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Latest news for week ending Friday 17 June 2022

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Welcome to the latest round of information for everyone working, volunteering or freelancing in museums across our region!

With the summer holidays fast approaching, it is never more important to look at your visitor offer and why not get some FREE feedback from colleagues who are in the same boat? [In Your Customers' Shoes](#) has just launched. If you would like to know more, we'll be running a briefing session on 27 June – hope to see you there!

We love to hear about what you're doing, and we've got some fascinating updates in the [Around Our Region](#) feature. If your museum has never featured – don't be shy, send us your copy! In this edition, there are also [opportunities to meet colleagues](#) at events run by YAMN, YEMP or your local museums forum. Don't forget as well, that our [CPD bursary](#) is now open for applications and could be used for opportunities such as the [Collections Trust conference](#) in Sheffield.

After all that gadding about (in person or virtually) you might want to take some time to relax and reflect. Mind has published information on the [importance of green spaces](#) and I'll leave you with the opportunity to wind down with a [jigsaw puzzle](#) from the Cooper Gallery.

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Events Listings

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In Your Customers' Shoes Northern Museums Visitor Experience Consortium 2022

**Sign up by 15 July
Visits must be carried out by 31 October**

Museums across the North of England are invited to take part in an exciting programme this summer. 'In Your Customers' Shoes' aims to put those that come face-to-face with visitors on a daily basis in the shoes of those visiting.

Each participating museum agrees to send its staff or volunteers to three other museum sites between August and October 2022. You are asked to assess the museum you visit in all aspects of the offer from online presence to visitor engagement and submit your report via an online questionnaire. In return, your museum will receive three reports from people from other museums who have visited your site.

The programme has been running for several years and is a great way for staff and volunteers to have an interesting and enjoyable day out and bring enthusiasm and ideas back to their home site. The museums they visit receive valuable comments and realistic recommendations for service improvement.

There is no charge to take part and most museums will be able to reclaim travel and admission costs for their participants.

Download the full [programme information \(PDF\)](#).

Sign up by 15 July at: online1.snapsurveys.com/customershoessignup.

Or find out more at an online information meeting on 27 June at 2.30pm - [click here to join the meeting](#).

Rethinking Cataloguing Consultation

2nd round now open

Collections Trust have now launched the second round of their Rethinking cataloguing public consultation, and send this message:

'Thank you to everyone who responded to our first call out, your feedback has been invaluable and has influenced the changes made so far to the Spectrum Cataloguing procedure. In this second round, we would value your feedback on the latest revised version of Cataloguing and on the Spectrum Use of collections procedure. We'll also be hosting a consultation discussion on 23 June'.

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Consultation closes: 5.00pm on Tuesday 5 July.

Find out more about the Collections Trust Conference - Rethinking Cataloguing - in '[Dates for Diaries](#)' below.

Survey: Autism Provision at Museums, Galleries and Heritage sites in Yorkshire

Sent by Jennifer Catch:

'Hello, I am a student at the University of Leicester. I am currently studying for a Masters Degree in Heritage and Interpretation. For my dissertation I am looking to answer the question - What kind of museum experiences are effective in engaging and positively contributing to the well-being of autistic family audiences?

'To help with this, I am keen to hear from professionals working within museums, galleries or heritage sites across Yorkshire. I would be most grateful if you could spare a few moments to complete my survey in relation to your venue'.

Survey link: forms.gle/yH6bfa38tBfq7yYq8.

If you have any questions, please contact: jmc92@student.le.ac.uk.

Responses by Friday 29 July please.

Your Fortnight Ahead

Regional Museum Forum Meetings

South Yorkshire Museum Forum 21 June, National Emergency Services Museum

What's working for your museum now? As museums start to move on from the immediate issues of managing Covid, museums will be sharing ideas about what's working now and where they're heading.

Find out more and book a place:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/south-yorkshire-museum-forum.

North Yorkshire Museum Forum

Hear case studies from museum in your part of the region, get out to visit a different museum, and catch up with your museum colleagues!

Find out more and book a place:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/north-yorkshire-museum-forum-4.

