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# Latest news for week ending Friday 15 July 2022

Dear <<First Name>>

We hope you're coping with the weather – currently a bit overcast, but a major heatwave predicted! In other news...

Many museums (regardless of their size) have reported challenges in the recruitment and retention of volunteers post pandemic, with that in mind we're supporting the MDUK Volunteer Development Programme – if you'd like free training and 1-2-1 support, apply now!

Perhaps we're biased, but Yorkshire and Humber is a wonderful place to be involved in museums and there are lots of opportunities to meet colleagues in this edition via an <u>MDY Forum</u>, joining a meeting with <u>YEMP</u> or <u>YAMN</u> or becoming a <u>Board member</u> for the FED.

Our Elevenses continue to be really popular and we encourage everyone to join the final session before the summer break, where we are joined by Inclusive Boards to discuss how MDY is reflecting on practice.

Finally, do make sure you take a look at <u>Elsecar</u> 1800: Victorian <u>Elsecar Revealed!</u>

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#### Deadline for expressions of interest: 19 July

Museum Development UK are thrilled to be working in collaboration once again with volunteer sector specialists 10GM to offer an intensive Volunteer Development Programme, for up to 20 museums from across participating areas in the UK.

The programme aims to support participants to review their volunteering strategy, and explore new ways to embed sustainable practice in volunteer development, tailored to their organisational needs.

Outcomes for participating museums will be to have:

- reviewed their operating model and business/forward plan through the lens of volunteer resourcing
- understood the volunteer skills needed to deliver their operating model
- a plan to develop their volunteer workforce through appropriate recruitment, training and resources to meet defined organisational needs
- developed appropriate volunteer policies and procedures
- identified volunteer management roles and responsibilities within the workforce
- embedded inclusive practice into volunteer development
- an organisation specific action plan for volunteer development.

Visit <u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/mduk-volunteer-development-programme-2022</u> to find out more or <u>download the full programme information</u>.

Apply by completing the expression of interest form on our website and returning it by 5.00pm on Tuesday 19 July to joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk.

#### **Future Fed: We Need You!**

# New Board Members Wanted Application deadline: 31 July

FED

Yorkshire & Humberside Federation of Museums and Art Galleries

The Fed is recruiting new Board members and has a list of priority roles that they need to fill in order

to be able to continue providing their membership and training offer in the long term. However, they are also interested in hearing from anyone with skills and experience outside of this list, or who would like to volunteer with the Board in a non-official capacity.

If you are looking for a good career development opportunity, or want to share your existing skills and experience to the benefit of your peers, find out how to apply at: <a href="www.yhfed.org.uk/opportunities">www.yhfed.org.uk/opportunities</a>.

### **Future Fed Survey**

The Feds primary purpose is to support its members in realising their career

Given the various challenges impacting people's lives, the Fed think that now would be a good time to evaluate their offer to ensure that it meets the needs of the wider sector both now and for the next five years. However, they cannot evaluate whether their current and future offer is relevant, accessible, and meets your needs without input from you!

Please complete their short survey at: <a href="www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y5DDFZL">www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y5DDFZL</a>

# RICHeS - the Research Infrastructure for Conservation and Heritage Science

# AHRC invite expressions of interest Deadline: 1 August

Expressions of interest are encouraged from both UKRI-eligible organisations (e.g. Higher Education Institutions and Independent Research Organisations) and those that are not normally eligible, particularly smaller heritage organisations, libraries, archives and museums. AHRC is keen to explore the landscape for partnership working in the heritage sector and wants to understand, through responses to this EOI, where there is potential to build partnerships that can increase access to the equipment, expertise and reference collections that enable research into the long-term management and preservation of heritage assets and collections.

If your organisation holds equipment, expertise or scientific reference collections (analogue or digital) that could form part of a funded UK-wide research infrastructure please complete the form at:

 $\underline{www.ukri.org/opportunity/research-infrastructure-for-conservation-and-heritage-science}.$ 

Further background information on RICHeS is available at: <a href="https://www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/what-we-do/riches">www.heritagescienceforum.org.uk/what-we-do/riches</a>.

