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Latest news for week ending Friday 3 December 2021

Dear <<First Name>>

For those of you opening an advent calendar it is a long old haul, but for the Ebulletin there are only two until the big day - make sure you read down to '[And Relax...](#)' as we have a bumper edition.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, please do join us for our [seasonal Elevenes on the 14th!](#) It is an opportunity to join friends and colleagues from across the region and we are challenging you all to highlight a star object from your collection - with prizes to be won!

For those who are still focused on work, delve into our training ([dates for your diary](#).) or consider one of the many [jobs and volunteering](#) opportunities. Finally, this month can be a tough one, even in a normal year, and after the last 20 months we have all experienced, it is never more important to focus on [Your Wellbeing](#) and that of others - being kind to yourself and others.

May December be a positive time for all and I do hope to see you (virtually) on the 14th...

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News and Notices

Christmas Elevenes - your chance to get involved!

Tue 14 December

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hosting an online Christmas Elevenses again this year. This is your chance to get involved – and even win a delicious prize from Betty's Café Tea Rooms!

Share your object

See article below.

Quizzical facts

We're also looking for quiz questions relating to your museum, Christmas, winter or light, so get them in now if you'd like to feature in the quiz – and to increase your chances of winning a prize!

Please send an image of your objects and quiz questions to Alice at MDYoffice@ymt.org.uk.



Christmas Call-out to Curators!

Last year, everyone loved seeing and hearing about each other's favourite Christmas collection objects. So, here's another chance to share an object connected to winter, Christmas, or any celebration of light. We'll need an image of your object and will ask you to say a few words about it during the session. There will be a prize for the favourite object on the day!

To start the ball rolling here is a wonderful festive object from Dieter.

From the drawer...

1950s miniature Christmas jigsaw by Valentines. On the back is the legend 'Santa with his sack of toys, Has come along to say, Here's something nice for you, my dear, Because it's Christmas Day'.

How many stocking filler toys from 2021 will still be around in 2090?



You have less than two weeks to locate a gem from your collection. We are so looking forward to hearing all about it on December 14th...

Kids in Museums Publishes Museum Shops and Cafés Guidance

This resource aims to offer insight into what families want from museum shops and some top tips about how museums can make these amenities more family friendly.



Children take over the shop on Takeover Day 2021 at The National Archives
© Jayne Lloyd / Kids in Museums

Find out more and download the full guidance at:

kidsinmuseums.org.uk/resources/museum-shops-creating-a-family-friendly-retail-offer.

Putting Creative Health on the Map

Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance (CHWA) is asking museums to support them shape how culture and health work is developed and scaled across health and care partners within an Integrated Care System in Yorkshire and Humber. They are undertaking a mapping exercise to capture learning from the region about existing practice and would like to put your work on the map.



- Are you doing some work that is big on innovation?
- Are you delivering health and wellbeing benefits in clinical or social settings?
- Maybe you have found a useful commissioning method or have great partnerships?
- Perhaps you're forging new paths in personalisation or social prescribing?

To find out more and to take part, visit:

www.culturehealthandwellbeing.org.uk/putting-creative-health-map.

ACE Launches Private Investment in Culture Survey

The survey covers the last three financial years, and is a key source of information on the role that corporate partnerships, individual giving and grants from trusts and foundations play in supporting the cultural sector. By taking part you will be helping to understand trends in cultural fundraising, enable better advocacy for the sector and provide more effective support for cultural organisations.

The survey will inform a wider study of private investment in culture in England, with a report due to be published in Spring 2022, building on previous research commissioned by the Arts Council and exploring changes that may have occurred due to Covid-19. As well as containing data and insights from the survey, the report will also showcase examples of best practice in fundraising throughout the cultural sector, and highlight the innovative ways cultural organisations are embracing the Arts Council's Dynamism Investment Principle.

Complete the survey at: www.research.net/r/ACEPICS.

Closing date: 12 January 2022.



What's On in Your Region?

Christmas Crocus Day at Bradford Industrial Museum

Sun 5 December, 11am – 3pm
Free entry

The volunteer Industrial Gardeners will be helping you to plant a Crocus bulb in your own little decorated pot! We would like as many members of the community to get involved and children in particular are invited to plant a Crocus and take it home. Donations to cover the cost of the bulbs and pots would be welcome on the day. Pay as you feel. Also featuring:

- Bradford & District Guild of Handweavers, Spinners and Dyers demonstration
- Flower themed facepaint by Fairies Wardrobe
- Magical Christmas Grotto
- Eccleshill Village Steering Group's Bring and Bake cake stall

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Find out more:

www.bradfordmuseums.org/whats-on/christmas-crocus-day-free-family-fun-event-2021-12-05.

