



York Art Gallery



York St Mary's



York Castle Museum



Yorkshire Museum

Adult Learning Events Programme

September 2011 – August 2012

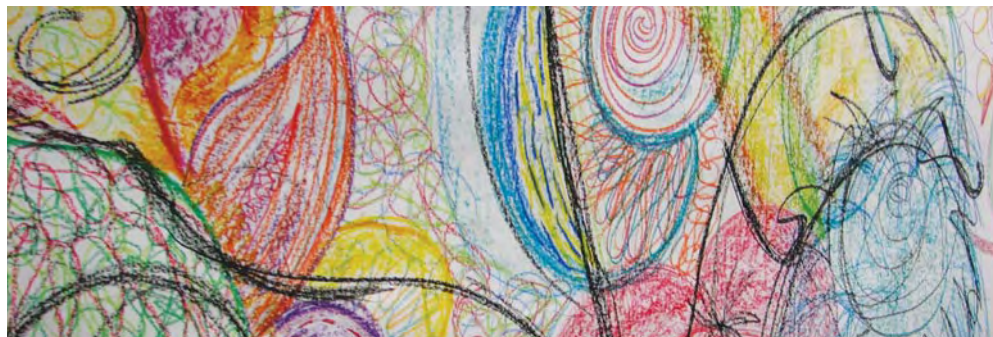
York Art Gallery, The Yorkshire Museum
and York Castle Museum



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To make a booking please call 01904 650333
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.

Contact our Bookings Line on:

01904 650 333

Or email us at:

groupbookings@ymt.org.uk

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

Rates

The cost of each event is listed and this is due on the day at the reception of the venue. Payment does not include entrance charges to the Yorkshire Museum or the York Castle Museum. If you wish to visit the museum in addition then usual admission charges will apply.

What's On

For up to date information about exhibitions and events taking place at York Art Gallery, York St Mary's, the Yorkshire Museum and Gardens and York Castle Museum please visit our website www.yorkmuseumtrust.org.uk

Visit our Adult Learning pages at: www.yorkmuseumtrust.org.uk

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Events, courses and activities at York Art Gallery



William Etty Walking Tour

Wednesday 7 September 2011
3:00pm

Discover Etty's York with Darrell Buttery.

£5 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust
on 01904 650333

National Poetry Day: Games People Play

Saturday 8 October 2011
12:30pm – 2:30pm



Writing poems in the gallery inspired by this year's National Poetry Day theme 'Games'. The session will include an introduction to our exhibition 'Games People Play' and word games to get you writing.

£5 per person. This session is also suitable for accompanied children over the age of 12.
To book a place ring York Museums Trust
on 01904 650333

Art and Controversy: William Etty R.A. and British Painting in the Early Nineteenth Century

Saturdays 15, 22 & 29 Oct 2011
1:00pm – 3:00pm



Led by the curator of the Etty exhibition, Dr Sarah Burnage, this course offers participants the unique opportunity to study the artist's tumultuous career alongside some of his major work, as well as privileged access to his sketchbooks and drawings.

£35 per person A University of York, Centre for Lifelong Learning course.
Bookings: 01904 328473 or
www.york.ac.uk/lifelonglearning

The Controversy of Art – A Conversation

Saturday 29 October 2011
1:00pm – 1:30pm; 2:00pm – 2:30pm;
3:00pm – 3:30pm; 5:30pm – 6:00pm;
6:30pm – 7:00pm

A tour of the exhibition in the company of actors in the role of art critics of William Etty's day.

FREE! No need to book.

Drawing & Painting: Create & Make

Wednesdays 21 & 28 September
and 5, 12 & 19 October 2011
1:00pm – 3:00pm



A short course of drawing and painting suitable for absolute beginners as well as those with some experience led by Claire Douglas. All adult learners welcome – please let us know if you may need additional support. There is no charge to accompanying carers. This course continues at the Yorkshire Museum in November.

Full cost: £50 per person
State pensioners: £40 per person
MTB: £20 per person
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk

Doodle Manifesto: The Big Draw

Saturday 29 October 2011
6:00pm – 8:00pm



Drop-in and doodle with Doodle Manifesto in an 'after-hours' collaborative drawing session. Every one welcome.

FREE! No need to book.