# **Arts Council England Security Advice Update**

From ACE:

Following the retirement of William Brown, from Monday 4 July Valentina Sabucco will be joining the team as Manager, Security and Protection Advice, working alongside Dawn Somerville (Assistant, Cultural Property), Catherine Higgs (Senior Manager, Cultural Property) and Sarah Posey (Director, Cultural Property) together with our team of security advisers.

We have a new general security email: <a href="mailto:securityadvice@artscouncil.org.uk">securityadvice@artscouncil.org.uk</a>.

Please use this for all and any enquiries (not nationalsecurityadviser@artscouncil.org.uk).

# Collections at the Heart – getting your documentation accreditation ready

Your museum's core responsibility is as custodian of its collection. To achieve this, you need to meet the Arts Council England <u>Museums Accreditation Standard</u>. The programme will explore the documentation procedures and planning which will enable your museum to achieve and keep Accreditation. You will discuss how improving your collection information will support wider museum priorities, and gain confidence to advocate for these documentation priorities within your museum, making sure your systems match <u>Spectrum Standard</u>.

The cohort would suit anyone working or volunteering in a museum with responsibility for collections documentation. There will be three meetings and a bespoke one-to-one session. <u>Download the PDF</u> to find out more.

If you are interested, please email alan.bentley@ymt.org.uk.

# **Your Fortnight Ahead**

# MDY Elevenses Thursday 21 July

# How can we do better? Improving our practice when sharing difficult and sensitive content within the museum sector

Join us with equality, diversity and inclusion specialists Inclusive Boards to hear about and discuss steps that MDY are taking to provide a safer and more inclusive environment for professional development, for people in the museum sector.



As museums work towards improving their interpretation of diverse histories, we need to be aware of how and if we share some sensitive material, including historic racist objects and images from our collections. How can we improve the ways that we talk within the sector, as well as with audiences, about content that may cause a powerful emotional response?

We'll talk about learning from mistakes, improving our awareness of potentially triggering content, and what that means for providing a safe workplace environment. This session will be useful for you to understand MDY's own developing practice and to explore how this may apply in your museum's own work. We will also discuss triggering caused by racist content and other issues.

#### Find out more at:

<u>www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event/elevenses-thursday-21st-july.</u>

#### **MDY Elevenses - Summer Break**

Following 21 July, Elevenses is strolling off to sip a cool drink under a shady tree over the summer break. We will be back from the week of 12 September and look forward to seeing you then for more topical conversations and timely advice!

We hope everyone has an enjoyable summer - stay cool!

For new session details, check the full Elevenses schedule and find joining links at: <a href="https://www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/elevenses-with-mdy">www.museumdevelopmentyorkshire.org.uk/event-category/elevenses-with-mdy</a>.

We're scheduling now! Is there some work you'd like to share with others? A topic you'd like to hear about? Or a speaker you'd like to hear from – or hear again? Please let us know at: <a href="mailto:joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk">joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk</a>.

# **Yorkshire Emerging Museum Professionals (YEMP)**

# Next Meet-Up in York Thur 28 July, 6.00pm

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who came along to our West Yorkshire Museum Meet! It was wonderful to finally get together in person after three years of screens. We loved reconnecting with YEMPers we hadn't seen in ages, and welcoming new emerging museum professionals to our YEMP network.

If hanging out with like-minded individuals and talking all things museums over afterwork drinks sounds like your kind of thing, make sure you don't miss our next regional meet-up. Come along and meet other emerging museum professionals in your region!

Book now at: <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-yorkshire-emp-meet-up-tickets-378113837667</u>

# What's Happening in Your Region?

### **Elsecar 1800: Victorian Elsecar Revealed!**

Barnsley Museum have launched a fly-through reconstruction of the 19th century Elsecar industrial village. The stunning fly-through is a digital rendering showing Elsecar and the surrounding area at its industrial peak around 1880 with ironworks, collieries, canals, railways and settlements all visible.



