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**Latest news for week ending
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After a long year it is never a better time to promote all your achievements! Today we're launching a call out for presentations, and an invite to everyone to join us on 23 July, for the second online [Celebrating Museums event](#)! It was a great success last year, attracting attention from beyond the region, so don't miss out on the chance to shout about your museum. Why not also highlight your work in the [Fantastic for Families scheme](#) or take the opportunity to shine the focus on your volunteers via the [Marsh Awards](#)? Don't be shy!

This week we also hear about events at Scarborough Museums Trust, in our [new local feature](#). [Get in touch](#) with your news – we'd love to share it with the region. There's also news about our special Elevenses session on [Inclusive Recruitment and CPD](#), and don't forget to have a look at our other training – including [Forums](#). Finally, with the Summer Solstice at the weekend we have a very timely recommendation in [And Relax](#).

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News and Notices

Celebrating Museums in Yorkshire and the Humber

Fri 23 July, 1.00pm - 4.00pm

Join MDY and ACE to celebrate and reflect on the projects delivered by Yorkshire's museums over the past year.

We will be showcasing case studies in the form of five-minute videos, Q&As and a panel discussion. Join us to celebrate our achievements, learn from each other and be

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This year we are focusing on two themes, 'Inclusion and Relevance' and 'Digital Dynamism' and we would love to include content from your museum. Whether this is showing the full richness and complexity of your collections, working with communities in a different way, building new digital ways of working or using data in a different way - we want to hear from you.

To book your space, [go to our booking form](#).

If you would like to share a project from your museum, please also complete a short form at online1.snapsurveys.com/yvic1z.

See you online on the 23rd!

Fantastic for Families Awards 2021

Applications Now Open



Family engagement in the past year has never been more challenging but we want to celebrate the resilience and creativity of cultural providers who have been determined to deliver activities, events and programmes for families. That's why this year's Fantastic for Families Awards will celebrate work developed and delivered during the global pandemic.

Whether you are a venue who has translated your work to socially distanced/outdoor settings, a producer who has developed online content, or an artist who has created packs or resources for families in need, we want to hear from you! This year, we welcome applications for three new award categories:

- Best Family Arts Activity
- Best Age-Friendly Outreach
- Audience Impact & Innovation Award.

Find out more and apply at:

www.familyarts.co.uk/2021/06/application-launch-fantastic-for-families-awards-2021.

Entry deadline: 6.00pm on Wednesday 21 July.

The Marsh Trust Award Volunteers for Museum Learning

Applications Open

The awards celebrate the contribution of volunteers across the UK during 2020, recognising their innovation, dedication and excellence in engaging the public in museums, galleries and heritage sites. They provide an excellent opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of volunteers through what has been a very challenging time.

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presented at the British Museum at a ceremony during November 2021.

It is free to apply for an award and multiple entries from the same museum, gallery or heritage site are welcome. Find out more and apply at: www.britishmuseum.org/support-us/volunteer/marsh-awards.

Closing date: Friday 30 July.

Oak Floor Boards for Disposal from the V&A

The V&A is preparing to move its stored collections from near Olympia in west London to Stratford (east London) and after undertaking a collections review have permission to dispose of a small group of material and objects. Among them is a quantity of oak floorboards in good condition that formed part of an exhibition display as the traditional floor to an English room with wall panelling c1600, an area approx. 8.5 x 6.25m (approx. 50 sq.m). There are around 150 boards (fixing nails have been removed), on average 1.5 – 3m long and around 15 - 25 cms wide.



Any museum wanting them would need to arrange collection at their cost before the end of 2021 (ideally before the autumn).

Contact: Julia Brettell, National Programmes Lead, email: j.brettell@vam.ac.uk, tel: 07963 625994.

What's On in Your Region?

Scarborough Museums Trust Spring / Summer Programme

Scarborough: Our Seaside Town

The Scarborough Museums Trust (SMT) team invites you to join them in celebrating this legendary seaside town. Scarborough: Our Seaside Town is a heartfelt exhibition, presenting collection favourites, through the reminiscences of the museum's staff.

Explore seaside objects, paintings, photographs and postcards, through the eyes of the team, and share your own stories about living in or visiting Scarborough.

www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/event/scarborough-our-seaside-town.



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Laughton's Legacies

A display of paintings from the collection of the late Tom Laughton, Scarborough hotelier and brother of the Hollywood movie star Charles Laughton. Tom Laughton, who died in 1984, donated a large number of works to Scarborough Art Gallery in three stages – gifts dedicated to each of his three wives, who have remained largely invisible in the collection. The twelve artworks on display include some rarely seen works on paper by French artist and sculptor, Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, and Edward Bawden. Alongside these are portraits of Laughton's three wives, including a pastel drawing of Isobel as a child by Leeds-born artist Philip Naviasky.



www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/event/laughtons-legacies.

Animal Hauntings

Humans have long been fascinated with and reliant on non-human animals - for food, transport, clothing and as pets. We are haunted by past connections to animals and many of the objects within the collection reflect this. With more than 35,500 species currently threatened with extinction, this exhibition uses objects and moving image to highlight the entangled relationships between animals and humans, and offers new ways of looking with animals, not just at them - a snapshot into a 'creaturely' way of thinking.

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Your Week Ahead

Elevesens with MDY is back!

We're back for a new series of Elevesens, 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.

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.

Find out more:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-23rd-june.

Consulting Audiences to Develop Your Museum West Yorkshire Regional Museums Forum

Thursday 24 June, 10.00am - 4.00pm **Craven Museum, Skipton**

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.

