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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 exciting talks, tours and workshops are the perfect way for you to discover more about the fantastic exhibitions and collections at **York Museums Trust** venues.

Don't forget, admission to all sites is FREE for 12 months with your [YMT Card](#).

## talks

### Curators Talk: The York Helmet

Tuesday 9 October, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

### Curators Talk: Mystery Solved – A Gold Plaque from Roman York

Tuesday 23 October, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

### Explore and Draw: Strata-Rock-Dust-Stars

Tuesday 23 October, 3pm – 4.30pm

Listen to a short talk from Assistant Curator of Natural Science Stuart Ogilvy then create drawings with artist Griselda Goldsbrough, exploring drawing and sketching techniques.

**£15 per person** includes admission to [York Art Gallery](#) and [Yorkshire Museum](#).

Book through our [events](#) page.

### Mammals, Dinosaurs and Sea Dragons of the Jurassic: Recent Developments in Vertebrate Palaeontology

Saturday 3 November, 1pm – 4.30pm

The Yorkshire Philosophical Society and The Yorkshire Geological Society present a free one day indoor meeting of lectures.

This will provide an overview of current cutting-edge research for amateur geologists and the general public as well as a professional and academic audience.

Included in museum admission. Book through our [events](#) page.

### Curators Talk: Thin Sections – The Unseen Side of Rocks and What They Can Tell You

Tuesday 13 November, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

### **The Map that Changed the World**

Wednesday 21 November, 12.30pm – 1pm

Yorkshire Museum's Curator of Natural Science, Sarah King, discusses the significance of William 'Strata' Smith's 200 year old geological map.

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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### **Curators Talk: The Overton Severan Coin Hoard**

Tuesday 27 November, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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### **Curators Talk: Five Gold Rings – Treasures of the Medieval Collection**

Tuesday 11 December, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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### **Curators Talk: The Netted Carpet Moth – The Curious Case of a Moth Used as a Commodity**

Tuesday 8 January, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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### **Curator's Talk: Coins and Conversion**

Tuesday 22 January, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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### **Curator's Talk: Volcanoes – An Explosive Tale**

Tuesday 5 February, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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### **Curator's Talk: Moving the Vikings – Tales from a Touring Exhibition**

Tuesday 19 February, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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### **Curator's Talk: Money and Constantine the Great**

Tuesday 5 March, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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### **Curator's Talk: Yorkshire Lias**

Tuesday 19 March, 12.30pm – 1pm

Included in museum admission. No need to book.

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## practical workshops

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### Portable Antiquities Scheme Finds Day

Friday 12 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.

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### Book Club: Home Fire by Kamila Shamsi

Saturday 10 November, 3pm – 4.30pm

Join the book club with a difference. A friendly bunch of people who are passionate about history, museums and books. Come along to any of the sessions for a lively discussion, regardless of whether you liked or even finished the book!

**Included in museum admission.** No need to book.

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### Portable Antiquities Scheme Finds Day

Friday 7 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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### Book Club: Bookworm: A Memoir of Childhood Reading by Lucy Mangan

Saturday 8 December, 3pm – 4.30pm

Join the book club with a difference. A friendly bunch of people who are passionate about history, museums and books. Come along to any of the sessions for a lively discussion, regardless of whether you liked or even finished the book!

**Included in museum admission.** No need to book.



### Book Club: Waterland by Graham Swift

Saturday 12 January, 3pm – 4.30pm

Join the book club with a difference. A friendly bunch of people who are passionate about history, museums and books. Come along to any of the sessions for a lively discussion, regardless of whether you liked or even finished the book!

**Included in museum admission.** No need to book.

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### Residents Festival Weekend

Saturday 26 January and Sunday 27 January

**Free admission to York Residents.** No need to book.

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### The Big Garden Birdwatch

York Museum Gardens, Saturday 26 January, 10am – 3pm

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 the Museum Gardens to take part. Guided bird spotting walks at 10.30, 12.00 and 1.30, each lasting an hour. The sightings will be recorded on a board at 'basecamp', and clipboards and pencils are provided. We'll have tick-sheets available for anyone who wants to go off and birdwatch by themselves

**Free.** No need to book.

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### Book Club Special: Remarkable Creatures by Tracy Chevalier

Saturday 9 February, 3pm – 4.30pm

Join the book club with a difference. A friendly bunch of people who are passionate about history, museums and books. Come along to any of the sessions for a lively discussion, regardless of whether you liked or even finished the book! **This session involves handling museum objects or a short gallery tour.**

**Included in museum admission.** No need to book.

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### Book Club: New York Orphan by Rosalind Wiseman – Meet the Author!

Saturday 9 March, 3pm – 4.30pm

Join the book club with a difference. A friendly bunch of people who are passionate about history, museums and books. Come along to any of the sessions for a lively discussion, regardless of whether you liked or even finished the book!

**Included in museum admission.** No need to book.



## York Observatory Evening Events

York Observatory, York Museum Gardens, October to March

York Observatory will open stargazing events in the evening on specific dates between October and February. 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

York Observatory, York Museum Gardens, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11.30am – 2.30pm

Built in 1832 and 1833 and restored in 1981, York Observatory which is nestled in York Museum Gardens is the oldest working observatory in Yorkshire. It houses a 4inch refractor telescope made by York man Thomas Cooke in 1850. Opening hours are subject to the availability of volunteers, please check in advance for specific dates.

**Free.** No need to book.

## early years & family events



York Museums Trust provides a range of activities and events for children under 5 to help them engage with the collections and exhibitions.

We currently offer two types of **Museum Monkeys** sessions across our sites: **Museum Baby for under 2s** and **Early Years Explorers for ages 2 – 5**.

**Kids Go FREE** plus there's **FREE entry for adults with a YMT Card** – 12 months of unlimited access to all York Museums Trust sites.

### Early Year Explorers (2–5), Dinosaurs

Thursday 17 January, 10am – 11am

Play with the dinosaur toys, make a plaster cast fossil and look at fossils from the collection.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Early Year Explorers (2–5), Birds and Garden Animals

Thursday 24 January 2019, 10am – 11am

Help the squirrel find his food, hop on the bouncy rabbit and decorate a bird house.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Early Year Explorers (2–5), Space and Telescopes

Thursday 31 January, 10am – 11am

Make a telescope, play with the inflatable planets and space man puppet and listen to the moon story.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Early Year Explorers (2–5), Medieval

Thursday 7 February, 10am – 11am

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

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Early Year Explorers (2–5), Skeletons

Thursday 14 February, 10am – 11am

Find the bones in the sand, put together the skeleton jigsaw and listen to the skeleton story.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Museum Baby (Under 2s), Dinosaurs

Friday 15 March, 10am – 11am

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

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Museum Baby (Under 2s), Birds & Garden Animals

Friday 22nd March, 10am – 11am

Hop on the bouncy rabbit, squeeze the bird toys to hear the bird song and feel the feathers.

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Museum Baby (Under 2s), Space & Telescopes

Friday 29th March, 10am – 11am

Find the stars through the telescope, play with the inflatable planets and space man puppet and listen to the moon story.

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Museum Baby (Under 2s), Medieval

Friday 5th April, 10am – 11am

Look through the stained glass windows, play with the feast food and listen to the story of the Knight.

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.



### Museum Baby (Under 2s), Skeletons

Friday 12th April, 10am – 11am

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

Sessions are now FREE! Museum admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.

