Events and Activities at **York Museums Trust** September - December 2015

ADULT LEARNING at YMT

Holiday & Family Fun!

Family Events for the under 5s









York Art Gallery York Castle Museum Yorkshire Museum York Museum Gardens

www.yorkmuseumstrust.org.uk



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BOOKING INFORMATION

Booking is required for most events, courses and activities through York Museums Trust (unless otherwise stated). Please contact us as soon as possible if for any reason you cannot attend.

To make a booking please contact:

Telephone:

01904 697979

Email:

groupbookings@ymt.org.uk

York Museums Trust reserves the right to cancel any events if there are insufficient bookings.

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For the latest news from York Museums Trust you can follow our venues on Twitter and don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook.

ADULT LEARNING at YMT

RATES

For all bookable events, the cost of each event is listed. Please pay when booking – we accept card payment. Many event charges include museum admission, please check individual listings for details. Otherwise normal admission applies. Kids Go Free with a paying adult (up to 4 children).

FACILITIES

York Art Gallery, York Castle Museum and the Yorkshire Museum have baby changing facilities and disabled access toilets. York Art Gallery and York Castle Museum both have cafés.

ACCESSIBILITY

Wheelchair users are eligible for the Access Day Ticket at York Art Gallery, York Castle Museum and the Yorkshire Museum and for the Access YMT Card. One carer will be eligible for free admission with a wheelchair user. Please note that some of the upper floors of York Castle Museum are not currently wheelchair accessible. at York Museums Trust September - December 2015

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Welcome!

Welcome to the latest Events and Activities brochure; your guide to what's on at York Castle Museum, the Yorkshire Museum and Gardens and now, for the first time, York Art Gallery.

We have combined all of the adult learning events, school holiday and family events and Under 5's events into one handy booklet. Each of the three groups is colour coded, making it easy to find the section which is relevant to you.

At the back of the booklet, you will also find a calendar of events to help you find out what's going on and when.

Unless otherwise stated, activities are included in admission costs. With the new **YMT Card** this could be as little as \pounds 6 for unlimited visits to all three sites for a year for an adult and FREE for children under 16. For more information on admission costs please see page 43.

We hope you find the booklet the perfect place to find out more about the fantastic events and activities taking place in the next few months.

YMT Card (see p42-43) GET UNLIMITED VISITS for a whole year to York Art Gallery Yorkshire Museum York Castle Museum

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WELCOME

ADULT LEARNING at YMT

Our adult learning events are a great way for people to enjoy and learn more about the fantastic collections at York Museums Trust.

Whether it's working with established artists, hearing an in-depth talk from a curator, stargazing from the only working observatory in York or even discussing your archaeological find with our experts; we have something for everyone at York Art Gallery, York Castle Museum, the Yorkshire Museum and York Museum Gardens over the next few months.

Everyone is welcome and no experience is necessary; just find the symbols for your preferred subject, follow the booking instructions and take advantage of what **York Museums Trust** has to offer.

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YORK OBSERVATORY - OPEN DAYS York Museum Gardens

Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.30am – 2.30pm (Open hours are subject to the availability of volunteer facilitators.)

Discover the history of York Observatory and astronomy in York.

FREE see www.yorkmuseumstrust.org for further details.

YORK OBSERVATORY EVENING EVENTS York Museum Gardens

Once a month, September – February, see website for dates.

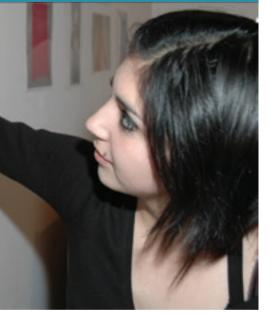
York Observatory will open once a month from September to February for stargazing events in the evening. Come and look at the moon and planets through our historic Cooke telescope and take a guided Skytour through York Museum Gardens to see the constellations in the night sky through binoculars. As we schedule these events to coincide with activity in the night sky, dates will be advertised on our website nearer the time.