ADULT LEARNING EVENING

Friday 28 October 2011
6:00pm – 8:00pm



A celebration of Adult Learning at the art gallery with a carousel of talks by curators and partner organisations (City of York Council; York Open Studios; Open College of the Arts; Friends of York Art Gallery; SAASY; U3A; University of York)

FREE! No need to book.



Life Drawing in Oils

Saturday 12 & Sunday 13
November 2011
10:00am – 3:00pm



Working with experienced artist and tutor, Laraine Simpson participants will be inspired by the work of William Etty and complete both preparatory and finished work in oil paints over 2 days.

£60 per person for 2 days
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk

The Model Speaks

Wednesday 16 November 2011
10:00am – 3:00pm

Life-model performer, Nina Kane of Cast-Off Drama, will give a voice to Etty's models, throughout the afternoon.

FREE! No need to book.

Symposium: 'Beyond Landscape'

November 2011
Date to be confirmed

THE UNIVERSITY of York

This symposium which will include talks by leading scholars, will consider the art of William Etty and his contemporaries. More details will be available on our website from summer 2011 or at www.york.ac.uk/history-of-art

York Open Studios

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15,
Saturday 21 & Sunday 22
January 2012



No previous experience is necessary for these workshops and all materials are provided. Workshop details will be posted on the York Open Studios website, www.yorkopenstudios.co.uk from the beginning of December.

To pre-register your interest in participating in these workshops please email: info@yorkopenstudios.co.uk with 'workshops' in the subject line.



York Residents' Festival

Saturday 28 January 2012
11:00am – 1:00pm
& 2:00pm – 4:00pm



Discover your creativity under the gentle guidance of artist Jake Attree.

FREE with a York Card or £5 per 2 hour workshop for non-York residents.
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Poetry: Shape and Form

Saturday 31 March 2012
10:30am – 3:00pm

Explore the shape and form of poetry, inspired by Gordon Baldwin's abstract sculptures, with poet, Andrew McMillan.

£15 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333



Drawing Form

Saturday 14 April 2012
10:30am – 3:00pm



Inspired by Baldwin's exploratory drawings – using natural forms and cloud formations to generate large, bold, sculptural drawings with tutor Fiona Fitzgerald.

£30 per person
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk

Creating Form

Saturdays 21 & 28 April 2012
10:00am – 3:00pm



Sculptural form in clay and mixed media, inspired by the work of Gordon Baldwin with tutor Fiona Fitzgerald

£60 per person for 2 days
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk



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Early Drawing Techniques

Saturday 12 May 2012
10:00am – 2:00pm

A day of practical drawing activities exploring the materials and techniques used by European artists from the Renaissance to the 1700s.

£25 per person, including all materials.
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Sketch & Stitch: Moth Magic

Saturday 23 & Sunday 24
June 2012
10:00am – 3:00pm



(Part of National Insect Week. See page 14 for full details)

To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

THE FRIENDS OF YORK ART GALLERY

The Friends of York Art Gallery are active supporters of York Art Gallery. They hold regular talks at the Gallery and a programme of trips and events for members.

Talks are FREE and there is no need to book. A full programme of their talks and events can be found at:
www.friendsofyorkartgallery.co.uk

The Friends main purpose is to help the gallery achieve its acquisitions' targets by making grants for the purchase of works of art and conservation. They also support Family Saturdays, which are monthly, artist-led workshops for families visiting the Gallery.

Membership of the Friends of York Art gallery costs from £12 per year. Full details can be found on their website, or pick up a leaflet at the Gallery.



Curator's Talks

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Wednesday 21 September
William Etty and history painting - a talk by Beatrice Bertram.

Wednesday 12 October 2011
Cornelia Parker's installation 'Thirty Pieces of Silver' - a talk by Assistant Curator of Fine Art, Jennifer Alexander. Please note: this talk takes place at York St Mary's, Castlegate.

Wednesday 19 October 2011
'Games People Play' - a talk by Gaby Lees, Learning Manager.

Wednesday 14 December 2011
'Gordon's Choice,' - Assistant Curator of Decorative Arts, Helen Walsh, introduces the latest Gallery of Pots exhibition.