Dates for Your Diary

Elevesens with MDY - coming up:

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:

alice.macpherson@ymt.org.uk.

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

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 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.

On-site meetings will operate to Covid-safe requirements on the day, with full details being provided in advance. Places are limited - please book now, to assist us with room and catering arrangements. We are really looking forward to seeing you - either online or in person!

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

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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.

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-135707315233.

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

Why Financial Wellbeing Matters at Work

Wed 30 June, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Financial wellbeing - feeling secure and in control of your money, knowing that you can pay the bills, deal with the unexpected, and are on track for a healthy financial future - is a key driver of workplace wellbeing. Employers are uniquely positioned to

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The next Business Leaders' Council webinar will focus on why financial wellbeing matters at work, and what employers can do to help.

Find out more and sign up at:

mailchi.mp/whatworkswellbeing.org/employees-returning-to-work-what-can-you-do-4844950.

Job Opportunities and Volunteering

Harewood House Visitor Experience Team Members

Salary: £8.91 ph; fixed terms contracts and casual opportunities (8 hrs - 22.5 hrs pw)

As a Visitor Experience Team member you will show your excellent customer service skills by engaging with our audiences of all ages and backgrounds. The most important qualities you must demonstrate are confidence and experience in a public-facing role, with a passion for providing the best possible levels of service to all our visitors.

Find out more at: harewood.org/about/join-us/jobs.

Closing date: 27 June.

Please note the vacancy may close early

Yorkshire and Humberside Federation of Museums and Art Galleries Board Member Vacancies

There are several vacancies on the Fed Board that are open to members, so if you want to initiate positive change, gain and share experience and skills, or are interested in helping out with the work of the Board, then get in touch. The vacancies are as follows:

- Secretary
- Membership Secretary
- Social Media & Marketing Officer
- Vice President.

Although these are role specific posts, all Board members are encouraged to get involved with or support projects, events, sub groups etc. outside of their remit, so there is a lot of opportunity to develop in a number of areas.

For a copy of the relevant role specification, or further information please email members@yhfed.org.uk.

Your Development

Rebuilding Heritage Summer Events Series: From Survival to Sustainability

The Heritage Alliance is running a final eight events in its Rebuilding Heritage series - designed to give all those working at heritage sites in any capacity really practical support for pandemic recovery. The events are free to book for everyone working in heritage in England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The Heritage Alliance would particularly like to welcome any organisation, individual, freelance, volunteer or group that hasn't received its support and advice before. The events are:

- Managing Organisational Change, Thursday 24 June, 2pm – 3.30pm
- Wellbeing Gym 2, Monday 5 July, 5pm – 6.30pm
- What's the point of you? Clarifying your mission, Thursday 8 July, 1pm – 2.30pm
- What's the point of you? Communicating who you are and what you do, Wednesday 14 July, 11am – 12.30pm
- People-led: Internal Communications, Monday 19 July, 11am – 12.30pm
- Needs-led: Fundraising for sustainability, Thursday 22 July, 10am – 11.30am
- Values-led: Leadership for change, Thursday 29 July, 2pm – 3.30pm
- Digital is not the answer, Monday 26 July, 3pm – 4.30pm.

Find out more and book a place at: rebuildingheritage.org.uk/bookingnow.

Funding Opportunities

Covid Essentials Support Apply now to support reopening your museum!

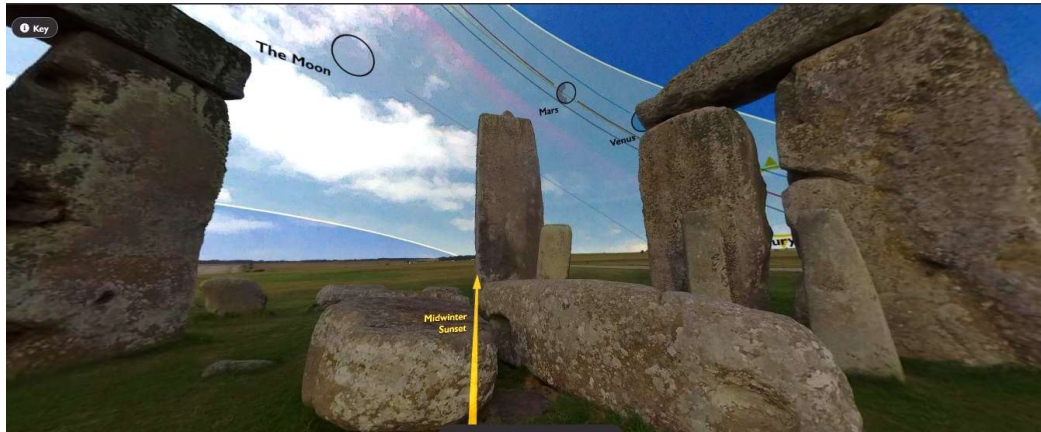
Don't forget that we have got our Covid Essentials Fund to support your reopening. Even if you are looking to open later in the year, we can support you. Previous projects have included: purchase and installation of screens; hand sanitising stations; contactless donation and payment points; and the purchase 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.

Alice Recommends...

This Sunday is the summer solstice, and while the usual celebration at Stonehenge is not taking place this year, you can explore the monument from your own home using English Heritage's new website.



Watch the livestream of Stonehenge which also shows you the alignment of the sun and stars at different times of year (click Skyscape in the bottom right corner).

www.stonehengeskyscape.co.uk.

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:

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

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.
- **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:

- **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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