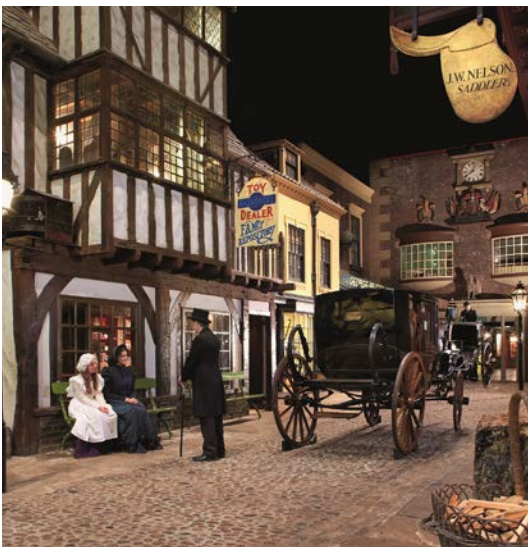


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Welcome to Discover, your guide to events and activities at the Yorkshire Museum. Visit our websites to Discover what's on at [York Art Gallery](#) and [York Castle Museum](#) too!

Our learning events are the perfect way for you to discover more about the fantastic exhibitions and collections at York Museums Trust venues.

To run alongside our latest exhibitions: *Chocolate: York's Sweet Past* at **York Castle Museum**, *Picasso: Ceramics from the Attenborough Collection* and *Paul Nash and the Uncanny Landscape: Curated by John Stezaker* at **York Art Gallery** and *Viking: Rediscover the Legend* at the **Yorkshire Museum**, we have a programme of exciting talks, tours and workshops.

Don't forget, admission to all sites is FREE for 12 months with your YMT Card.

talks

Curators Talk: Snowden Sights – Yorkshire's Last Great Wildfowler

Tuesday 5 September, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

York Museums Trust BOOK CLUB SPECIAL: 'Norse Mythology' by Neil Gaiman

Saturday 9 September, 3pm – 4.30pm

Join the book club with a difference. After a lively discussion about the book, enjoy a chance to get closer to the museum's collections as we celebrate the exhibition, *Viking: Rediscover the Legend*.

Included in museum admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Curators Talk: Tempest Anderson and the 1902 eruptions – An explosive tale

Tuesday 12 September, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

Curators Talk: Viking Rediscover the Legend... The Cuerdale Hoard

Tuesday 19 September, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

Viking Rediscover the Legend... Legend of the Viking

Thursday 21 September, 2pm – 3pm

Join us for the third in our series of Viking talks as we join the Curator of Archaeology, Natalie Buy to learn more about the turbulent Viking times in York. With an artefact handling session and the chance for question and answers, discover the difference between the legends and the legacy.

£10 per person. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Curators Talk: The Archaeology of Food

Tuesday 26 September, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.



Curators Talk: Viking Rediscover the Legend... Lewis Chessmen

Tuesday 3 October 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

Of Locks and Socks: Aspects of Everyday Life in Viking Towns

Thursday 12 October, 6.30pm (Tempest Anderson Hall)

The Viking Age can often appear as a world of swords and spears, silver and sorcery. Archaeological excavations, not least at York's Coppergate and Hungate, have provided a different perspective on the period, revealing the 'everyday' world experienced by the inhabitants of Viking towns. A key question for those who study the Viking Age is how we resolve this tension between the familiar and the alien. In this lecture with Dr. Steve Ashby (Senior Lecturer, University of York), we will use recent research on archaeological objects to sketch out the lifeways of some of the people that populated the towns of Viking-Age England.

FREE events, museum admission does not apply. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Curators Talk: Viking Rediscover the Legend... The Seal of Snarrus

Tuesday 17 October, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

Curators Talk – Twenty Years of Treasure

Tuesday 7 November, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

**Royal Archaeological Institute, Annual Conference 2017:
Arras 200, Celebrating the Iron Age**

Friday 17 November, 6pm (Tempest Andreson Hall)

Saturday 18 November, 9am – 5pm (Hospitium)

Sunday 19 November, 9am – 2.30pm (Optional Field Trip)

The conference will celebrate the 200th anniversary of the first excavations on the Middle Iron Age cemetery at Arras in East Yorkshire and will coincide with a special exhibition at the Yorkshire Museum displaying artefacts from those excavations.

Conference £70. Optional Field trip on Sunday 19 November £10. For more information please visit www.royalarchinst.org or email admin@royalarchinst.org for a booking form.

Curators Talk: Dinosaur Footprints – A Step in Time

Tuesday 21 November, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

BBC History Weekend

Friday 24 – Sunday 26 November

Click [here](#) for details and to book through our events page.**Curators Talk – Science Object in Focus**

Tuesday 12 December, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

**Curators Talk: The Return of Yorkshire's Medieval Treasures
– The Middleham Jewel**

Tuesday 16 January, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

York Museum Gardens: Garden Tours

Every Sunday, 1pm – 2pm (York Museum Gardens)

FREE. No need to book.

practical workshops

Portable Antiquities Scheme Finds Day

Friday 6 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 have them recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme if they are more than 300 years old.

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

Tapestry – Landscapes & Seascapes

Saturday 7 October, 10.30am – 3.30pm

This course is an introduction to the wonderful craft of woven tapestry. Using landscapes and seascapes for design inspiration, students will learn traditional, simple and basic tapestry weaving techniques to create a small woven tapestry

£40 plus £2 to be payable to the tutor on the day to cover the cost of the yarns.