Wednesday 15 February 2012
Dutch paintings

Wednesday 18 April 2012
Gordon Baldwin

Wednesday 20 June 2012
Future Plans for York Art Gallery

Wednesday 15 August 2012
Clive Head

Curator's talks are free of charge and there is no need to book. We occasionally have to change the dates or titles of talks so please check our website for the latest information.

Events, courses and activities at Yorkshire Museum



The Gardens in Autumn

Wednesday 5 October 2011
2:00pm to 3:00pm

A guided tour of the Museum Gardens with the Garden Manager, Sjaak Kastelijn, to look at the autumn horticultural highlights

FREE! But please book:
Ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Location & Macro Photography

Saturday 15 October 2011
10:00am – 4:00pm

Learn how to take beautiful, scenic photographs of landscapes and practice taking close up shots of artefacts and natural forms – improve your expertise and enjoy your photography with John Potter.

£30 per person
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk



Torchlit Tours

Every Night 26 to 29
October 2011
6.00pm & 7.00pm

Explore the galleries and objects of the Yorkshire Museum, by torchlight, in this special tour. 6.00pm tours are especially suitable for families. £5 per person, £8 per family (max: 2 adults)
No need to book



Drawing & Painting: Create & Make

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November 2011
1:00pm – 3:00pm

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Full cost: £50 per person
State pensioners: £40 per person
MTB: £20 per person
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
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Mosaics

Saturday 12 November 2011
10:00am – 3:30pm

Make mosaic inspired by the art of the Romans, with artist Catherine Boyne Whitelegg.

£30 per person
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk



The History of the Yorkshire Museum

Tuesday 15 November 2011
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Find out more about the Museum and handle objects from its renowned collections with Assistant Curator of Archaeology, Natalie McCaul.

£5 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

YORKSHIRE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY



The Yorkshire Philosophical Society offers activities and an annual lecture series to stimulate interest in and improve public understanding of natural sciences and social sciences.

Their popular, Tuesday evening lectures are held fortnightly at the Yorkshire Museum at 19:30, the first for 2011-12 being on 27 September. Admission to Tuesday evening lectures is free for YPS members, £3 for non-members. The full programme of more than 20 lectures can be found at: www.yorksphilsoc.org.uk



Finds Day

Saturday 3 December 2011
10:00am – 12:30pm

Bring your archaeological object to show our experts from the Portable Antiquities Scheme in the Yorkshire Museum reception area.

FREE! No need to book.

An Introduction to Rocks

Tuesday 31 January 2012
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Explore the Yorkshire Museum's collections to find out more about the wonderful world of rocks. Handle specimens and view their thin sections in beautiful technicolour to get to grips with basic identifications. Learn more about how people have used different types of rocks through time, with a chance to look at artefacts with curator Stuart Ogilvy.

£5 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Fossils of the Yorkshire Coast

Saturday 18 February 2012
9:30am – 4:30pm

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This one-day class will show you examples of the common fossils to be found on the Yorkshire Coast and will give you an idea of what you might find where, and how. Discover how a bit of beach-combing can help improve our understanding of the history of life on Earth with palaeontologist, Liam Herringshaw.

£35 per person.
A University of York, Centre for Lifelong Learning course. Bookings: 01904 328473 or www.york.ac.uk/lifelonglearning



The Geology Behind York's Buildings

Part of National Science and Engineering Week
Wednesday 14 March 2012
10.30am – 12.30pm
& 2.00pm – 4.00pm



Please note that the content of the morning and afternoon sessions will be the same.

Join the Yorkshire Museum's Geology Curator for a different and surprising, look at what the buildings of York are built from! Following the walking there will also be chance to examine specimens from the Yorkshire Museum Geology collection.

£5 per person per 2 hour session.
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

The Gardens in Spring

Wednesday 28 March 2012
2:00pm – 3:00pm

A guided tour of the Museum Gardens with the Garden Manager, Sjaak Kastelij, to look at the spring horticultural highlights

FREE! But please book:
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1212: The Making of a City

Tuesday 3 April 2012
12:30pm – 1:30pm

An introductory tour of the new exhibition, with its curator, Natalie McCaul.

FREE no need to book.

