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Latest news for week ending
Friday 16 July 2021

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Dear <<First Name>>

The MDY Bulletin is hot off the press today. Just scraping into the editorial is a reminder that the government released its guidelines on [Working Safely During Coronavirus](#) late on Wednesday. Taking it steady and ventilation are the name of the game and if you don't have a CO2 monitor, you could always think about a small grant - it could even tie in with some of our workshops in July and September. On a similar topic, ACE has now launched [Culture Recovery Fund 3](#) focusing on those organisations that are at risk of ceasing to trade viably within 12 weeks.

On cheerier items, we are running [Celebrating Museums](#) next Friday and we'd love to see you there in our virtual garden. The IWM also want your museum in their [Subject Specialist Network](#) and our colleagues in the SE have a great introduction to [Equity, Diversity and Inclusion](#). We will be running a similar session in the Autumn but for those of you keen to get up to speed, head on down to the virtual south coast.

And finally, if things seem hectic, a [video of a happy dog](#) always cheers things up!

The MDY Bulletin is taking a 3-week break - we will be back on 13 August.

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News and Notices

Celebrating Museums in Yorkshire and the Humber

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Join MDY and ACE to celebrate and reflect on the projects delivered by Yorkshire's museums during the last year. We would love you to be part of our day highlighting the ambition and quality of museums in Yorkshire and the Humber. 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 inspired by the resilience and creativity of our colleagues.

This is not another Zoom/Teams/Meet session where you fall asleep after 10 minutes or are lectured at for two hours straight! Not a chance. We have given our digital colleagues world creating powers and they are building us a virtual garden to explore at leisure with content galore. Almost like a real conference but in 2D and with more pixels.

This year we are focusing on two themes, 'Inclusion and Relevance' and 'Digital Dynamism'. We have speakers lined up and ready to go from:

- Arts Council England
- Barnsley Museums
- Bradford Museums and Galleries
- Burton Constable Foundation
- Captain Cook Memorial Museum
- IVE
- Leeds Museums and Galleries
- The University of Leeds
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- York Museums Trust

Book your space now at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrating-museums-2021-tickets-159981620333. Come and say 'Hi' to us in the Celebrating Museums garden next week.

Heritage Open Days Edible England

10-19 September 2021

This year's Heritage Open Days theme is Edible England - from woodland foraging to factory floor, forgotten recipes to regional delicacies, we're asking our festival community to explore the past, present, and future of our culinary heritage and culture.

You can also get a range of extra resources by registering an event including marketing and evaluation materials to inform future activity.



Find out more at: www.heritageopendays.org.uk/organising/edible-england.

IWM War and Conflict Subject Specialist Network

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Specialist Network, a digital community of more than 600 individuals and organisations across the world who explore the heritage of conflict from the First World War to today. We welcome anyone who works on not-for-profit activity, from museums to history societies, and academics to creative practitioners.

The network is free to join and amongst many benefits members can enjoy exclusive partnership opportunities to engage with the IWM 14-18 NOW Legacy Fund, with up to £20,000 available for the creation of new art commissions (see:

www.iwm.org.uk/partnerships/subject-specialist-network/14-18-now-legacy-fund-application).

Find out more at: www.iwm.org.uk/partnerships/subject-specialist-network.

Northern Museums Volunteer Pass 2020-222

Open to ALL accredited museums, or those working towards accreditation, in the North East, North West and Yorkshire and Humberside Museum Development regions.

The scheme is a mutually beneficial partnership and entitles volunteers to gain various benefits such as free entry to other participating museums and/or additional benefits.

To find out more and see the list of participating museums, [download the 2021-22 leaflet](#).

There is also a [PDF outlining the scheme](#), or you can contact Gillian Waters at: mail@gillianwaters.co.uk.

To sign up to the scheme, simply complete the snapsurvey form to express your interest: online1.snapsurveys.com/dyfbwu.

Deadline: Friday 16 January 2022.

What's On in Your Region?

We Want to Hear From You!

If you have an exhibition, event or some special news do get in touch. We're interested and would love to tell everyone in the region too!

Email: mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk.