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Family Events for the under 5s

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FEAST GILES: ARTISTS' TALK

Tuesday 1 September, from 12pm

Join artists Claire Hind and Gary Winters whose current work celebrates the legend of St Giles, patron saint of hermits and night terrors, after whom Gillygate was named and whose motto was 'Live Independently, Dream Individually, Take an Arrow for your Beliefs'. The talk is followed by a performance continuing out and on to Gillygate .

FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK gallery admission applies.

CERAMIC ART YORK 2015

York Museum Gardens

Friday 11 – Sunday 13 September

An exciting new showcase of contemporary ceramic art, with exhibitors drawn from the UK, Europe and worldwide.

See www.ceramicartyork.org for further details.

VIEWS OF YORK

York Art Gallery

Wednesday 16 September, 12.30pm – 1pm

A Curator's Talk by Lorna Frost, Curatorial Assistant for Art.

FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK gallery admission applies.

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PORTABLE ANTIQUITIES SCHEME: FINDS DAY

Yorkshire Museum

Friday 2 October, 10am – 1pm

Have you found an archaeological object that you would like to find out more about?

If so then bring your finds for identification and if they are more than 300 years old, have them recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme.



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FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK museum admission applies.



York Art Gallery

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BOOKBINDING – ANCIENT COPTIC STITCH TECHNIQUE

Yorkshire Museum

Saturday 3 October 2015, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Create your own books using two variations of an ancient stitch technique called the Coptic Stitch. The Coptic stitch came to us from the Copts, a religious group that originated as an early Christian sect in Egypt and North Africa. This course is for anyone who is interested in crafts and in particular anyone interested in book binding. No previous experience is needed and all abilities are welcome.

£35 PER PERSON (PLUS £6 FOR MATERIALS ON THE DAY) includes museum admission. To book please visit www.yortime.org.uk, call 01904 552806 or e-mail york.learning@york.gov.uk.

SKETCHBOOK CIRCLE

York Art Gallery

Wednesdays – 7 October, 4 November, 2 December, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

A regular informal drawing group, to help you develop your skills and fill your sketchbook.

£5 PER PERSON Gallery admission applies. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

MASTERCLASS WITH TOM WOOD: DRAWING CERAMICS

York Art Gallery

Saturday 17 October, 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.15pm – 3.15pm

Get closer to the collections of the Centre of Ceramic Art and draw what you see, under the expert guidance of established artist Tom Wood.

£15 PER PERSON, PER 2 HOUR SESSION (INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS) Gallery admission applies. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

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FELT MAKING – AUTUMNAL SCARF Yorkshire Museum

Saturday 17 October 2015, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Gain an understanding of the basic principles of felt making and learn to use the techniques and materials safely and effectively.

Watch tutor demonstrations and then practice the skills and techniques associated with each subject.

This course is suitable for absolute beginners as well as the more experienced.

£35 PER PERSON (PLUS £3.50 FOR MATERIALS ON THE DAY) includes museum admission. To book please visit www.yortime.org.uk, call 01904 552806 or e-mail york.learning@york.gov.uk.



THE CoCA LECTURE: WALTER KEELER

Saturday 17 October, 4pm – 5pm

Walter Keeler is a potter with an international reputation. He has influenced generations of makers through his creative approach to functional tableware and his commitment to teaching.



£8.00 (£5.00 CONCESSION) includes museum admission. Please visit www.centreofceramicart.org.uk.

LOW LIGHT & MACRO PHOTOGRAPHY York Castle Museum

Sunday 18 October, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Learn how to make the most of your camera and create high quality imaginative images. Part of the day will be spent within a studio environment looking at close up macro photography of interesting artefacts, the rest of the time will be spent 'On location' within the museum's 'Kirkgate' area, studying low light photography. Please bring your digital camera, with fully charged battery and an empty/formatted memory card. Also bring your camera's instruction manual, and a tripod if you have one.

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£40 PER PERSON includes museum admission. To book please visit www.yortime.org.uk, call 01904 552806 or e-mail york.learning@york.gov.uk.



CoCA SENSORY TOUR

York Art Gallery

Yorkshire Museum

Wednesday 21 October, 12.30pm – 1.15pm

Use all your senses to discover more about the collections of the Centre of Ceramic Art. Everyone over 16 is welcome and this session is especially suitable for partially sighted and blind adults.