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 Fortnight Ahead

Elevenes with MDY

Tue 7 December

The Museum-Mentor relationship - Museums and their Accreditation Mentors

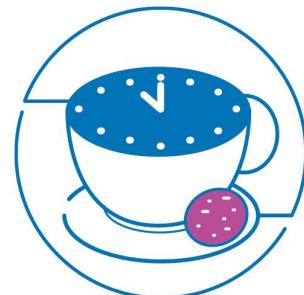
Join us with Regional Accreditation Advisor, Kelly Chapman, to think about and discuss the requirements of the Accreditation Mentor's relationship with their museum. This session will be of interest if you are already an Accreditation Mentor, or if you are a museum with an Accreditation Mentor, or if you are a museum professional who is interested in becoming an Accreditation Mentor. Plenty of time for questions and discussion about this important aspect of Accreditation.

Check the full Elevenes schedule and find joining links at:

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

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

joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk.



Working Meaningfully with Young People

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book by 5 December

Led by Kids in Museums, this online workshop will guide you through getting started or developing your museum's work with young people.

The workshop normally costs £25 per ticket. Places are limited, in the first instance, to one per organisation in Yorkshire and Humber.



Find out more and book a place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/working-meaningfully-with-young-people-tickets-190250463257.

London Metropolitan Archives LGBTQ+ Conference

4 December, 2.00pm - 4.30pm

Ahead of a bumper year of LGBTQ events in 2022 marking our 20th Birthday, this year we will be reflecting back on the last 19 years of fab people forging a path of inclusive LGBTQ programming in archives.

Streamed live from the archive, spend your Saturday afternoon speed 'dating' through 20yrs of LGBTQ history. Nineteen speakers will be giving lightning talks, taking us from the 00s to present day all in just 2.5hrs

For full details visit: www.eventbrite.com/e/speed-dates-20-years-of-lgbtq-history-tickets-199978610407.

Dates for Your Diary

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Cohort

****4 places left****

There's still time to book on MDY's new Equity, Diversity and Inclusion learning cohort, which will explore the broadest understanding of diversity and inclusion, and an organisational response to this.



The cohort will be delivered through four x 2-hour online sessions focused on awareness and understanding of diversity and inclusion. The final session will support you to produce an organisational Equality Action Plan, with follow-up consultancy support to review your draft plan.

For more information, including session dates, and to express your museum's

If you have questions about this cohort, please contact Jo Bartholomew at: joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk.

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Sessions

****Last few places available - please book onto the waiting list if sessions are full as places may become available****



There are two sessions remaining in our new series of FREE online sessions to develop your understanding and capability in ethnically equitable practice in museums. These sessions particularly focus on addressing equity and equality in relation to race and ethnicity. You can book into any or all of these sessions, according to your museum's needs.

Impact of the British Empire and Transatlantic Slavery on Museums and Collections

Wed 16 February 2022, 2.00pm - 4.30pm

****1 place left****

Full details and book your place at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/impact-of-the-british-empire-and-transatlantic-slavery-on-museums-tickets-187547127507.

Race and Museums in Britain and Yorkshire Today

Wed 16 March 2022, 2.00pm - 4.30pm

****1 place left****

Full details and book your place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/race-and-museums-in-britain-and-yorkshire-today-tickets-187554178597.

Your Wellbeing

Spread More Kindness This December

You can help change the world this month by spreading kindness. Even small things can make a big difference, like asking someone how they are and really listening, or simply making them a cup of tea!

The December Kindness calendar from Action for Happiness is packed with inspiring actions - why not share with others and help spread the kindness?

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Download your calendar at: www.actionforhappiness.org/december.

Job Opportunities and Volunteering

Royal Armouries, Leeds Preventative Conservator - Maternity Cover

Salary £25,500 to 27,500

Parental leave cover, 14 mths fixed term contract

We are looking for an exceptional candidate to join the Collection Services Conservation team based in Leeds, but with remit across the organisation. Knowledge and experience in the care and preventative conservation of collections and interest in the world arms and armour is highly desirable.

Find out more and apply at:

www.cloudonlinerecruitment.co.uk/royalarmouries.

Closing date: 5.00pm on 8 December.

Wakefield Museums & Castles Digital Audience Development Officer

Salary: £28,672 - £31,346

The role will see you taking the lead on implementing a new strategy and action plan across the team and integrating digital into the ethos of the service. We are looking for an individual who has proven experience in managing, producing, organising, delivering and evaluating digital engagement content. The role will require you to research and create new and innovative ways of increasing access and engagement opportunities, which showcase our sites and collections.

Find out more: wakefieldmuseumsandlibraries.blogspot.com/2021/11/were-recruiting-could-you-be-our-new.

Ripon Museum Trust Marketing Manager

Salary: £25K pro rata (part time)

This post will lead, develop and manage Ripon Museum Trust's promotional and marketing activities. We have a well-established offer and programme covering law and order, social justice and poverty to promote to tourists, learners and online users from across the region and beyond.

Find out more: riponmuseums.co.uk/join/opportunities.

Closing date: midnight on 12 December.

Churches Conservation Trust Site Coordinator, York

Salary: £18K pro rata (part time)

We're looking for an experienced Site Coordinator to develop events and nurture relationships with volunteers at our site in Goodramgate, Holy Trinity. You'll have experience of working at a heritage site, event administration and volunteer management.