Prepared by Barnsley Museum and produced by digital creator Martin Moss of Dextra Digital, it is based on research carried out by Historic England as part of the Elsecar Heritage Action Zone, together with local volunteer historians and experts across the UK, which has transformed our understanding of the importance of Elsecar. It is also a legacy project of the **Great Place Wentworth and Elsecar** Programme, supported by Arts Council England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Watch now on YouTube

### 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.

# **Dates for Your Diary**

# Regional Museum Forum Meetings

Thanks to everyone who joined one of our summer forums around the region, and especially to all of our speakers. You have been fabulous! We have all had some fantastic days enjoying visits to sites, hearing about great work, exciting opportunities, and - best of all - meeting and chatting to colleagues in person.



We are now looking forward to our autumn round of forums. Speaker details will be added to booking pages over the summer, so check back for more information.

Bookings are already rolling in, so don't miss out, we'd love to see you! See below for dates and booking links.

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### East Riding & North Lincolnshire The Treasure House, Beverley

### **Thu 15 September**

Book here: <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/east-riding-and-northern-lincolnshire-museum-forum-tickets-348768856037.</u>

# South Yorkshire Cannon Hall Museum, Park and Gardens, Barnsley

### **Wed 28 September**

Book here: <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/south-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-348774021487</u>.

### West Yorkshire Bankfield Museum, Halifax

#### Mon 3 October

**Book here:** <u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-348776789767</u>.

# North Yorkshire Woodend Gallery, Scarborough

#### **Tue 18 October**

Book here: <a href="www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-348779989337">www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/north-yorkshire-museum-forum-tickets-348779989337</a>.

# **Brew Up! Industrial Collections Online**

#### **Wed 9 November**

Book here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brew-up-tickets-380439674307.

### 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 1 place
- 7 September: Documentation histories fully booked, join waiting list
- 13 October: Dealing with objects with uncertain ownership 1 place
- 10 November: Audit fully booked, join waiting list
- 7 December: Borrowing and lending 1 place.

#### For more information and to book please visit:

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

### **Yorkshire Accessible Museums Network (YAMN)**

### Next online meeting: Thur 22 September, 9.30am

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.

If you have awesome inclusive practice to share, please get in touch. We would welcome speakers with lived experience of disability and neurodiversity.

#### See the full agenda and book your place at:

<u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/yorkshire-accessible-museums-network-yamn-meeting-22-september-2022-tickets-372959200007.</u>

# **Your Wellbeing**

# **Unwinding Anxiety Special Event from Action for Happiness**

# Tue 19 July, 7.00pm (online) Open to all with optional donation

Do you ever struggle with anxiety? We're living through one of the most anxious periods anyone can remember, leaving many of us feeling overwhelmed. The good news is that it's possible to break through the cycles of worry and fear and heal your mind.

At this special event, Dr Judson Brewer will explain how you can uproot anxiety using

He will also explore how we can map our brain to discover our triggers, defuse them with curiosity and retrain the brain using mindfulness and other proven practices.

Book a place at: <a href="www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unwinding-anxiety-dr-judson-brewer-tickets-338919275677">www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/unwinding-anxiety-dr-judson-brewer-tickets-338919275677</a>.

By booking you will also receive access to the event video and resources.

# **Job Opportunities and Volunteering**

# Ripon Museums Trust Fundraising Consultant for Fairer Futures Project

Fee: £8K plus VAT

We need an experienced Fundraiser to assist the Trust with implementing a Fundraising Strategy through the Development Phase of our Fairer Futures Project funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The Project is worth £2,25M and is a substantial first step to delivering our 'Master Plan' for the Trust's future.

The Trust is seeking to work with an experienced fundraising consultant to work alongside and support the Director and key Trustees as an advisor and critical friend to raise £265K. This is needed as match funding for the delivery of the Fairer Futures Project. This fundraising target needs to be 'in place' (as defined by the National Lottery Heritage Fund guidelines for submitting a Delivery Phase bid) by our Delivery Phase submission currently planned for the end of 2023.