FREE EVENT gallery admission applies. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF PREHISTORIC YORKSHIRE

Yorkshire Museum

Saturday 24 October, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Spend the day with curators from the Yorkshire Museum to learn about Yorkshire's beginnings – from the first people to settle in the Yorkshire landscape 12,000 years ago, to the arrival of the Romans in AD71. Objects from iconic sites will be used to illustrate this in depth session.

£20 PER PERSON includes museum admission. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

AN ANGLO SAXON GRAVE ASSEMBLAGE FROM MIDDLEHAM: NEW LIGHT ON **NORTHERN BURIAL PRACTICES**

Yorkshire Museum

Tuesday 27 October, 2pm – 3pm

A special Curator's talk and handling session, examining a newly acquired collection of Anglo Saxon material, and what it can tell us about Yorkshire in the Anglian period.

£10 PER PERSON includes museum admission. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

NEW COMMISSIONS

York Art Gallery

Wednesday 28 October, 12.30pm - 1pm

A Curator's Talk by Laura Turner, Senior Curator of Art.

FREE EVENT, NO NEED TO BOOK gallery admission applies.

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COIN HOARDS FROM ROMAN YORK Yorkshire Museum

Tuesday 3 November, 2pm – 3pm

A special Curator's talk and handling session. From the silver found at Blake Street to the enormous pot stuffed full of Constantinian Coinage, Roman York has many treasures. A chance to see some of the most important coins and learn more about money and life in Eboracum.

£10 PER PERSON includes museum admission. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

PAINTING FUR AND FEATHERS

York Art Gallery

Saturday 14 November, 10.30am – 3.30pm and Sunday 15 November, 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Painting course with artist Laraine Simpson, using taxidermy on display in Mark Hearld's exhibition as inspiration.

£60 PER PERSON includes gallery admission. To book please visit YORK Learning www.yortime.org.uk, call 01904 552806 or e-mail: york.learning@york.gov.uk.





Dan Snow, Historian and TV presenter







YORKSHIRE'S BEGINNINGS

Yorkshire Museum

Saturday 14 November 2015, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Find out how Yorkshire formed, why it looks like it does, and what evidence you can find for life long before humans arrived. Join the Curator of Natural Sciences for an interactive and informative session, with opportunities to handle specimens from the museums collections.

£30 PER PERSON includes museum admission. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

YORK MUSEUMS TRUST BOOK CLUB: ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE BY ANTHONY DOERR

Yorkshire Museum

Saturday 14 November 2015, 3pm – 4.30pm

The museum book club discusses a novel with a link to the collections. There is always a chance to handle and find out more about related museum objects.

FREE EVENT museum admission applies. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

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THE LUMBER ROOM

York Art Gallery

Wednesday 18 November, 12.30pm – 1.00pm

Special talk by artist and curator, Mark Hearld.

FREE EVENT, NO NEED TO BOOK Gallery admission applies.

GILDING WORKSHOP

York Art Gallery

Saturday 21 November, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Workshop inspired by the early Italian Renaissance icons on display and led by artist Rob Oldfield.

£30 PER PERSON (INCLUDING ALL MATERIALS) gallery admission applies. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

WILLOW WEAVING STARS AND ANGELS - CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

York Castle Museum

Saturday 21 November, 10.00am – 3.00pm

An introduction to willow weaving and how you can use this versatile material. Create your own willow Christmas decorations - angels, Christmas trees and stars to impress family and friends this Christmas.



£35.00 PER PERSON (PLUS £5 FOR MATERIALS ON THE DAY)

includes museum admission. To book please visit www.yortime.org.uk, call 01904 552806 or e-mail york.learning@york.gov.uk.

COLLAGE MASTERCLASS WITH MARK HEARLD

York Art Gallery

Sunday 22 November, 12.30pm – 3.30pm

Working directly from taxidermy specimens from the Yorkshire Museum's natural history collection, under the guidance of York artist Mark Hearld.

