

E-update for London's Museums – 30 March 2020

News from the London Museum Development Team

In this special edition of our usual newsletter, we will be sharing some information and useful resources for museums to help deal with the Covid-19 outbreak.

In our previous Special Edition of the newsletter, on 25 March, we outlined [ACE's plans for their emergency funding package](#). A further announcement from ACE, with more detail on the package, was planned for today (Monday 30 March). This has now been pushed back to tomorrow (Tuesday 31 March). It is important for all museums that might want to apply for Arts Council support, to have set up a Grantium profile by 03 April. You'll be able to find this information, when it's published, [on their website](#) and [Twitter account](#), and there is already a [preliminary FAQ](#), answering some of the questions they've received about the emergency funding package announced last week. We will likely make a special announcement through this mailing list tomorrow, when further information is released by ACE. In the meantime, ACE have provided another round up of all the [government support available](#).

ACE have also made an announcement about the Museums Accreditation Scheme, which you can find below and [on their website](#). ACE will be extending the current award status for all Accredited Museums in the UK for an additional 12 months. They will be releasing more information on their website in the coming days.

We will continue to offer one-to-one advice to museums and specialist support on Organisational Health, Audiences, Digital Technologies and Collections. You can find the relevant MDO contact information for those specialist areas [on our website](#).

This week will see our first live-streamed training session, in partnership with the Collections Trust. We plan to move other courses online, in various forms, so do keep an eye on our [Twitter account](#) for announcements about our training programme, as well as our [Digital Futures](#) and [Skills Plus](#) training pages.

We have also recently updated our [Covid-19 Resources and Information PDF](#) which signposts useful links and resources about collections care, security and other issues such as business continuity, audiences and digital. We will update the PDF as regularly as possible. If you spot something that you think other museums may find useful, please do submit them to museumdevelopment@museumoflondon.org.uk.

Significant announcements, particularly on emergency business relief, are being made each day so it is important for you to keep an eye on advice as and when it is published.

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Museums Accreditation Scheme

ACE has announced that it will be extending the current award status for all Accredited Museums in the UK, for an additional 12 months. Further information, in the form of an FAQ, will be released this week, but you can find the initial announcement [on their website](#).

ACE contact email for Covid-19

Arts Council England have created a specific contact email address for questions and concerns related to Covid-19. You can find the contact information [on their website](#). ACE will be collating all queries on a central basis, making it easier for them to feedback to DCMS about whether the sector requires further guidance. When contacting this email address, please do either CC us in or send us a copy so that we can also have access to this information. Please use museumdevelopment@museumoflondon.org.uk.

ACE announcement on Museums and Cultural Property Schemes

Further to the announcement on the Museums Accreditation Scheme, ACE has also made announcements on the Designation Scheme, Government Indemnity Scheme and Export Licensing Unit. You can find those [on their website](#).

ACE highlights available government and non-governmental support

ACE have updated their advice and guidance library to feature information on Covid-19, highlighting both government and non-governmental support. You can [find the update page here](#).

London Funders emergency support fund

London Funders have created an emergency support fund to help London's community and voluntary organisations. Find out more about the fund and its criteria [on their website](#).

National Lottery Heritage Fund to release information on support for sector

On Tuesday 24 March, the [NLHF tweeted](#) that their Board had met to discuss the immediate help and support that they can provide for the heritage sector. They will hopefully be announcing that support soon, likely through their [Twitter account](#) and/or [on their website](#) – so keep an eye out for further details.

BBC Arts announces new programmes for Culture in Quarantine

[“Culture In Quarantine](#) across television, radio and online, will give the nation access to the arts at a time when we need it the most.” Culture in Quarantine includes lots of different types of content and media, including ‘Museums in Quarantine’, a four-part series for BBC Four that will explore national collections. The BBC, in partnership with ACE, has also [launched a £250,000 fund](#) for around 25 established England-based artists of any discipline to produce new works in creative media - video, audio and interactive. Further information will be released this week.

AIM developing Coronavirus resources

AIM has developed a number of resources to help museums during the Covid-19 outbreak. AIM have also created a summary of the [current available financial support offers](#). You can find them [on their website](#).

AIM's online advice surgeries

AIM has also launched a number of online advice surgeries for their members. You can find a full list of the surgeries available [on their website](#).

Art Fundraising & Philanthropy's collated responses from major funders

The Art Fundraising & Philanthropy has collated the responses from major funders to Covid-19. The list highlights the different initiatives many of the major funders are launching. You can find the list [on their website](#).

Law firm Bates Wells publishes free legal guidance

Law firm [Bates Wells is publishing free legal guidance for the cultural sector](#). The advice is regularly updated, and aims to share the key know-how on dealing with the current situation, particularly issues arising for many charities in the areas of employment, contracts, solvency, governance, Charity Commission regulation and meetings.

MA's Covid-19 Organisational and Employment FAQs

The MA has created an FAQ page with a number of frequently asked questions in relation to government support – particularly with financial support. You can find the page [on their website](#).

Digital Culture Network free resources

ACE's DCN (Digital Culture Network) has started publishing resources, information on support and online training [on their website](#). They'll be adding more as time goes on.

Sending items for the update and signing up information [\(to top\)](#)

More information on submitting items to the update is available [via this link](#). Please remember that we cannot add attachments, role profiles or easily take information from PDF's, so Word format is preferred to ensure your information can be included. If you were forwarded this update by a colleague, and would like to sign up to receive the update automatically, please send an email to museumdevelopment@museumoflondon.org.uk.

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