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**Latest news for week ending
Friday 11 June 2021**

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Dear <<First Name>>

It's been time to crack open the sun lotion this week in the MDY York Offices (spare room) - phew! I'm not sure this room would be signed off for GIS. And we are looking forward to feeling the wind in our hair when travelling to our IRL Forum Meetings!!! If you want to join us, [book on the links below](#). We are trying to be as careful and secure as possible so spaces are limited.

This week we have opportunities for support around accessibility, data protection and business planning from [Vocaleyes](#), the [Heritage Digital Consortium](#) and [Heritage Compass](#) respectively. These resources and sponsored schemes are great so please check them out.

Growing up in the NE, mining banners were hugely important to many villages and towns. The [National Coal Mining Museum for England](#) is making a new one and would like your museum to get involved. So think about the marras whose stories would not have been told in the past and bring them, blinking, to the surface and get in touch.

And finally, check out our series of Elevenses - coming up next week we have an [excellent session on Mend](#). Hope to see you bright and early on Monday morning!

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Museums regularly have projects that result in material being identified as 'surplus to requirements'. Many museum fixtures and fittings are expensive and well-made e.g. display cases, exhibition panels and shop or store equipment that is far too good for condemning to the skip.

If you have something that fits this description (not collection objects) please consider offering it to another museum in the region. MDY would be happy to advertise items available 'free to a good home' in this Ebulletin.

Please [contact your local MDO](#) for further information.

VocalEyes Audio Description Support Opportunity



Thanks to a National Lottery Project Grant from Arts Council England, VocalEyes is offering 100 artists and arts organisations a significant discount on film/video audio description services up to 31 August 2021.

Audio description provides a supplementary audio track that provides details of the visual aspects of the film for blind and visually impaired people. The opportunity is limited to one project per individual or organisation. The work must be an artistic / creative / heritage project made in 2021, video-based, under 90 minutes in length and for online distribution (i.e. not for broadcast/cinema). We will favour shorter films, organisations or artists that are providing audio description for the first time, individual artists, smaller and diverse-led organisations.

For more information, to submit your film project or make an enquiry, visit: vocaleyeyes.co.uk/about/100-videos-described.

GEM One to One Mentoring Programme

Round 5 Applications Open

This GEM Member benefit seeks to support members of any age/skill level who have a learning role in museums and heritage sites in their professional development, especially during this difficult time for the sector. Our previous participants in this programme are incredibly enthusiastic about their experience, and credit time spent with their mentor as being crucial in helping them develop their careers.

Find out more: gem.org.uk/our-work/one-to-one.

Deadline: 21 June.

Brexit, Data Protection and Heritage: What you need to know

This new guide, by the Heritage Digital Consortium, assesses the impact of Brexit and

Download the PDF at:

naomikorn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Brexit-IP-and-Heritage.pdf.

What's On in Your Region?

Banner Project at the National Coal Mining Museum

Can your organisation support us?

We are always looking for ways in which to highlight the contribution made by all areas of the former coalfields to the national mining story. With our NHLF funded banner project we hope to make connections with other Museums, heritage organisations and community groups to discover untold stories and celebrate key moments in the history of different mining regions. The contributions we receive will not only inspire the selection process for the images on our banner but will be creatively archived and made accessible to visitors as another legacy of the project.

Your knowledge is invaluable in ensuring that this project represents all aspects of the national mining story. Overlooked or forgotten stories specific to your area or subject matter are of particular interest.



An example of a mining story submitted by the public showing a young bear called Cosy on a tour of Britain to promote coal products in the 1960s

So that we can represent each former coalfield well, we need to balance the historical with the personal. Information based on personal experience or memories will be deemed as valuable as insights into the historical contributions of a former coalfield

We think that by contributing in some way to this project it will give us the opportunity to signpost your venue as a fellow organisation that strives to keep industrial heritage alive.

The completed banner will also be made accessible for other organisations to use for events and projects in the future.

Find out how to contribute at:

www.ncm.org.uk/blog/your-untold-stories-creating-a-mining-banner.

If you would like to discuss this in more detail, get in touch with

sallyann.burley@ncm.org.uk or Imogen.walsh@ncm.org.uk.

Bracing Air, Abundant Amusements: The Travel Posters of Charles Pears

Pontefract Museum

24 May 2021 – 25 February 2022

Be transported 100 years back to the golden age of rail tourism, daytrips and the British seaside holiday with the vibrant travel posters of Pontefract-born artist, Charles Pears.