Find out more at: <u>riponmuseums.co.uk/join-us/fundraising-consultant-for-the-fairer-futures-project</u>.

Deadline: 28 July.

# All Saints Church, North Street, York Community Engagement Officer

# Salary £25K (£15K pro rata), part time (3 days pw) Fixed term contract ending June 2023

The successful candidate will join a team delivering an exciting project to conserve and promote the world famous medieval stained glass windows at All Saints Church, North Street, York. This been made possible through the awarding of a major grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The appointee will build on the work of the outgoing Community Engagement Officer and will oversee the implementation of an ongoing activity programme to engage the wider public with the heritage of the building. The role will involve developing learning resources, volunteering, training, placements, partnerships, managing visits and marketing, including updating the website and social media.

Steering Committee at david titchener@icloud.com.

Deadline: 6 August.

# **Your Development**

# Digital Development Opportunities with Culture 24



### Online (Zoom) in 3 x 2hr sessions 1 session per week for 3 weeks

There are 18 places on each course – 2 places for each of 9 museums. All sessions are being delivered for museums across the Museum Development North East, North West and Yorkshire regions.

For more information please contact: joanne.bartholomew@ymt.org.uk.

# Digital Storytelling with a Collections Focus Tue 13 Sep, Wed 21 Sep and Tue 27 Sep 10.00am - 12.00pm

Is your museum making the most of its digitised collections content online? Finding the right channel, tone, voice, and techniques to reach and connect with audiences online isn't easy. This course will explore the specific tensions and challenges that digital storytelling can pose. It will focus on the many advantages that museums and collections offer in this space.

Aimed at anyone based in a small or medium-sized museum who is tasked with creating content for online platforms yet isn't a digital content specialist.

More information and booking at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-storytelling-with-a-collections-focus-tickets-380257479357">www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-storytelling-with-a-collections-focus-tickets-380257479357</a>

# Leading a Digitally Literate Museum Thu 17 Nov, Thu 24 Nov and Thu 1 Dec 10.00am - 12.00pm

Is your museum leadership team confident when it comes to digital? Are they as digitally literate as our fast-changing world requires? The opportunities around digital culture can be huge but it is a multi-layered environment that is a challenge for many museums to exploit, particularly in the current climate.

leaders). This includes chief executives, directors, board members and senior leaders.

More information and booking at: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-a-digitally-literate-museum-tickets-384282347847">www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-a-digitally-literate-museum-tickets-384282347847</a>.

# Assessing Your Museum's Digital Capacity Tue 21 Feb, Tue 28 Feb and Tue 7 Mar 2023 2.00 - 4.00pm

For museums to be able to take full advantage of everything digital can offer, they must first understand how and where digital sits within their organisation. The Digital Culture Compass is a powerful tool which can help a museum to evaluate how digital relates to their organisation. This course helps smaller museums understand how to use the toolkit before applying it to their own organisations.

Aimed at people in senior leadership roles, and/or those with digital responsibilities in their museum - this includes chief executives, directors, board members and senior leaders. Two members from each participating museum should attend to ensure that they are able to enact and embed change more effectively within their organisation. Ideally the second member of staff or volunteer would be involved in delivery of the digital activities of the museum.

#### More information and booking at:

<u>www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/assessing-your-museums-digital-capacity-tickets-383851248417.</u>

#### **New Resources**

# How to make your digital engagement activities better for the environment



Katie Parry from digital agency and arts sector specialists, Supercool, provides a selection of practical actions to help you make your digital engagement activities better for the environment. Katie provides tips and suggestions that will help you make your organisation's website, social media channels, emails and computers more sustainable.

#### Access the resources online at:

<u>www.culturehive.co.uk/digital-heritage-hub/resource/engagement/make-</u> your-digital-engagement-activities-better-for-the-environment.

# Social Media Marketing Course From Media Works + York St John

2 Weeks, Free

your social media skills, learn how to build your marketing strategy and pick up tips, tricks and tools to develop your practice.