Find out more and apply at:
churchesconservationtrust.livevacancies.co.uk/#/job/details/19.

Closing date: 9.00am on 15 December.

Scarborough Museums Trust Evaluation Callout: From Local to Global

Fee: £9,500

Scarborough Museums Trust invites proposals from professionals with experience of evaluating creative engagement projects to research and report on From Local to Global, a project funded by the National Heritage Lottery Fund. This decolonising project explores shared histories and the impact of our colonial past through the lens of one of our discrete museum collections – The Harrison Collection.

Find out more: www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/about/work-with-us.

Deadline: 9.00am on Friday 17 December.

Scarborough Museums Trust Artist/Artist-Curator Callouts: From Local to Global

Fee: £3,000

Scarborough Museums Trust are offering three micro-commissions to artists or artist-curators interested in exploring decolonising themes that focus on the Harrison Collection, a collection of objects relating to a local big game hunter, Colonel James Harrison (1857 – 1923). They are part of a year-long project, From Local to Global, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund exploring shared histories and the impact of our colonial past through the lens of the Harrison Collection.

Find out more: www.scarboroughmuseumstrust.com/about/work-with-us.

Deadline: 5.00pm on Monday 3 January 2022.

Bradford Museums and Galleries:

Front of House Reception Assistants x 4 Catering Assistant Better Impact, Volunteer Programme Administrator

Kickstart roles live at Bradford's 3 Job Centres now

Jobs from the Kickstart Scheme are open to 16–24-year-olds, who are claiming Universal Credit, and are at risk of long-term unemployment. Kickstart Scheme jobs are normally 25 hours per week and pay at least the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage depending on how old you are. You will be paid by your employer and depending on your circumstance, you may continue to receive Universal Credit once you start work.

Ask your Work Coach about these opportunities and look on the Apprenticeships website: www.apprenticeships.gov.uk.

National Lottery Heritage Fund Engagement Manager (North) Leeds

Salary: £23,230 to £27,270 (pro-rata) part time

The primary purpose of this post is to reach out to those who least engaged in heritage and whose heritage is least invested in; to give advice to support good quality applications; and to help to deliver outreach strategies targeted at our priorities.

Find out more and apply at: heritagefund.ciphr-recruit.com/Applicants/vacancy/205/Engagement-Manager.

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All Saints Church North Street, York Project Manager

**Salary: £39K (£15,600 pro rata) part-time (2 days pw)
Fixed term until end Dec 2023**

A Project Manager with heritage management and National Lottery Heritage Fund project experience is sought to complete the delivery of an exciting project on the restoration and interpretation of the world famous medieval stained glass at All Saints Church North Street York and an associated community engagement programme.

The successful candidate will be expected to be able to undertake flexible evening and weekend working to meet the needs of the project and to attend PCC and site meetings.

Deadline: 7 January 2022.

Please contact David Titchener, Chairman of the Steering Committee at david.titchener@icloud.com to request a full job description and application instructions.

Your Development

How to Create an Audience Development Plan

**Free Skillset Webinar from The Audience Agency
13 December, 1.30pm - 3.00pm**

The session will look at using insights about your own audiences, your organisation and the wider environment to identify opportunities and priorities, firmly putting audiences and their needs at the centre of the planning process. It will cover setting goals and objectives for audience development, developing strategies and action plans and measuring success. There will be tips around how to bring your whole organisation on board with audience development planning and signposting to a range of resources to support the planning process.

Find out more and book a place:

www.theaudienceagency.org/events/free-webinar-how-to-create-an-audience-development-plan.

Funding Opportunities

Application deadline: 28 January 2022

This new partnership between Freelands Foundation and Art Fund offers grants of up to £50,000 for museums to acquire contemporary art and increase public access to work by women artists in the UK. Applications will be considered from public museums, galleries, historic houses, libraries and archives based anywhere in the UK. Expressions of interest may be submitted through your My Art Fund account.

Applicants are asked to specify which artist's work they want to acquire, and can acquire more than one work, as long as their proposal remains within the allocated budget (circa £50,000 per artist). Should a work exceed these financial parameters, we are open to discussing how this can be supported.

Find out more, including eligibility criteria, at:

www.artfund.org/supporting-museums/programmes/freelands-art-fund-acquisition.

And Relax...!

Alice Recommends...

This one is for the locomotive enthusiasts amongst you. If you haven't yet heard of Francis Bourgeois, TikTok's viral trainspotting star, where have you been?

This is one of my favourite videos but his whole TikTok account is sure to bring you joy and laughter.

Visit: www.tiktok.com/@francis.bourgeois/video.



Previously...

In case you missed it...

Just in case you missed them first time round, we're listing below snippets of some of

New Covid Secure Reopening Advice from MDY

Briefing sheets:

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

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:

- **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.

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by 5.00pm on Wednesday 15 December.

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