Charles Pears was a renowned marine artist who enjoyed a successful career as a commercial artist for London Transport and UK rail companies. *Bracing Air, Abundant Amusements* brings some of his best posters and original artworks together in his hometown for the first time. The selection features peaceful scenes from the banks of the Thames, the bright lights of London, glamorous ocean liners, and plenty of sun, sea, and sand.

The artwork is complemented by displays of travel and holiday-related objects and retro swimwear. Family-friendly object labels and take-and-make activity bags make this the perfect experience for those craving a fun family day-out!



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experiencewakefield.co.uk/event/bracing-air-abundant-amusements-the-travel-posters-of-charles-pears.

wakefieldmuseumsandlibraries.blogspot.com/2021/06/bracing-air-

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This exhibition was made possible with a grant from the Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund, and loaned artworks from the National Railway Museum, the V&A, London Transport Museum, the Royal Academy and the Russell-Cotes Art Gallery and Museum.

Your Week Ahead

Elevenes with MDY is back!

We're back for a new series of Elevenes, with a range of topics and speakers coming up. Join us for an informal conversation, and a chance to connect with expert speakers, your MDY regional team, and colleagues around the region.

Mon 14 June 11.00am - 12.00pm Arts Council England Museum Estate and Development Fund (MEND)

Are you thinking of applying to Arts Council England MEND fund? Join us for an informal chat with guest Katharine Boardman, Arts Council England's Relationship Manager – Museums, to find out about this urgent opportunity and what an application might involve.

The turnaround time is short – Expressions of Interest must be submitted by Mon 5 July – but if you have capital works ready and waiting for funding, this might be the opportunity for you! Join us, to help decide if you should take this further.

Find out more:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-14th-june.

Heritage Digital Webinar Recruiting, Retaining, and Managing Digital Volunteers

15 June, 10.00am - 11.00am

In this webinar, Claire Sully from Community Makers will be addressing how our current approach of treating volunteers like employees hinders these communities in the long term.

The words recruiting, retaining, and volunteering are common in our volunteer strategy, but this webinar will be exploring a different philosophy that can help organisations have more meaningful impact from their volunteers.

Find out more at:

charitydigital.org.uk/heritage-digital-webinars/recruiting-retaining-and-managing-digital-volunteers.

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Friday 18 June, 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Since early 2021 Heritage Compass has been working with more than 100 small to medium-sized heritage organisations to develop essential skills in business planning, audience development, leadership and change. They are now on the lookout for 150 more heritage organisations to join the next cohort!

We want to encourage those considering applying to find out more and become familiar with the programme via an online Q&A introducing some of the thinking behind the content.

Find out more at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-compass-qa-tickets-158617321679.

Dates for Your Diary

Webinar for Applicants to Arts Council England Museum Estate and Development Fund (MEND)

Mon 21 June, 10.00am - 11.00am
Online via Zoom

This webinar is aimed at all potential applicants to the MEND fund, based in the North of England. People from museums in Yorkshire and the Humber should book their place now at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/arts-council-england-museum-estate-development-fund-mend-md-north-tickets-158716917573.

In this webinar, Katharine Boardman, Relationship Manager – Museums, from Arts Council England, will present key information about the MEND fund and application process:

- practical considerations to help you decide whether to apply
- key things to think about for your application
- followed by Q&A session.

The MEND fund is for capital expenditure grants from £50,000 to £5 million, to undertake vital infrastructure and urgent maintenance backlog work to non-national Accredited museums.

Expressions of Interest to MEND must be submitted by 12.00pm on Mon 5 July. The deadline for full applications is 12.00pm on Mon 18 October 2021.

For more information visit: www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/museum-estate-and-development-fund-mend#section-1.

Elevenes with MDY - coming up

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Wed 23 June, 11.00am - 12.00pm Inclusive Recruitment and CPD matters

We'll be exploring strategies and approaches to inclusive recruitment with guest Tamsin Russell, Workforce Development Officer at the Museums Association. Understand the opportunities and drivers for action, and gain practical advice for more inclusive recruitment practices. Tamsin will also be happy to chat about your Continuing Professional Development opportunities via the MA.

Tue 29 June 11.00am - 12.00pm Collections Documentation Priorities

What collections documentation priorities are emerging for you and others after over a year of restricted site access? Join us with guest, Sarah Brown from Collections Trust, to explore trends and potential needs for collections documentation which have arisen since the start of the pandemic, and to think about how Spectrum 5.0 or opportunities with Collections Trust might support your museum's needs.