MDY Elevenses

Thursday 23 June Managing and using natural science collections

Join us with natural science curators from around the region to hear about and discuss care and use of natural science collections. Pick up some housekeeping tips and advice if you are a non-specialist with a natural science collection, or take the opportunity to reflect on how museums are using natural science collections with audiences today. An opportunity to connect with others with natural science collections – experts and non-specialists are all welcome!



Check the full Elevenses schedule and find joining links at:

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

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.

Yorkshire Accessible Museums Network

Online meeting Thursday 23 June, 9.30 - 11.00

Yorkshire Accessible Museums Network (YAMN) is a group of museum professionals who want to make spaces, places and programmes more inclusive and accessible. We meet three or four times a year to explore good practice, and share ideas and news from within the museums sector and wider.

See the full agenda for the next meeting and book your place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-accessible-museums-network-yamn-meeting-23-june-2022-tickets-310668958217.

Alternative Fundraising

Museums are great at fundraising but we're keen to encourage them to look beyond the usual funders and make the most of the opportunities available to them, which is why Museum Development North West and Museum Development Yorkshire have collaborated to create a new programme for museums in the North looking at alternative funding streams.

Growing Collections

Wednesday 29 June, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

In this third and final session we will look at ways museums can grow collections via cultural gifts, bequests, friends' groups and object campaigns. We will also look at the legal and ethical implications for this type of work and what we need to consider when undertaking it.

Book your free place at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alternative-fundraising-growing-collections-tickets-334543537727.

Please note that these events are for those working in non-National, non-NPO Accredited museums in the North East, North West and Yorkshire.

West Yorkshire EMP – Museum Meet

28 June, 5.00pm – 6.30pm
University of Leeds

Yorkshire Emerging Museum Professionals (YEMP) invite you to an exclusive out of hours opening of Leeds University Library Galleries. Based in the Parkinson Building, the galleries are just a short walk from Leeds city centre, and are free and open to all. Then we'll head to the pub!

Find out more and register to attend at:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-yorkshire-emp-museum-meet-tickets-344645482917?aff=ebdsoporgprofile.

What's Happening in Your Region?

Castleford Museum

New Interactive Displays Celebrate Women Who Made Important Contributions to Town

History Makers pays tribute to two champions of local heritage: Ivy Hill MBE (1904-1992), the town's first female librarian and curator, and Alison Drake MBE (1950-2019), a founding member and long-serving chair of Castleford Heritage Trust and a passionate campaigner. Their achievements are honoured through personal tributes



Burberry: Women on the Front Line of Fashion showcases the skill and expertise of the largely female workforce at Burberry's Castleford Mill. The timeless Heritage trench coat, one of the town's most iconic exports, sits alongside one of the vital non-surgical gowns made at the factory and donated to the NHS during the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Visitors of all ages can have a go at designing their own pattern to rival Burberry's famous check with our simple sewing activity. Also look out for Makaton symbols throughout the gallery and try practising the signs.

Further displays celebrating women's stories will follow, starting with women's rugby league in summer 2022. The museum will explore the development of the women's game, which has expanded and strengthened in recent years, and introduce the women and girls who are pushing the sport forward in our area today.

experiencewakefield.co.uk/event/castleford-museum-community-cases.

UEFA European Women's Championship 2022 Grassroots To Glory: Our Story So Far

Saturday 18 June to Sunday 9 October
Clifton Park Museum, Rotherham

Grassroots to Glory charts the powerful and personal story of women's football across Rotherham. Discover where it all began, from the grassroots of Rotherham playing fields to the international pitches of European Championships. Hear the voices of our local lionesses recounting their achievements as well as women who have strived to give the game the centre stage it deserves. Come along and be inspired as we celebrate Rotherham's status as a host-city for the UEFA European Women's Championship 2022.



Find out more about the UEFA Women's Euro 2022 Festival in Rotherham at:
www.rotherham.gov.uk/news/article/539/what-s-on-as-part-of-the-uefa-women-s-euro-2022-festival.

We Want to Hear From You!

interested and would love to tell everyone in the region too!