A Thousand Years of Gardening in York

19 May, 16 June & 14 July 2012
10:00am – 4:00pm

GARLAND

Tutor: Peter Goodchild, Director of GARLAND (The Garden & Landscape Heritage Trust)

Session 1:
Gardening in York in the Middle Ages

Session 2:
Gardening in York from 1822 to 1922
Both these sessions involve an introductory talk in the morning and a guided tour in and around the Gardens in the afternoon.

Session 3:
York's Gardeners and Botanists
A day focussing on gardeners and botanists and their connections with York.

'A Thousand Years of Gardening in York' can be taken as a course or as individual sessions.

£20 per person, per session or
£55 per person for the full course.
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Yorkshire's Sea Dragons

Tuesday 29 May 2012
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Yorkshire is a special place for 'sea dragons' - marine reptiles that swam in the seas when dinosaurs roamed the land. Find out more about these amazing creatures, including the science behind how they lived and stories of their discovery. Explore and handle specimens from the Museum's collections with curator Isla Gladstone.

£5 per person.
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

SKETCH & STITCH: MOTH MAGIC

Saturday 23 &
Sunday 24 June 2012
10:00am – 4:00pm



Please note: Sketch & Stitch will be held at York Art Gallery. Be surprised and inspired by the colours and patterns in moths from the natural history collection of the Yorkshire Museum. Develop design ideas; begin a sketch book and create stitch samples, with an experienced embroiderer. Experiment with a variety of design and stitch techniques, building towards a finished piece of textile work.

£40 per person including all materials - you may wish to bring your own favourite materials and sewing kit.

To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333



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MOTH TRAPPING

Thursday 28 June 2012
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Join our Stuart Ogilvy, our Assistant Curator of Natural Science, to discover which moths have been caught in traps he has set in the Museum Gardens, right in the heart of the city. Release these beautiful and surprising insects back into the wild and find out how to set a trap yourself.

FREE! But please book:
Ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333
This session is suitable for all the family.

Garden Tour: Wildlife Friendly Gardening

Wednesday 27 June 2012
2:00pm – 3:00pm

A guided tour of the Museum Gardens with the Garden Manager, Sjaak Kastelijjn. Discover how to attract insects and wildlife to your garden.

FREE! But please book:
Ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

The Archaeology of York Castle

Tuesday 17 July 2012
1:00pm – 3:30pm



Part of the CBA Festival of Archaeology (14 – 29 July) Discover the history of York Castle through objects at the Yorkshire Museum with the Yorkshire Museum's curators of Archaeology. Then take a walk through the city to see the castle itself.

£5 per person.
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Curator's Talks

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Tuesday 20 September 2011
Classical Collectors

Tuesday 18 October 2011
The Bone Wars
Tuesday 1 November 2011
Etheldred Bennett: the First Lady Geologist

Tuesday 6 December 2011
The Nativity in Six Objects

Tuesday 17 January 2012
Pickled: The Yorkshire Museum's Spirit Collection

Tuesday 7 February 2012
Roman Gods of Love

Tuesday 6 March 2012
Prehistory Through an Eggshell

Tuesday 20 March 2012
The Seal of Snarrus the Tax Collector

Tuesday 3 April 2012
A Yorkshire Herbarium

Tuesday 8 May 2012
York's Mystery Plays

Tuesday 22 May 2012
St William of York

Tuesday 12 June 2012
Ancient Animal Bone from the Teesdale Cave

Tuesday 26 June 2012
York's Mystery Plays

Tuesday 10 July 2012
Athletes of the Natural World

Curator's talks are **FREE** of charge and there is no need to book.
We occasionally have to change the dates or titles of our Curators talks so please check our website for the latest information.



Observatory Open Days

Every Saturday
11:30am – 2:00pm

A chance to see inside Yorkshire's oldest working observatory.

FREE! No need to book.
The observatory is suitable for all the family. Please check our website for information about our full programme of astronomy events (available from August 2011.)



Events, courses and activities at York Castle Museum

Drop-in taster days

Saturday 10 September and
Monday 12 September 2011
10.00am – 3.00pm

Ever wanted to try a new craft, but not sure if it's for you?

Come along to our free 'drop-in' session at the Castle Museum and have a go – no pressure!

Some of our lovely adult learning tutors will be on hand to chat to and answer questions. This is also a chance to see what will be included in our 2011-12 programme.