Check the full schedule and find joining links here:

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

If you have any questions about Elevenses, please contact:

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If you have any suggestions of topics you'd like to see covered or would like to speak about your current or emerging work, please let us know at:

joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk.

Regional Museums Forums

Our summer round of regional museum forums have now kicked off, and we are delighted to be approaching our first dates for seeing some of you in person! Please check for revised dates and arrangements from our original schedule.

On-site meetings will operate to Covid-safe requirements on the day, with full details being provided for you before the meeting. Places are limited - please book now, to assist us with room and catering arrangements.

All our regional forums offer opportunities to hear an update from MDY, share your own updates, connect with colleagues, and ask questions that are important to you.

Each regional museums forum has a local flavour and focus, but everyone is welcome to attend any meeting - especially if a venue or theme is of particular interest to you. For this round of forums, you may have a preference for attending on site or online, so please choose accordingly.

We hope to welcome many of you either online or in person during June and July, and are really looking forward to seeing you!

West Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum
Craven Museum, Skipton
Consulting audiences to develop your museum

This meeting is at the newly refurbished Craven Museum, in Skipton Town Hall, so also an opportunity to visit a new museum space. Speakers include:

- David Renwick, Heritage Fund Area Director North
- Rachel Terry, Museum & Collections Officer, Craven Museum.

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-135708785631.

Monday 28 June, 10.00am - 4.00pm
East Riding & North Lincolnshire Regional Museums Forum
Normanby Hall, near Scunthorpe
Welcoming (back) visitors

How do we welcome visitors back into our museums after a long period of closure and restricted social contact for many? Speakers include:

- Katy Moussaada, MDY Front of House Cohort consultant
- Lynne Emeny, North Lincolnshire Museums.

Also an opportunity to tour new displays at Normanby Hall.

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/east-riding-and-north-lincolnshire-museum-forum-tickets-135706837805.

Wednesday 7 July, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Yorkshire Industrial Collections Network
National Coal Mining Museum for England, Wakefield
Industrial collections in a climate crisis

Our focus on how industrial museums, sites and collections can address and talk about the issues of climate change and sustainability. Speakers will be confirmed shortly.

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-industrial-collections-network-brew-up-tickets-135709622133.

Thursday 15 July, 3.00pm – 5.00pm
South Yorkshire Museums Forum
Online via Microsoft Teams
Rethinking the Stories

How do we tell new stories or approach stories in new ways, and what opportunities are being created for museums by social pressures for change? Speakers will be confirmed shortly.

MDY Collections Essentials

Life and Death of a Museum Object Weds 14 July, 10.00am - 12.00pm

Aimed at people who are new to volunteering or working in museums, or those who would like to increase their understanding of the principles, values and ethics which underpin professional museum practice. It is particularly suited to people from museums without a museum professional in their team, or those who have not yet undertaken museum professional training. Museum trustees are welcome to join to increase their understanding of museum processes.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/collections-essentials-life-and-death-of-a-museum-object.

Your Wellbeing

Perspectives on Disposal: Decluttering

For those of you who find the process of spring cleaning a nightmare, here are some perspectives around maintaining your sense of belonging whilst dealing with the profusion of the modern world. Wellbeing, cleaning and museums all in one article!

collectionstrust.org.uk/blog/perspectives-on-disposal-decluttering.

Job Opportunities and Volunteering

Royal Armouries Trustee Opportunity

DCMS is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual to join the Board of Trustees of the Royal Armouries, the national museum of arms and armour. The appointee will have skills and experience at a very senior level in the management of museums and earlier career experience as a curator, conservator, collections manager or interpretation manager. Expertise specifically in arms and armour is not required.

Find out more at:

publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/royal-armouries-museum-management-trustee.

Deadline: 11.00pm on 18 June.

Kirklees Museums and Galleries Assistant Curator (Natural Science)

**Salary: £20,092 - £21,748 pro rata
6 mth fixed term (possibly 12 mths), 30 hrs pw**

Kirklees Museums and Galleries are looking for a natural historian to join our curatorial and technical team as an Assistant Curator. This is an excellent opportunity to work with an outstanding collection and to develop and improve curatorial skills. You will lead on cataloguing the natural history collections as we continue to work on our inventory backlog and work towards Accreditation. This is a challenging role within a small, close-knit group of enthusiastic and hard-working curators.

Find out more at:

kirklees.tal.net/vx/appcentre-ext/brand-4/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/4/opp/2833-Assistant-Curator-Natural-Science/en-GB.