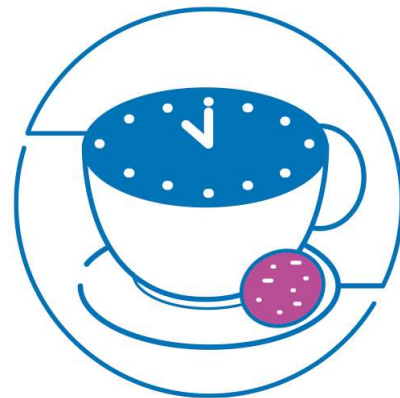
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Dates for Your Diary

Eleveneses with MDY Coming up:

6 July Front of House - Security Special

A vital part of the museum front-of-house role is supporting museum security. We'll hear from a security specialist from Trident Manor and the Thackray Museum of Medicine.



All are welcome! Remember there's no need to book, just make a note in your diary, then click on the link on the website on the day:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-wednesday-6th-july.

Getting Your House in Order Workshops

Various dates July to December, 10.00am - noon

Led by Lindsay Duncan, Outreach Officer at Collections Trust, these online workshops are open to trustees, managers, beginners, and volunteers from museums in Yorkshire which are Accredited or formally working towards Accreditation. They are also a good refresher for museums wanting to tighten up their documentation, and a reminder of why this work is necessary.

- **21 July:** Ownership of collections - **4 places**
- **7 September:** Documentation histories - **4 places**
- **13 October:** Dealing with objects with uncertain ownership - **5 places**
- **10 November:** Audit - **4 places**
- **7 December:** Borrowing and lending - **3 places.**

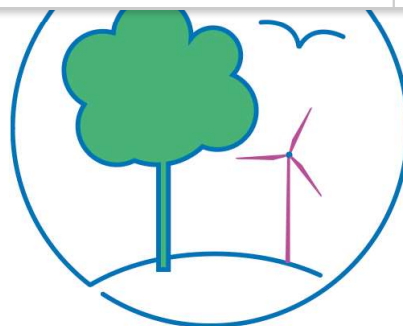
For more information and to book please visit:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/getting-your-house-in-order-workshops-2022.

Carbon Literacy for Museums

New Online Training Sessions in

Bookings are now open for you to gain Carbon Literacy certification. Courses are open to museums (including paid staff, volunteers and freelancers who work across all service areas) from Accredited Museums or those Working Towards Accreditation in the North of England. Priority will be given to non-National museums. We advise that, where possible, two people from your organisation attend a course for peer support when developing actions.



For more information and to book a place, visit:

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/carbon-literacy-for-museums.

Regional Museum Forum Meetings Coming Up:

West Yorkshire Museum Forum 5 July, Middleton Railway

Life is changing around us and trying new things has never been more important. We'll share some key tips for trying new things. There will be an opportunity to visit our host museum, catch up with colleagues from around the region, and chat to your Museum Development Officer, Alan Bentley.

www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/west-yorkshire-museum-forum.

Make a Difference – Improving the Creative and Cultural Offer for Children and Young People in York

**14 July, 10.00 - 12.30pm
York Explore**

Join the York Cultural Education Partnership (REACH) to hear about how you can support a joined-up approach to arts, creative, cultural and heritage and help deliver an entitlement for all children and young people in the City of York. Find out more about our exciting plans to deliver a £75,000 funded project over the next 18 months, meet our steering group and network with other creative and cultural professionals. Discover how you can support schools, communities and young people to fulfil their creative potential and access the highest-quality cultural experiences where they live.

During the workshop there will be time for discussion and delegates will be able to join working groups to help deliver this new vision for cultural entitlement for all our children and young people.

To find out more about York's cultural transformation and download 'York's Creative Future' visit: www.makeityork.com/culture.

chrisedwards51@hotmail.com.

Rethinking Cataloguing Collections Trust Conference

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**6 October 2022
Millennium Gallery, Sheffield**

At Collections Trust we believe that cataloguing should be an open ended, inclusive, and flexible activity. But how can we make this a reality? Building on forthcoming changes to the relevant parts of Spectrum, our 2022 conference theme is Rethinking Cataloguing.

This is our first in-person conference since 2019 and we look forward to seeing many of you in Sheffield, where the networking over lunch will be as important as the programme itself.

Early bird tickets are now on sale at only £95 and three bursaries are also being offered.

Find out more at: collectionstrust.org.uk/events/nationwide-event-listings/conference-2022-rethinking-cataloguing.