£20 PER PERSON (INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS) gallery admission applies. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

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THE COLLECTOR'S EYE: ANTHONY SHAW York Art Gallery

Friday 27 November, 2pm – 3pm

Collector Anthony Shaw explains what he looks for when choosing a work to add to his collection.

FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK gallery admission applies.

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THE COINAGE OF ROMAN YORKSHIRE Yorkshire Museum

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Saturday 28 November 2015, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Explore the museum's collections of Roman coinage with our Curator of Numismatics. During the course of an interactive and hands-on session you will discover how coinage can help us better understand Roman Yorkshire.

£30 PER PERSON includes museum admission. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

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CRAFT AT THE CASTLE: GET CREATIVE FOR CHRISTMAS

York Castle Museum

Wednesday 2 December, 10am - 12pm

Join tutor Lynda Withers as she guides you in how to make some simple felt decorations for your tree. From hearts to puddings and robins to reindeer, (to name but a few), the choice is yours.

£15 PER PERSON includes museum admission. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

PORTABLE ANTIQUITIES SCHEME
FINDS DAY

Yorkshire Museum

Friday 4 December, 10am – 1pm

Have you found an archaeological object that you would like to find out more about?

If so then bring your finds for identification and if they are more than 300 years old, have them recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme

FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK museum admission applies.

NEEDLE FELTED BIRDS

York Art Gallery

Saturday 5 December, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Work with artist Vivienne Morpeth and be inspired by Mark Hearld's exhibition.

£35 PER PERSON includes Gallery admission. To book please visit www.yortime.org.uk, call 01904 552806 or e-mail: york.learning@york.gov.uk. Learning

FUSED GLASS SNOWFLAKES

Yorkshire Museum

Family Events for the under 5s

Saturday 5 December, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Your tutor will demonstrate the basics of glass cutting and how to handle the materials safely. You will be shown the basics of snowflake construction and then will be guided step by step towards making your own totally unique snowflakes. The snowflakes can be as simple or complex as you like. Bring along any ideas that you may have and we will transform them in to glass wonders!

£35 PER PERSON (PLUS £10 FOR MATERIALS) including museum admission. To book please visit www.yortime.org.uk, call 01904 552806 or e-mail: york.learning@york.gov.uk.

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INCENSE AND ICONS SENSORY TOUR York Art Gallery

Sunday 6 December, 12.30pm – 1.15pm

Use all your senses to explore the historic paintings on display in the gallery. Everyone over 16 is welcome, and this session is particularly suitable for partially sighted and blind adults.

FREE Gallery admission applies. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

CRAFT AT THE CASTLE: SIMPLE STITCHES - STUNNING FLOWERS

York Castle Museum

Saturday 5 December, 10am – 12pm

Using backing fabric, organza and a few simple stiches, tutor Lynda Withers will show you how to create a special Christmas flower embroidery which you can then take home to frame or make into a special card. If you can thread a large eyed needle you can successfully create this simple design – it's easier than you think!

£15 PER PERSON includes museum admission. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

SPECIAL CURATOR'S TALK: TAXIDERMY TAILS

Yorkshire Museum

Tuesday 8 December, 2pm – 3pm

Who practises taxidermy, how and why? A chance to view and find out about some of the rare and beautiful pieces in the museum's collection, and their enduring appeal.

£10 PER PERSON museum admission included. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.



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CoCA AND 10,000 BOWLS York Art Gallery

Thursday 16 December, 12.30pm – 1pm

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Curator's Talk by Helen Walsh, Curator of Ceramics.

FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK Gallery admission applies.

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Family Events for the under 5s

CURATOR'S TALKS at YMT

Want to find out more about the collections at York Museums Trust? Our knowledgeable curators regularly give FREE talks that provide further insight into the fantastic objects we have on display. There is no need to book, just come along on the dates listed below for the opportunity to learn more from museum experts.



CURATOR'S TALKS at the Yorkshire Museum

Tuesdays, 12.30pm – 1pm Special gallery talks by museum curators.