Closing date: 11.55pm on 27 June.

National Videogame Museum, Sheffield Learning Facilitator

Salary: £9.13 ph (casual)

In this role, you will facilitate a variety of STEM, arts and heritage activities related to videogames and game making, both digital and analogue, and provide advice and support for family visitors and school groups to help them make the most of their visit. This is a key role for representing the Museum in which you will also implement the museum's health and safety as well as safeguarding requirements and fire regulations, as necessary.

Find out more at: thenvm.org/jobs/#Learning-Facilitator.

Closing date: 25 June.

Manchester Art Gallery Commercial Lead

Salary: £39,880 to £43,857

Our commercial operations have been severely impacted by Covid, but we have secured one of the largest grants from the government through the Cultural Recovery Fund, and have been able to invest in our café and events infrastructure, our retail offer, and our staffing. During lockdown we developed a very successful online shop which has maintained a high level of turnover. We are now in a strong position to

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our vital role as a civic institution at the heart of one of the most dynamic cities in the UK.

Find out more at:

jobs.theguardian.com/job/7310866/commercial-lead-manchester-art-gallery/#success.

Closing date: 23 June.

Your Development

Recognise, Reconnect, Reimagine Heritage Volunteering Conference 2021

6 and 7 July

In 2021 we will bring together leaders and practitioners from across the sector, providing a national platform for connectivity and sharing new ideas.

This year the conference will take place online and will explore the changes and challenges of the pandemic for volunteer managers and look ahead to the future of heritage volunteering.

Find out more at:

heritagevolunteeringgroup.org.uk.

Funding Opportunities

Imperial War Museum (IWM) 14-18 Now Legacy Fund

IWM is making £2 million available to artists and cultural organisations for new art commissions in the wake of Covid-19.

The IWM 14-18 NOW Legacy Fund will reinvest the financial legacy of Peter Jackson's film 'They Shall Not Grow Old' to support a series of new artworks – inspired by the heritage of conflict – during a critical time for the UK's culture sector. This builds on over 100 years of commissioning by IWM, who since the First World War has worked with artists to record the experiences of war for its collections.

From 2021, over 20 commissions from artists will be funded as part of this programme, bringing art to audiences in new and relevant ways. Around 15 of these will be co-commissioned in partnership with members of IWM's War and Conflict Subject Specialist Network.

Find out more at:

Deadline for expressions of interest: 5.00pm on 30 August.

Covid Essentials Support Apply now to support reopening your museum!

Don't forget that we have got our Covid Essentials Fund to support your reopening. Even if you are looking to open later in the year, we can support you. Previous projects have included: purchase and installation of screens; hand sanitising stations; contactless donation and payment points; and the purchase of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) but could support other things, such as an event for visitors or to recruit and train volunteers. We are looking for projects of up to £500 with no match funding. We try to turn the applications around in 7 days but there is a limited pot so get your applications in.

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.

And Relax...!

Alice Recommends...

This week it has really started to feel like summer has arrived. We all want to spend more time outside enjoying the lovely weather and nature, so why not take a break at your desk to watch this short clip of the beautiful flowers at Temple Newsam's Walled Garden:



twitter.com/TempleNewsam/status/1402581323705892867.

Previously...

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:

Annual Museum Survey 2020

Our new survey shows Museums in Yorkshire have an economic impact of £87.5 million and attract almost 4 million adults and children to their sites each year.

Read the full report at:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2021/05/17/annual-museum-survey-2020-results.

New Covid Secure Reopening Advice from MDY

Briefing sheets:

- www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2021/04/22/new-mdy-covid-secure-reopening-guidance.

Covid-19 Response - Spring 2021

- **Prime Minister's roadmap out of the current lockdown for England:**
www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021
- **Further guidance published on 24 February:**
www.gov.uk/government/publications/reopening-businesses-and-venues-in-england,

Other Reopening Resources and Guidance:

- **Updated DCMS Guidance on Volunteering:**
www.gov.uk/guidance/enabling-safe-and-effective-volunteering-during-coronavirus-covid-19.
- **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.

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- **Timed Ticketing - Quick Guide**
[Download a PDF copy of the guide.](#)

Other Previous Articles:

- **Digital Culture Network - Webinars and Advice Videos**
www.youtube.com/channel/UC-owfPGAfecnJyW74dD_Agw.
- **Mental Health - Directory of Online Courses**
www.futurelearn.com/courses/collections/support-mental-health-in-lockdown
- **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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by 5.00pm on Wednesday 9 June.

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