Your Week Ahead

Elevenes with MDY

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Meet our new Regional Accreditation Adviser, Kelly Chapman, for an update on what's happening with the Accreditation Scheme and for support in moving forwards your museum's needs in Accreditation.

Check the full schedule and find joining links here:

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

Collections Documentation

Weds 21 July, 10.30am - 12.30pm

9 places remaining

Loans In and Loans Out Procedures

A bitesize online session, exploring management and documentation for borrowing and lending objects using the Spectrum 5.0 procedures. This session will support you in reviewing and updating your procedures, and managing your loans in and loans out of museum objects. Suitable for those managing and documenting loans, and those responsible for decision making.

Book a place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/collections-documentation-loans-in-and-loans-out-procedures-tickets-153510657509.

The Neurodiverse Museum

Thu 22 July, 10.30am – 12.00pm

This is the inaugural meeting of the Museums and Neurodiversity Network. The aim is to increase awareness, acknowledgement, and understanding of neurodivergence and how museums can and should respond to neurodivergent audiences, volunteers, and workforce. In this first meeting, we invite all those with an interest in, lived experience of, or professional experience of, museums and neurodivergence to attend.

Find out more and book a place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/museums-and-neurodiversity-network-tickets-159471907769.

Dates for Your Diary

Elevenes with MDY - what's coming up?

Elevenes will shortly be packing a suitcase and heading to the beach for a few weeks! We hope you all enjoy your favourite summertime elevenes with colleagues, friends, family, furry friends - and plenty of fresh air!

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care support, interpreting objects with an eco-lens and more...

If there is a topic you'd like to talk about or hear about at Elevenses, or even a speaker you'd like to hear from, please let us know at:

joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk.

Check the full schedule and find joining links at:

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

Regional Museums Forums

We've just completed the summertime round of regional forums and are looking forward to more meetings in person in September and October – fingers crossed!

Speakers and more details will be added to the booking pages in the coming weeks. Different speakers will be present at different meetings, although the theme may be the same. All meetings will be run in line with, and adapted to, Covid-safe practices.

Now is a great time to book in and help us plan ahead:

Thu 23 Sep

East Riding and North Lincolnshire Forum

Looking locally – audiences & marketing

Sledmere House

Book your place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/east-riding-and-north-lincolnshire-museum-forum-tickets-135710623127.

Wed 29 Sep

South Yorkshire Forum

Blending online and on-site visitor experience

South Yorkshire Air Museum

Book your place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-135711638163.

Tue 12 Oct

North Yorkshire Forum

What's the story? Stories, inclusion, audiences & collections

Whitby Museum

Book your place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-135713078471.

Wed 20 Oct

West Yorkshire Forum

What's the story? Stories, inclusion, audiences & collections

Thackray Museum of Medicine

Book your place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-135713969135.

Collections Documentation Session

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be given to non-NPO museums in Yorkshire and the Humber, and to one place per museum subject to demand. Sessions are free of charge and are supported by public funding from Arts Council England.

Thur 9 September, 10.30am - 12.30pm

4 places remaining

Documentation Policy, Procedures and Planning

A bitesize online session, clarifying the requirements for documentation policy, procedure and planning to meet Accreditation requirements. We will go through the Accreditation requirements for documentation policy (5.1) and the Spectrum primary procedures (5.2) including documentation planning. Suitable for those responsible for these aspects of collection management, and for museum Accreditation.

Book a place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/collections-documentation-documentation-policy-procedures-and-planning-tickets-153511146973.

Conservation Basics: Book, Paper, Archive

**Wed 15 September
West Yorkshire History Centre**

Cost £35 member £45 non member

An introduction to basic book, paper and archive cleaning, handling and storage, led by conservator Shirley Jones. It will be a very practical session with the opportunity to have a go at all the aspects covered. The day will also include a tour of the History Centre's collection store.

This course is aimed at anyone involved in the management and care of collections who is interested in learning basic conservation techniques and practical tips relating to books and paper based collections and archives.

Find out more and book tickets at:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/conservation-basics-book-paper-archive-tickets-136959498547.