Featured sessions –

Needlework (including stump work, crewel work, quilting), felt corsages and 'Little Pretty Things' chocolatier amongst others. Please contact York Museums Trust on 01904 650333 for up to date information on featured sessions

This event is included in the usual museum admission charge.
Admission free to York Card Holders.



A Victorian Lesson

First Saturday of the month throughout term time September - December 2011
First Saturday of the Month June & July 2012
11:00am – 12.00pm

Sit up straight or we will be getting the back straighteners out!

You'll be glad to get back to the 21st century after an hour in the schoolroom with our school master or ma'am. Come and sample a 19th century lesson on Kirkgate, our Victorian street and try your hand at the 3 R's. You will write on a slate, use the abacus, practice drill and work on your posture, amongst other things!

£3.00 per person, and suitable for all the family.
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333



Mad as a Hatter?

Saturday 3 September 2011
2:00pm – 3.30pm

Discover our beautiful collection of hats with award-winning curator, conservator and Monument Fellow, Mary Brooks, and explore the following themes in this engaging and enlightening illustrated talk:

- Hats, Social Etiquette, Gender and Power (Why and when we wear hats today)
- Hats and the Natural World; e.g. The impact on the European beaver and birds such as the egret, because their fur and feathers were plundered for hats
- Industrial Heritage and Trade Represented Through Hats – Skill & exploitation including 'Mad Hatters' (mercury poisoning)
- Millinery in York, Making, selling and pawning hats.

£10 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333



Sixties Style Jewellery

Saturday 1 October 2011
10.00am – 3.00pm

Come to the Castle Museum and be inspired by our Sixties gallery. Design and make your own 'groovy' plastic ring with craft and jewellery expert Lynne Glazzard!

£20 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333



George Hudson – Railway King

Thursday 6 October 2011
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Come and listen to the story of the 'Railway King' in the Debtors' Prison cells.

George Hudson was a debtor, here at York Castle Prison – hear the story told by the man himself! To coincide with the month Hudson was released. Actor Chris Cade plays Hudson.

£5 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333



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One Foot in the Past

Saturday 8 October 2011
2:00pm – 3:30pm

Join award-winning curator, conservator and Monument Fellow, Mary Brooks in an exploration of the humble shoe and discover how there's more to them than meets the eye. Themes to be covered in this talk, illustrated with shoes from the York Castle Museum collection, include:

- Shoe styles and the law controlling shoe fashions
- Function or fashion? Shoes and Health; Pain and Fetishism
- Shoes and Magic - Good and Bad
- Shoemaking and Shoe Selling in York
- The Inner Life of the Shoe – Construction techniques and some surprising re-uses
- The York Cordwainers
- Shoes and Politics: Ecological and ethical issues

£10 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Ceramic Plate Decorating

Saturday 15 October 2011
10:00am – 12:00pm

Come and be inspired by the Castle Museum's wonderful ceramic collection! Be guided in the process of surface pattern and design by our artist, tutor Kirstie Briggs-Bateman, and decorate your own plate to take away.

£10 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Felt Making - Needle Felted Birds and Decorations

Saturday 12 November 2011
10:00am – 3:00pm



Felt artist Vivienne Morpeth will show you how to make beautiful needle felted garden birds (blue tits, robins) which can be made and worked in the hand. They are ideal as home decorations or even Christmas gifts or tree decorations. This is a lovely craft workshop suitable for all ages and abilities.

£25 per person
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk

Traditional Christmas Decorations

Saturday 26 November &
Sunday 27 November 2011
10:00am – 3:00pm



Please note: This is a one day course - the same course content will occur on both days.

Back by popular demand, and just in time for the festive season! This workshop will give you the skills you need to make your own traditional Christmas decorations using natural materials. Learners will look at willow and cane and learn about its preparation, before starting the practical element.

£20 per person for one day
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk



Felt Jewellery & Corsages

Saturday 3 December 2011
10:00am – 12:00pm

Come and enjoy a relaxed morning at the museum where you'll have the chance to make a felt corsage or piece of jewellery inspired by the Castle Museum's costume and textile collection. The perfect gift for Christmas!

£6 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333



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Introduction to Hooky Rag Rugs

Saturday 21 April & Sunday 22 April 2012
10:00am – 1:00pm

Please note: This is a one day course - the same course content will occur on both days.