For more information please visit www.yortime.org.uk or phone 01904 552806 or email york.learning@york.gov.uk

Sketching the Vikings

Saturday 7 October, 10.30am – 3.30pm

Join us for this informal, Adult Learning workshop lead by York-born artist Jake Attree. Develop your drawing and sketching skills with expert tuition as you get up close to the artefacts on display in our immersive Vikings Exhibition.

£30 per person. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Portable Antiquities Scheme Annual Conference: Treasure

Wednesday 11 October, 10.30am – 4pm

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the commencement of the Treasure Act 1996. In this time over 11,000 Treasure finds have been reported, presenting local museums with an opportunity to acquire important objects from all periods of British history. This conference will consider Treasure now, look at what has been learnt and consider the potential of Treasure in the years to come.

Included in museum admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Writing the Vikings

Sunday 22 October, 1pm – 4pm

As part of our programme of events to accompany our Viking exhibition, join us for this informal workshop, led by historical book enthusiast and poet Joanne Hardy. Spend time on gallery in our immersive and atmospheric space before retreating to a quiet room to develop your creative writing skills. Whether it's a thrilling tale of action and adventure, a Viking saga, or the thoughts of the fighters on the longship as they approach the shore, we are sure that you will find plenty to write about!

£10 per person. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

York Observatory: Evening Events

Selected evenings in November (York Observatory, York Museum Gardens)

York Observatory will open during November and 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. We schedule these events to coincide with activity in the night sky, dates will be advertised on our website nearer the time.

FREE. No need to book.

York Observatory: Open Days

Every Thursday and Saturday, 11.30am – 2.30pm (York Observatory, York Museum Gardens)

Discover the history of York Observatory and astronomy in York. Opening hours are subject to the availability of volunteers, please check in advance for specific dates.

FREE. No need to book.

Portable Antiquities Scheme Finds Day

Friday 1 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 have them recorded with the Portable Antiquities Scheme if they are more than 300 years old.

Included in museum admission. No need to book.



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Film Screening: How to Train Your Dragon

Sunday 10 September, 1.30pm (Tempest Anderson Hall)

£2 per person. Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Museum Baby, Vikings

Friday 15 September, 10am – 11am

Play with the Viking ship in the water and try on the Viking helmet.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Museum Baby, Seasons

Friday 22 September, 10am – 11am

Play with the leaves and pine cones and listen to the autumn story.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Film Screening: How to Train Your Dragon 2

Sunday 24 September, 1.30pm (Tempest Anderson Hall)

£2 per person. Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Museum Baby, Skeletons

Friday 29 September, 10am – 11am

Find the bones in the sand and make the skeleton jigsaw.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Museum Baby, Extinct

Friday 6 October, 10am – 11am

Play with the soft toy extinct animals and listen to the Dodo story.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Museum Baby, Prehistory

Friday 13 October, 10am – 11am

Do some cave painting and play with the prehistoric animals in the sand.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Halloween Film Screening: Title to be Confirmed

Thursday 26 October (time tbc)

Click [here](#) for details and to book through our events page.

Big Autumn Bird Watch

Saturday 28 October, 11am – 3pm (York Museum Gardens)

This is the time of year when birds are feeding themselves up for the winter so why not join us in the Museum Gardens to do a spot of spotting? 'Basecamp' will be set up near the Multangular Tower lawn and two birdwatching walks will take place at 11.30am and 1.30pm, lasting about an hour. Clipboards, pencils and tick-sheets are provided for anyone who wants to go off and birdwatch by themselves.

FREE. No need to book.

Royal Gun Salute

Tuesday 14 November, 12 noon (York Museum Gardens)

FREE. No need to book.

Christmas Film Screening: Title to be Confirmed

Thursday 14 December (time tbc)

Click [here](#) for details and to book through our events page.

Early Years Explorers, Egyptian

Thursday 11 January, 10am – 11am

Wrap the mummy, make an amulet and listen to the story of Egyptians.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Early Years Explorers, Gardens

Thursday 18 January, 10am – 11am

Find and count the minibeasts, make a paper flower and listen to the Garden story.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Early Years Explorers, Greeks

Thursday 25 January, 10am – 11am

Listen to the story of Medusa, find Medusa's eye in the ball pool and play some Olympic games.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Big Garden Birdwatch

Saturday 27 January, 10am – 3pm (York Museum Gardens)

The Big Garden Birdwatch is fun, free, really easy, and only takes an hour. If you love birds and want to help them, then this is your chance to do something that really counts. Come along to York Museum Gardens to take part. Guided bird spotting walks at 10.30am, 12 noon and 1.30pm, each lasting an hour. The sightings will be recorded on a board at 'basecamp', and clipboards, pencils and tick-sheets are provided. Anyone who wants to can go off and birdwatch by themselves

FREE. No need to book.

Early Years Explorers, Medieval

Thursday 1 February, 10am – 11am

Make a cellophane stained glass window, play with the feast food and listen to the story of the Knight.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Early Years Explorers, Treasure Hunt

Thursday 8 February, 10am – 11am

Use the metal detector to find treasure in the sand and listen to the treasure hunt story.

£4 per session. Museum admission applies. Museum Monkeys sessions are free for holders of a York Resident's Access YMT Card. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