Your Wellbeing

The Upside of Struggle - with Grace Marshall

Tues 20 July, 7.00pm

Online via Zoom, open to all with optional donation

In her work as a productivity expert, Grace Marshall spends her life helping others who are struggling. She has discovered that it's often in the midst of struggle or crisis

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At this event, Grace will discuss how we can take a fresh approach when we or those around us are struggling. She'll share how we can identify areas of freedom and opportunity that often only appear in crisis and make the most of them. She'll also show us how to find strength in others and build supportive relationships, championing compassion and collaboration rather than battling single-handedly or trying to 'do it all'.

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-upside-of-struggle-with-grace-marshall-tickets-158914735251.

Job Opportunities and Volunteering

National Emergency Services Museum Visitor Services Assistant (Weekends)

Pay: £9.50 ph, fixed term (21 wks)

Your role will be to work alongside staff and volunteers with the day-to-day running of the museum and to work with the Head of Visitor Services, Chief Executive and Curator to support the ongoing development of the museum and the charity.

Find out more at: www.visitnesm.org.uk/jobs.

Deadline: Friday 23 July at 12.00 noon.

Sheffield Museums Hospitality & Events Manager

Salary: £28,505 pa

You will be responsible for managing the profitable delivery of commercial hospitality, events and functions at Millennium Gallery, Weston Park Museum and Graves Gallery. We have ambitious plans for growth and you will be at the forefront of shaping and delivering our ambitions. Working in our amazing venues will inspire and challenge you. Your attention to detail and client commitment will ensure hospitality and events are managed to the highest standards. You will manage a small team and will work very closely with the Hospitality & Events Manager based at Kelham Island Museum.

Find out more at:

www.networxrecruitment.com/Jobs/Advert/2275197?cid=1468.

Closing date: Friday 30 July at 12 noon.

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Salary: £28,672 - £31,346

As one of two Learning Officers, you will be working across both formal and informal learning. The role will see you taking the lead on co-ordinating the informal learning offer, including families, adults, reminiscence and the Early Years programme. You will play an essential part in engaging and connecting people of all ages with the varied and fascinating heritage of the Wakefield district, drawing on our diverse collections.

Find out more:

wakefieldmuseumsandlibraries.blogspot.com/2021/07/learningofficer.

Closing date: Friday 30 July at midnight.

Leeds Museums and Galleries Technical Officer

Salary: £30,451- £32,234

This post reports to the Head of Operations and takes responsibility for the co-ordination, planning, implementation and delivery of technical support for exhibition development, collections work, events and site requirements ensuring the highest possible quality. The successful candidate will have excellent interpersonal and communication skills, be a creative and practical problem solver, have a keen attention to detail and ensure high standards are implemented and maintained. They will have a wide range of technical and practical skills, have experience in managing and developing staff and have the ability to work effectively as part of multi-layer teams across different teams and sites.

Apply online at:

leeds.csod.com/ux/ats/careersite/1/home/requisition/5109?c=leeds.

Deadline: Sunday 1 August.

Geraldine Connor Foundation, Harewood House Trust and British Museum Freelance Facilitator

Fee: £4,800 (excl.VAT) for 20 days work Sat/Sun in Oct-Dec 2021

Supported by the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, *Where we are...* is a five-year programme that will work with cultural and third sector partners across the UK in co-production with young people. Each group of young people will identify a local issue they want to talk about and develop a creative output in response to this. The exact nature of what the creative output will be is determined by the young people, and so we are looking for a freelancer who is highly skilled at bringing a group of young people together to find shared interests and support them closely throughout the project.

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Contact: hannah@gcfoundation.co.uk.

Deadline: Friday 6 August at 5.00pm.

Burton Constable Foundation Conservation Housekeeper

Pay: £9.23 ph, part time (20 hrs pw)

As a Conservation Housekeeper you'll be working in incredible surroundings, helping with the day-to-day cleaning and care of the collections. You'll notice every detail and be able to work independently to ensure our high standards are maintained, monitoring for any threats to the collection. You'll help to keep accurate records both on paper and on the collections database, and report regularly to the Curator. As well as working behind the scenes, you'll frequently be in the public eye, and we'd love you to be able to talk to visitors about the work you're doing and the collections on display.