#### Want to enroll? Follow the steps below:

- Go to **learn.yorksj.ac.uk**
- Click log in, then Create new account.
- Read and agree to YSJ Learn Terms and Conditions
- · Fill in your details and an email confirmation will be sent to your email address
- Click on the confirmation on the email and you will be able to sign in with your chosen username and password
- Log in to <u>learn.yorksj.ac.uk</u> and search for DKL Social Media Marketing Short Course in the search box in the top right of the screen and select the course
- Enter the enrollment key to join the course (SOCIALCOURSE one word, all capitals).

# **The Authentic Spark Launches New Online Courses**

Sarah Oswald, aka The Authentic Spark, has recently launched her first self-directed online course in interpretive scriptwriting for graphics.

The new course was inspired by the online Zoom-based courses she ran during 2020 and 2021, but now allows students 24/7 access to the resources and the ability to study in their own time. Learning is through videos and resources as well as practical activities and assignments to help you put the theory into practice.

Spark your Creativity! Interpretive Scriptwriting for Graphics is now available to buy at <a href="https://www.theauthenticspark.com">www.theauthenticspark.com</a>.

# **Funding Opportunities**

# Weston Loan Programme Now Open

# Art Fund\_

The Weston Loan Programme with Art Fund provides funding and training for regional museums and galleries to secure important strategic loans from major UK collections. The grants cover up to 100% of the costs associated with securing and displaying a loan, for example security reviews, insurance, transportation, conservation, installation and invigilation. They also support activity related to maximising the impact of the loan, such as production of marketing materials, on-site interpretation and/or audience engagement activity.

Made possible with the support of the Garfield Weston Foundation, the programme aims to encourage new and stronger relationships between regional and national museums and galleries.

#### Find out more at:

# National Lottery Heritage Fund Launches Heritage Innovation Fund



The Heritage Fund is launching a new funding initiative which will give pioneering organisations the freedom to be ambitious in their thinking and help shape the future of the heritage workforce.

The Heritage Innovation Fund will give groups the power to be more experimental, creative and try new ways of working to meet the future demands and ambitions for the UK's diverse heritage. Through a combination of financial support, expert advice and collaboration, the Fund will help organisations to explore, test, and grow ideas to meet the challenges faced by the sector.

The Heritage Fund is partnering with The Young Foundation to deliver the Heritage Innovation Fund and The Foundation will provide expert advice and help develop participants' innovation skills through a series of group and one-to-one sessions.

Applications for the Explore phase are currently being accepted, with grants of up to £25,000 available to cover organisations' time and exploration activities for six months. The pilot is open to not-for-profit and public sector organisations, local authorities, as well as a private owners of heritage.

A series of online events is available to help organisations understand the aims of the programme and if the grants are right for them:

- Thursday 21 July at 11.00am
   Webinar introducing the Heritage Innovation Fund
- Thursday 4 August, Wednesday 24 August, Tuesday 13 September Workshops to help hone ideas.

#### Find out more at:

www.heritagefund.org.uk/funding/heritage-innovation-fund.

Application deadline: Tuesday 27 September.

# 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 download the **Guidance Notes PDF**.

#### And Relax...!

#### Alan Recommends...

Relax with the sounds of nature... this video features a full eight hours of forest birdsong and nature soundscapes!



www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUdZFXsHk0o.

# 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:**

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

### **Other Reopening Resources and Guidance:**

during-coronavirus-covid-19.

 EMBED – Reopening Recommendation Guidance focused on Accessibility

embed.org.uk/covid-19-reopening.

- Space for Learning New Guidance for Learning Services <u>spaceforlearning.org.uk/covid-guidance</u>.
- Timed Ticketing Quick Guide <u>Download a PDF copy of the guide</u>

#### **Other Previous Articles:**

 Museum Wellness Network: supporting staff wellbeing post-lockdown: www.museumsassociation.org/museum-practice/08062020supporting-museum-workforce-wellbeing-post-lockdown.

#### **Contributions**

#### Please send items for the next MDY Bulletin

(on Friday 29 July) to: mdy-bulletin@ymt.org.uk

by 5.00pm on Wednesday 27 July.

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