SEPTEMBER

15 September: MAKING SHAPES: STONEWORK FROM ANGLIAN YORK 22 September: WRITING HISTORY: SHAKESPEARE'S FIRST FOLIO 29 September: ALIEN TO YORKSHIRE: NON-NATIVE SPECIES

OCTOBER

13 October:	THE ORIGINS OF ROMAN YORK: THE ARCHAEOLOGY
20 October:	THE ORIGINS OF ROMAN YORK: THE COINAGE
27 October:	Kids' Curator Talk: Amazing Adaptations

NOVEMBER

3 November:	FAVOURITE FINDS FROM THE PORTABLE ANTIQUITIES TEAM
10 November:	THE COINAGE OF SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS' YORK
17 November:	THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF SEPTIMIUS SEVERUS' YORK
24 November:	NEW ACQUISITIONS TO THE NATURAL SCIENCE COLLECTION

DECEMBER

1 December:	THE COINAGE OF CONSTANTINE'S YORK
8 December:	THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF CONSTANTINE'S YORK
15 December:	COLLECTING YORKSHIRE: THE YORKSHIRE MUSEUM
	AND ITS COLLECTORS

FREE, **NO NEED TO BOOK** museum admission applies. We occasionally have to change the dates or titles of talks so please check our website for the latest information.



GALLERY TALKS at York Castle Museum

Lesdays and Thursdays, 12pm

The subject will vary but will relate to one of the displays in the museum.

FREE, NO NEED TO BOOK museum admission applies.

October Half Term at York Castle Museum

24 October – 1 November 2015

York Castle Museum is housed in buildings originally built as prisons for both debtors and felons. Its most famous inmate was highwayman Dick Turpin, who spent his last days here before being executed in 1739 for horse theft.

Highwayman's Heist!

Saturday 24 October – Sunday 1 November

A special family trail around the museum, discovering both the truth and myths of Dick Turpin's life as a highwayman. Complete the trail activities to join Dick's criminal gang.

50p per trail, includes a highwayman's mask!

Create at the Castle

Saturday 24 October - Sunday 1 November

Have a go at making your own tricorn highwayman's hat. This is a self-led craft activity for families.

Dick Turpin's Hangman

Saturday 24 October - Sunday 1 November, 11.30am - 1.30pm and 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Meet York Prison's hangman as he awaits Dick Turpin's execution and tells the full story of the notorious highwayman.





HOLIDAY AND FAMILY FUN!

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Pilot Theatre in association with York Museums Trust present

A Restless Place by Juliana Mensah, directed by Katie Posner

at York Castle Museum, Monday 26 – Saturday 31 October (except Wednesday 28 October), performances at 6.30pm and 8pm

Following on from the sellout productions of *In Fog and Falling Snow*, *Clocking In* and *Blood* + *Chocolate*, Pilot Theatre offer you another unique opportunity to experience one of York's heritage sites in a completely new and unexpected way. Enter through the locked doors of York Castle Museum into corridors and cells housing lost voices and found stories, tales of home and the search for belonging. Verbatim testimonies blend with folktale as you meet characters drawn from both myth and reality on their journeys into the unknown.

Tickets £10/£7.50

York Theatre Royal Box office 01904 623568, www.yorktheatreroyal.co.uk

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October Half Term

at the Yorkshire Museum

24 October – 1 November 2015

Discover some of the special features which help animals adapt to their habitats in the natural history exhibition, 'Extinct: A Way of Life'.

Lost Creature Trail

Every day, 10am – 5pm

Follow the clues around the Extinct Gallery to find the mystery creature, claim a prize and enter our prize draw.

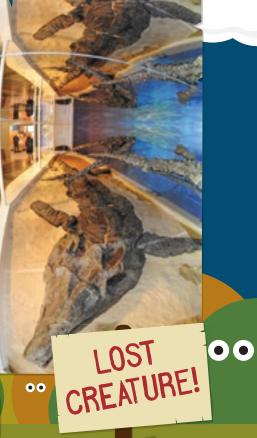
50p per trail

Paper Puppets!

Every day, 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

Explore and understand the reasons for animals' adaptations. Design your own paper puppet creature adding all the amazing adaptations you like.