Find out more: www.burtonconstable.com/get-involved/job-opportunities.

Closing date: Wednesday 28 July.

Your Development

Introduction to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

Zoom training events 26 and 30 July

The sessions are organised by South East Museums Development and led by EDI consultant, Isilda Almeida and her colleague Maurice Davies. They are introductory sessions aimed at museums that would like to build knowledge and confidence in their understanding of EDI, but anyone is welcome to attend.

26 July, 2.00pm

The Business Case for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

southeastmuseums.org/resources/organisational-health/the-business-case-for-equity-diversity-and-inclusion.

30 July, 2.00pm

Changing perceptions of the roles of museums in interpreting history

southeastmuseums.org/resources/organisational-health/changing-perceptions.

Culture Recovery Fund Round: Emergency Resource Support Programme

Applicant guidance now live
Grants range from £25K to £3M
(£1M for not-for-profit organisations)



This fund aims to provide emergency funding awards to culturally significant organisations that were financially sustainable before Covid-19 but are now at imminent risk of failure and have exhausted all other options for increasing their resilience. To be eligible to apply, your organisation must be properly constituted with a governing document and able to demonstrate, via cashflow forecast, that you are at risk of ceasing to trade viably within 12 weeks of the point of application. This includes National Portfolio Organisations, Creative People and Places lead organisations and Music Education Hub lead organisations.

Find out more: www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/culture-recovery-fund-emergency-resource-support#section-1.

Applications can be submitted between 15 July and 14 October.

FEAST: Funding to Support Summer Holiday Activities Across North Yorkshire

With confirmation that COVID restrictions will be lifting on 19 July, we've decided to accept final applications for our FEAST grants. Thanks to funding from the Department for Education, you can apply for a grant from North Yorkshire Together (a partnership between Rural Arts, North Yorkshire Sport and North Yorkshire Youth) to deliver free holiday activities to children on benefits-related Free School Meals.

There are two particular funding requirements from the Department for Education that we need activities to take into account:

- At each activity, every FSM young person must receive a healthy meal – however, if you can't provide this yourself, we have an arrangement with NYCC Catering who can drop off packed lunches at no cost to you! (It will be included in your grant funding)
- Young people and their families should be signposted to information around nutrition and healthy eating – we've got plenty of materials to help with this, and will be running live online sessions you can direct people to!

Applications are being reviewed on a rolling basis but early applications are advised to maximise your planning time.

1st deadline: 26 July at 6.00pm.

Outcome of application: Friday 30 July.

2nd deadline: 2 August at 6.00pm.

Outcome of application: Friday 6 August.

Rebuilding Heritage

Applications now open for Final Round 1-2-1 consultancy and group training

Rebuilding Heritage, the NLHF-funded training programme run by Heritage Alliance has opened its final round of by-application training:

'We realise that one size so often doesn't fit all for heritage and museum work, and that sometimes what people need is to focus on something very specific. There's a list of all the situations we can help with at: rebuildingheritage.org.uk/how-can-we-help.

'We really welcome a broad range of applicants - it only takes half an hour to apply. Because you choose the consultancy topic that you need, backed up by the group sessions that you want, this is an opportunity to get effective advice without unnecessarily long time commitment'.

Find out more, including a 30-minute Q&A session on 22 July:
rebuildingheritage.org.uk/by-application-support.

There is also a programme of standalone webinars in July, with topics including fundraising for sustainability, leadership for change and reaching audiences when digital is not the answer, see: rebuildingheritage.org.uk/open-to-all.

Deadline: 27 July for a programme running in September.

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...!

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I panicked this morning trying to think of a good example. Family saved the day with a link to Bosco the dog. Happiness is a small dog carrying a big stick!



youtu.be/EPnK1cqzBS0.

And if you can't get enough of Bosco, he also has his own Instagram account:

www.instagram.com/boscoandhisbigstick.

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:

MDY Annual Review 2019-20

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/2021/06/28/museum-development-yorkshire-annual-review-2019-20

MDY Annual Museum Survey 2020

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:**

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- **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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(on Friday 13 August) to: mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk

by 5.00pm on Wednesday 11 August.

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