Back by popular demand! Expert York-based rag rug artists Louisa and Lewis Creed guide you through starting your own hooky rag rug. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to learn from the masters!

£8 per person for one day – payable on the day to the artists.

To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

An Introduction to Crewel Embroidery

Monday 23 April 2012
10:00am – 4:00pm

Take inspiration from the Castle Museums' wonderful collection of Crewel Embroidery. Join qualified tutor Nicola Hulme from 'The Silver Thimble' craft workshop, who will show you how to stitch a lovely Jacobean Flower design to take away. Learn a variety of interesting and traditional stitches using Appleton's crewel wool and linen twill. Perfect for beginners and improvers.

£10 per person (An additional charge will be made for materials, please check when booking.)

To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

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Silver Clay Pendants

Saturday 12 May 2012
10:00am – 3:00pm

Be inspired by our jewellery collection at the Castle Museum, and make your own silver clay pendant to take home. With jewellery and craft expert Lynne Glazzard.

£45 per person including 7g of art clay silver
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333



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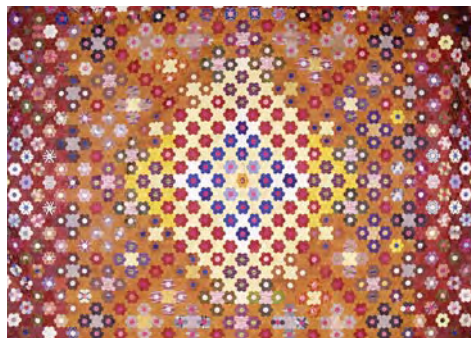
Victorian Chocolate Making

Wednesday 16 May 2012
1:00pm – 3:00pm



Learn how Victorian chocolates were made back in a time when a fancy box of chocolates was an extraordinary treat. You'll learn the art of sugar boiling, a skill at the centre of Victorian confectionery and medicines. During the Victorian era chocolate from the west encountered sugar from the east and became an accessible luxury that thrived in York. Discover how amazing flavours were made back then that are still enjoyed today. With York chocolatier, Sophie Jewett of 'Little Pretty Things' and to celebrate the reopening of Kirkgate.

£10 per person
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An Introduction to English Patchwork

Monday 21 May 2012
10:00am – 4:00pm

Take inspiration from the Castle Museum's patchwork quilt collection. Qualified tutor Kath Allaway from 'The Silver Thimble' craft workshop will show you how to start your own interpretation of English Patchwork, with a variety of designs and your own colour choice. If you wish, you can even create a miniature version. Suitable for beginners and improvers.

£10 per person (An additional charge will be made for materials, please check when booking.)
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

Wild Willow Flowers

Saturday 26 May 2012
10:00am – 12:00pm



What could be more cheerful & welcoming at home than multicoloured willow or cane flowers? Add ribbons & hang them where you can enjoy them, or pop them in a pot for year round colour! With artist Heather Dawe.

£10 per person (there will be a small additional charge for materials, please check when booking)
Bookings: York Explore, 01904 552806
email: adult.education@york.gov.uk

Curators Talk - Making Museums

Friday 1 June 2012
11:00am – 12:00pm

In 1938 Dr Kirk opened York Castle Museum, a new home for his collection. At its heart was Kirkgate, a Victorian street where for the first time museum visitors could step back in time. Kirkgate is seen by the museum world as a crucial landmark in the 'making of museums'. Using sources from Dr Kirk's personal archive we will explore this fascinating story.

£5 per person
To book a place ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333

A Tour of Kirkgate

Friday 15 June & Friday 6 July 2012
11:00am – 12:00pm

Please note: This is the same tour on both days.

The Victorian street is set between in 1870-1901 and reflects the stories of the businesses and people of York from the time.

Take a guided tour through the street to uncover the patterns of life in Victorian York. Hear about the entrepreneur ironmonger John Parkes proprietor of The Little Dustpan on Fossgate, the extraordinary life of Edward Allen the Taxidermist and the everyday experiences of the inhabitants of 'Rowntree Snicket'.