The Lost Creature Competition

Monday 26 October, Wednesday 28 October and Friday 30 October

The Lost Creature Competition launched to primary schools across York in the summer term and was judged in June 2015. Join us to find out about the amazing adaptations of animals on display in the Extinct Galleries and see how the winning design has been transformed into a life sized creature that lurks within the Museum!

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Kids' Curator Talk: Amazing Adaptations

Tuesday 27 October, 12.30pm – 1pm

A special Curator's talk for kids and their families!

Animal Handling

Tuesday 27 October and Thursday 29 October, 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

A chance to handle a variety of animals with experienced staff from Animals in Tuition; from insects and reptiles to fluffy cuddly mammals.

For more information visit www.yorkshiremuseum.org.uk

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HOLIDAY AND FAMILY FUNI

October Half Term at York Art Gallery

24 October – 1 November 2015

Join us this half term for 'Big Draw' fun!

The Big Draw

Saturday 24 October – Friday 30 October, 11am – 1am and 2pm – 4pm

Drop in art activities for all the family in York Art Gallery Studio to celebrate this year's Big Draw!



The Campaign for Drawing www.drawingpower.org.uk

Encountering Lowry

Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October, 11am – 3.30pm

Join L.S. Lowry in the Gallery (played by actor Chris Cade). Discover more about Lowry's life and his art work and have a go at some simple art activities.

Gallery Torch Lit Tours

Friday 30 October, 5.30pm – 6.30pm and 7pm – 8pm

A very special evening tour of York Art Gallery as part of Museums at Night. Uncover the Gallery's secrets by torchlight.

£5 per ticket, suitable for all ages.

Gallery admission included in ticket price. Tickets are limited and booking is essential. To book a place please ring York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.





Saturday 24 October – Sunday 1 November

Follow our special art heroes trail to find out more about some of the special artists featured in the gallery displays.

50p per trail, includes reward.

Family Artists: All that Glitters is not Gold

Saturday 31 October, 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

A drop-in family art workshop, suitable for all. Take part in creative activities, led by artist Jo Walton.



Activities included in gallery admission unless stated otherwise.

Winners of the L S Lowry Schools Competition are currently on display in the Project Gallery at York Art Gallery. The collage/drawing on page 20 was created by Year 4 at Huntington Primary Academy.

Kids Go

FREE in 2015*

at York Castle Museum

30 November – 31 December 2015

Step back in time to celebrate Christmas at the Castle.



Father Christmas' Toy Museum

Monday 30 November, Tuesday 1 December, Sunday 6 December, Monday 7 December, Saturday 12 December, Sunday 13 December and Thursday 17 December – Thursday 24 December, 11am – 4pm (2.30pm on 24 December)

This Christmas holiday, Father Christmas will be opening his very special festive Toy Museum at York Castle Museum! Experience some Christmas magic as the toys come to life to tell tales of Christmas traditions and re-discover some of the most popular Christmas toys of past and present.

Father Christmas will be making special appearances throughout the day to finish making his list of presents to deliver on Christmas Eve. Each child will receive a chocolate treat for the Christmas tree.

Children's Christmas Trail

Every day, 9.30am – 5pm

Follow the trail and discover some Christmas cheer!

50p per trail, includes reward.

A Christmas Carol

Saturday 12 December, Sunday 13 December, Thursday 17 December – Thursday 24 December, performances between 11am and 4pm

Scrooge is back by popular demand! Drop-in performances by actor Chris Cade on our beautifully decorated Victorian street, Kirkgate.

Activities included in museum admission unless stated otherwise. HOLIDAY AND FAMILY FUN!

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Kids Go

in 2015



Victorian Christmas Experience

at York Castle Museum

30 November – 31 December 2015

Victorian Christmas Experience

Saturday 19 December – Wednesday 23 December, tours start between 4pm and 7.30pm The experience will last approximately one hour

This is a magical festive tour of the museum's Victorian street and a chance to capture the magic of a traditional Victorian Christmas.

NEW Experience for 2015!

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This year Eliza Mistletoe and Barnaby Jingle need to find Christmas presents, can you help them decide what to buy from the shops in Kirkgate? Meet some of the residents and shopkeepers of Kirkgate as they get ready for Christmas and take part in some fun festive activities along the way.

