**
www.thespace.org/resource/online-abuse-toolkit-cultural-sector.

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(on Friday 5 March) to: mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk

by 5.00pm on Wednesday 3 March.

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