£5 per person
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The Archaeology of York Castle

Tuesday 17 July 2012
1:00pm – 3:30pm



Please note: that this session starts at the Yorkshire Museum. (See page 14 for full details)

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“1914 - When the World Changed Forever” Help Shape Our New Exhibition

Wednesday 18 July 2012
1:30pm – 4:30pm

York Castle Museum is planning an exhibition called ‘The Year the World Changed Forever’. It will focus on life in the period 1912 -1918. The Great War tore into people's lives from 1914, but the period also saw great innovations, great changes and great ideas. We would like your input to help us shape this new exhibition.



Come and join us for an informal opportunity to share your thoughts;

- What interests you about this period?
- What would you like to see included in the displays?
- What questions would you like to see addressed?

There will be a chance to look at objects and archive from the collection, chat to curators and discover why 1914 was a revolutionary date in forming 20th century society. Refreshments provided.

FREE! But please book:
[Ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333](http://www.yorkmuseustrust.org.uk)



York Museums Trust Book Club

Second Saturday of the Month
3:00pm – 4:30pm

A Book Club with a difference: All these books have been chosen to highlight aspects of York Museums Trust's historic collections. As well as having the opportunity to discuss each month's book, every Book Club session includes an opportunity to handle or get close to collection objects.

FREE! But please book:
[Ring York Museums Trust on 01904 650333](http://www.yorkmuseustrust.org.uk)

HOST: York Art Gallery
8 October 2011
The Hare with the Amber Eyes
by Edmund de Waal
14 January 2012
How to Paint a Dead Man
by Sarah Hall
14 April 2012
Headlong
by Michael Frayn
14 July 2012
Life Class
by Pat Barker

HOST: The Castle Museum
12 November 2011
Behind the Scenes at the Museum
by Kate Atkinson
11 February 2012
As Meat Loves Salt
by Maria McCann
14 April 2012
The Millstone
by Margaret Drabble

HOST: The Yorkshire Museum
10 December 2011
Pompeii
by Robert Harris
10 March 2012
Dry Store Room No. 1
by Richard Fortey
9 June 2012
This Thing of Darkness
by Harry Thompson



Volunteering with York Museums Trust

Get Involved!

We have a range of volunteer opportunities across all our sites. Join our volunteering team, either behind the scenes, or in a visitor facing role, helping to bring history to life for our visitors. We are always recruiting for the following projects:

Castle Studios - demonstrate and interpret objects from our collections for visitors in our three themed interactive spaces, the Military Studio, Kitchen Studio and Costume Studio.

York Observatory - welcome visitors to this beautiful 19th century fully working observatory, demonstrating how our historic telescope works.

Raindale Mill - welcome visitors to our 19th century watermill, nestled on the banks of the river Foss, which is currently undergoing a programme of restoration to enable the waterwheel and mechanism to turn once again.

For the majority of our volunteer roles, you need nothing more than a small but regular amount of free time, an interest in the subject, and bags of enthusiasm.

For more information see our website, email our Volunteers Manager fiona.burton@ymt.org.uk or call 01904 650326 for an informal chat.

Supported Learning Opportunities

Everyone is welcome to all our Adult Learning sessions. If you need additional support please let us know when you book. Your carer can accompany you for free. York Museums Trust also offers short courses at each of our sites for:

- Adults with learning difficulties
- Adults with complex disabilities and their carers
- Adults with mental health issues

These courses allow hands on access to our collections and practical arts and crafts activities.

We can also run 'one-off' sessions for existing community groups.

For more information, please contact;

Gaby Lees
gaby.lees@ymt.org.uk
Yorkshire Museum & Gardens
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Lucy Knock
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York Castle Museum



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For up to date information about all adult learning opportunities at York Museum Trust please visit our adult learning pages at:

www.yorkmuseumstrust.org.uk



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York Art Gallery
Exhibition Square
York YO1 7EW

Opening times:
10.00am – 5.00pm daily

Admission prices:
FREE

York Castle Museum
The Eye of York
York YO1 9RY

Opening times:
9.30am – 5.00pm daily

Admission prices:
Adult£8.50
Concession£7.50
Children under 16.....FREE
Residents with a York Card...FREE
Registered disabled
and accompanying carerFREE

Yorkshire Museum & Gardens
Museum Gardens
York YO1 7FR

Opening times:
10.00am – 5.00pm daily

Admission prices:
Adult£7.50
Concession£6.50
Children under 16.....FREE
Residents with a York Card...FREE
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and accompanying carerFREE