Your Wellbeing

The Mind Garden

Over 7 million taken up gardening since pandemic

New research released in May by Mind shows the nation's mental health has benefitted from spending more time in nature since the pandemic. Overall, nearly two thirds of UK adults surveyed (63%) say spending time gardening or in nature helps their mental health, with respondents saying it makes them feel less stressed and that they benefit from taking in the sights, colours and smells of the outdoors. But it's not just those with gardens who reap the rewards, 43% said looking after houseplants or growing food or plants in window boxes also boosted wellbeing. The data coincides with the mental health charity's garden at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2022, which has been designed by eight-time RHS Chelsea gold medal winner, Andy Sturgeon.

More information about the MIND garden design and a planting list can be found at: www.andysturgeon.com/chelsea-flower-show-2022.

To find out more about the Mind Garden, including tips on how to connect through nature, visit: www.mind.org.uk/chelseafloowershow.

Job Opportunities and Volunteering

Sheffield Museums HR & Payroll Manager

Salary: Up to £32K

This is a new and exciting role, and the successful candidate will have the scope to really make a difference. As the HR & Payroll Manager, you'll provide operational HR support on all people related issues as well as managing the monthly payrolls to ensure that each stage of the process is completed correctly and that our colleagues are paid, and third-party payments are accurate and on time.

You will be responsible for the provision of a high-quality HR and Payroll function, and you'll also support senior managers to maintain and develop a positive organisational culture. Fundamental to the role will be the maintenance of HR & Payroll records to enable accurate and timely reporting that supports and informs operational and strategic decision making.

Find out more and download Job Description at:

www.networxrecruitment.com/Jobs/Advert/2702106?cid=1468.

Closing date: open ended.

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A number of opportunities are available across the YMT sites in Front of House, Wedding and Event planning.

Visitor Experience Team Members

Starting Salary: £19,100 fte per annum pro rata depending on hours (YMT Grade 1)

Hours: Various shift patterns

Wedding and Events Host

Contract: A number of part time, permanent roles of 16 hours per week

Salary: £8,259.46 per annum (£19,100 per annum fte)

Find out more at:

www.yorkmuseumstrust.org.uk/about-us/our-people/jobvacancies.

Your Development

GEM Conference 2022

7 - 9 September

Museum of Making, Derby (or online)

This year, we will be providing a hybrid conference experience, with main sessions live-streamed and recorded for participation with an online audience throughout all three days. This online offer will seek to provide opportunities for connection, discussion, and participation throughout the conference, with accessibility and inclusion at the forefront.

All Staff Institutional tickets are available for GEM Member organisations to purchase, for online access only. This ticket enables an unlimited number of staff and volunteers from your organisation to attend as much of GEM Conference as they wish, at no extra cost.

Book your ticket before 20 June to benefit from the 10% Early Bird Discount:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gem-conference-2022-museum-of-making-derby-tickets-314749152187.

Tickets for Online event:
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gem-conference-2022-online-tickets-314645010697.

Thanks to Art Fund for their sponsorship of GEM Conference 2022, enabling us to provide an inclusive online offer to our members.

Museum Development Yorkshire New CPD Bursary

Applications are welcomed for up to £1,000, to support museums in investing in the professional development of their workforce. The fund has a total of £3,000 and applications will be assessed on a rolling basis until 31 December 2022 or until all funds are allocated. A bursary can be used to develop the knowledge and skills of people employed by or volunteering with eligible museums across the region.

Activities can include a range of learning from workshops through to study trips.

For full details please visit:
www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/resource.

Funding Opportunities

AIM Grants

AIM strives to support museums to feel confident and effective in running their museums. They have a number of grants available to help their members. They have also put together top tips to help you make a strong AIM grant application and improve your chances of success.

Find out more at:
aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/grants/grant-application-top-tips.

The full list of grants can be located at:
aim-museums.co.uk/for-aim-members/grants.

And Relax...!

Ali recommends...

If jigsaws are your thing, you can while away the hours with a daily online puzzle from Barnsley Museums' selection of paintings at the Cooper Gallery.

A recent challenge was the charming image below: 'Squirrel' by Lucy Dewsnap.



Take your pick at: www.jigsawplanet.com/BarnsleyMuseums

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:

Yorkshire & Humber Climate Action Plan:

yorksandhumberclimate.org.uk/climate-action-plan.

New Covid Secure Reopening Advice from MDY

Briefing sheets:

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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