Join in with wassailing under the Christmas tree – if you can sing loud enough then Father Christmas might just make an appearance to tell his tales of Christmas.

All children taking part will have a special moment with Father Christmas and receive a traditional toy.

£8.50 PER CHILD, £6 PER ADULT

Children must be accompanied by adults and adults must be accompanied by children! **Tickets are limited and booking is essential.**

Price includes museum admission, shopping list gifts, present from Father Christmas for children, and coffee and mince pies (juice and biscuits for children). To book a place please ring York Museums Trust on 01904 697979.

Special Victorian Christmas Evening

Friday 18 December, 6.30pm – 8.30pm Suitable for adults and groups

Enjoy a special evening on the Victorian street at York Castle Museum, celebrating a Victorian Christmas and meeting the residents and carollers. Includes a special performance of *A Christmas Carol*.

With Christmas crafts, decoration making, ghost stories, gift stalls, special curator's talks and object handling, this is an evening to enjoy the traditions of Christmas.

£10 per ticket. Tickets are limited and booking is essential. To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 697979



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PILOT THEATRE IN ASSOCIATION WITH YORK MUSEUMS TRUST PRESENT



26th, 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st October 6:30pm & 8:00pm YORK CASTLE MUSEUM

Box Office: 01904 623568 £10 / £7.50

@pilot_theatre #restlessplace



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Family Fun at York Museums Trust

Family Artists: Lumber Room Treasure

York Art Gallery Saturday 5 September 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm

Bookable artist led family workshops, with artist Mark Hearld.

FREE Gallery admission applies. To book a place please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 697979

Ceramic Art Family Activities

York Art Gallery, Yorkshire Museum Saturday 12 September, 11am – 1pm and 2pm – 4pm and Sunday 13 September, 12pm - 3pm

Drop-in activities with clay for all the family.

FREE. NO NEED TO BOOK

Museum/Gallery admission applies.

In the Museum Night Garden part of YorNight

Yorkshire Museum and York Museum Gardens. Friday 25 September, 5pm – 8.30pm

A chance for families to take part in a special evening event with free, fun and hands on activities There is opportunity to meet the experts to discover some of the latest discoveries and research on the Museum's collections. York Observatory will also be open for the evening.

FREE. NO NEED TO BOOK museum admission is also free! Find out the latest information about YorNight at www.yornight.com

YorNight is funded by the European Commission's Research and Innovation Framework Programme H2020 (2014-2020) by the Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions. Directorate-General for Education and Culture. European Commission under Grant Agreement No. 633344.

York Observatory Evening Events

York Observatory will open once a month from September to February for stargazing events in the evening (starting from 25 September).

Come and look at the moon and planets through our historic Cooke telescope and take a guided Skytour through York Museum Gardens to see the constellations in the night sky through binoculars. As we schedule these events to coincide with activity in the night sky, dates will be advertised on our website nearer the time.

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in 2015

Museum Monkeys events for the under 55

Sessions are FREE and run in term time only. Museum and gallery admission applies. Yorkshire Museum with a YMT Card, see page 43 for more details.

Museum Baby (under two years old)

Fridays, 10am – 11am

6 November

Special baby sessions linked to exhibitions, including storytelling, songs and sensory activities for babies and their carers. Sessions are a mixture of free flow and adult led activities which all relate to the Early Years curriculum. A perfect introduction to museums! NEW FOR 2015 - MUSEUM BABIES AT YORK ART GALLERY!

York Art Gallery

Yorkshire Museum

Feathers

Wood 18 September

25 September

2 October

9 October

16 October

Feel the feathers in the investigation area and listen to the different bird songs.

Under the Sea

Go on an under the sea adventure. listen to Tiddler's story and find treasure in the sand.

Dinosaurs

Bounce on the dinosaur hopper, find the dinosaur fossils in the sand and feel fossils from the collection.

Garden Animols

Help the squirrel find his food, build a nest for the birds and hop on the bouncy rabbit.

Seasons

Play in the leaves and pine cones, and listen to stories about the seasons.

