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MDY Internship

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My role as Intern with Museum Development Yorkshire ran from April 2017 to March 2018. Over the past 10 months I have gained an insight into the museums and heritage sector that I previously had little knowledge of.

My role has consisted of many different administrative responsibilities that have contributed to the Museum Development Yorkshire programme for 2017-18. I have dealt with incoming grant applications, seen the time and consideration that is given to each application, and how decisions are made between a team. I have also seen the reports for completed projects, funded by the previous year’s grants, and how these have helped make changes to an organisation on small and larger scales. This has given me an insight into what projects can be funded, and what funders are looking for in an application. I have learnt how to use new programmes and websites, such as Snap surveys, ThankQ and Eventbrite. I have had the opportunity to create content for a new website, as well as learning how to manage and edit content through Wordpress.

I have managed and attended a variety of training events and regional forum meetings. This has provided me with experience in managing events and liaising with clients. I have had access to a range of training and CPD opportunities and have gained a great deal of practical knowledge in many areas of museum and heritage work. I have also had the opportunity to network with a very wide range of people from many different areas of the heritage industry, from front of house to senior curatorial staff, to large organisations such as Heritage Lottery Fund and Collections Trust, to small independent and volunteer run museums. I have also enjoyed meeting staff within York Museums Trust and have been made to feel very welcome by everyone.

I couldn’t believe my luck when I was offered the opportunity to work with Museum Development Yorkshire, as I was sure it would be a pivotal point in my career. It has provided me with everything I hoped it would and more. I have been made to feel very much a part of Museum Development Yorkshire and cannot thank the team enough for all their help, support and encouragement. I will take what I have learnt with MDY far on into my career.