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Discover the different tex rag dolls and make a den	
Fur and Feathers	20 November
Play in the fur and feather and listen to animal soun	0
Clay	27 November
Make patterns in clay in t make a clay painting.	he messy area and
Paper	4 December
Play in the shredded pape investigate how to crinkle	

Museum Monkeys Special Christmas Sessions at York Castle Museum

Early Years Explorers: Thursday 10 December and Saturday 12 December, 10am – 11am and 11.30am – 12.30pm

Museum Babies: Friday 11 December, 10am – 11am and 11.30am - 12.30pm

Be an elf and help Santa to pack the toys, go down the chimney like Santa, and find the stars in the reindeer food.

Is your child a **Museum Baby** or an Early Years Explorer?

Early Years Explorers (two – five years old)

Thursdays, 10am - 11am

Activities for children aged two to five years old which include songs, stories, games and craft activities. Sessions are based on familiar preschool play areas, which are enhanced to help children learn about the museums' collections and exhibitions through play. Sessions are a mixture of free flow and adult led activities which all relate to the Early Years curriculum.

17 September

24 September

1 October

8 October

15 October

York Castle Museum

Tovs

Play with toys old and new, look at toys in our special toy box with toys from our Toy Stories collection. Make a toy to take home.

Farms

Dig up vegetables in the sand and plant some cress seeds to take home.

Emergency Services

Take a look at some Victorian Medical implements and discover the museum prison cells. Put on the police helmets and find the burglar's loot.

Mills

Make the water wheel turn, make a windmill and listen to the story of *Little Red Hen*.

Castles

Find out what it was like to live in a castle. look at castle objects and have a go at guess the castle smells game.

Yorkshire Museum

Animals

Romans

5 November

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Under the Sea	26 November
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treasure and make some bubble pictures.

3 December

Make a Roman archway, dress up as a Roman soldier and look at Roman finds.

HOW TO BOOK

Please book sessions using our Eventbrite page, follow this link: www.tinyurl.com/MuseumMonkeys

Bookings for sessions in SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER opens 3 September. Bookings for sessions in NOVEMBER and DECEMBER opens 22 October.



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VISITOR INFORMATION

York Art Gallery

Exhibition Square, York YO1 7EW

Open Daily:

Mon – Fri:10am – 5pmSat:10am – 8pmSun:12 noon – 4pmClosed 25, 26 December and 1 JanuaryEarly closing:2.30pm on 24 and 31 December

DAY ADMISSION

Adult	£7.50 *
Child (16 and under)	FREE with a paying adult **
Access Day Ticket	£4.00 ***

For further information about exhibitions and events at York Art Gallery, visit www.yorkartgallery.org.uk

Telephone: 01904 687687

York Castle Museum

Castle Area, Eye of York, York YO1 9RY

Open Daily: 9.30am – 5pm Closed 25, 26 December and 1 January Early closing: 2.30pm on 24 and 31 December

DAY ADMISSION

Adult	£10.00 *
Child (16 and under)	FREE with a paying adult **
Access Day Ticket	£5.00 ***

For further information about exhibitions and events at York Castle Museum, visit: www.yorkcastlemuseum.org.uk

Telephone: 01904 687687

Yorkshire Museum

York Museum Gardens, York YO1 7FR

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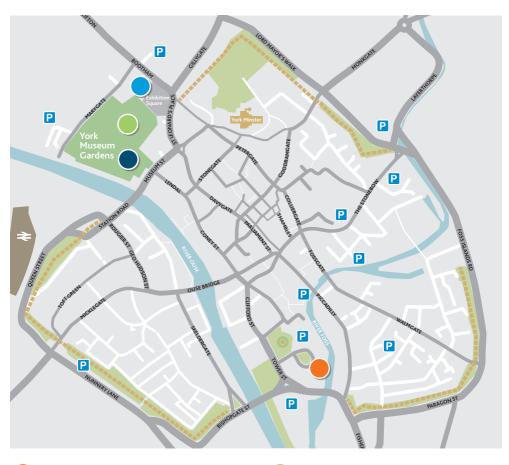
YMT Card:	£22 / £20 with Direct Debit
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York Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York YO17EW

Yorkshire Museum

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