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

Curator's Choice

12.30pm – 1pm on the third Wednesday of each month.

Visit yorkartgallery.org.uk/your-visit/events for details.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Friends of York Art Gallery Lunchtime Talks

12.30pm – 1pm on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month.

The Friends of York Art Gallery run a programme of lunchtime talks, generally on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Visit www.friendsofyorkartgallery.co.uk for details.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Visitor Experience Team Talks

Every weekday except Wednesdays, 2pm, 2.15pm, 2.30pm and 2.45pm.

10 minute Art Shot talks on weekdays (except Wednesdays) – please ask at Admissions for details.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.



Isaac Julien in conversation with curator, Mike Stubbs

Yorkshire Museum, Thursday 27 September, 1pm–2pm

Work by Turner Prize nominated, internationally acclaimed filmmaker and installation artist Isaac Julien CBE RA, *Stones Against Diamonds*, features in the exhibition, *Strata – Rock – Dust – Stars* at York Art Gallery. Join this event to hear Isaac Julien discuss his practice with Mike Stubbs, exhibition curator and Director of FACT, Liverpool (Foundation for Art and Creative Technology).

A York Museums Trust, FACT Liverpool and York Mediale exhibition

£5 per person. Gallery admission applies. Book through our [events](#) page.

Artists' Talks

Friday 28 September, 12pm–1.15pm

Join artists featured in the exhibition *Strata - Rock - Dust - Stars* to discover more about their work in the exhibition.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Curator's Talk and Tour

Tuesday 2 October, 12.30pm–1pm

Join Mike Stubbs exhibition curator and Director of FACT, Liverpool (Foundation for Art and Creative Technology) in the exhibition to hear him discuss the themes and individual works featured in *Strata - Rock - Dust - Stars*.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Sensory Tour for Adults

Wednesday 3 October, 12.30pm–1.15pm

A descriptive and tactile tour of our exhibition, *Strata - Rock - Dust - Stars*.

Everyone over 16 welcome, but especially suitable for partially-sighted or blind adults.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.



The Annual CoCA Lecture: An Imaginary Retrospective, Alex McErlain

10 November, 4pm–5pm

The 2018 Annual CoCA Lecture will be delivered by Alex McErlain, a potter, collector, curator, writer, filmmaker and former university lecturer, on the theme of the past, present and future of studio ceramics.

£8 per person, includes gallery admission. Book through our [events](#) page.

Curator's Talk: The Map That Changed the World

Yorkshire Museum, 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 gallery admission. No need to book.

practical workshops

Mindfulness Based Creativity Course

Tuesdays 25 September, 2 October, 9 October, 16 October, 23 October, 6 November, 13 November, 20 November, 10.30am – 1pm

Mindfulness Based Creativity (MBCr) is an 8-week group course exploring the relationship between mindfulness and creativity as a means of playfully enhancing wellbeing and getting in touch with living the life we always imagined. It provides an exploration of mindfulness meditation and creative writing and drawing exercises in each session. Your tutors will be Dr Lauri Bower and professional artist Clare Belbin-Carlie of the Northern Centre for Mindfulness and Compassion (NCCMC).

£250 early bird or £275 for the 8 weeks per person. YMT Membership is required for this course. (£22 max. concessions are available.) Book through our [events](#) page.

CoCA's Day of Clay

6 October, 10am – 5pm

CoCA's annual Day of Clay is a celebration of all things clay, welcoming professional potters, ceramicists, artists and experts to demonstrate their passion and skill to visitors with free hands-on opportunities to enjoy too.

Included in gallery admission. Discounted £4 admission with an Effects Design Market or York Ceramics Fair wristband. No need to book.

Art for Wellbeing

7 October, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Informal practical sessions for adults (16+ only), just drop-in and release your creative energy, in the company of others and with gentle guidance on hand. This is an inclusive session, suitable for all abilities. Art for Wellbeing is held monthly throughout the year except in August.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Explore and Draw: Strata-Rock-Dust-Stars

Yorkshire Museum, Tuesday 23 October 3pm – 4.15pm

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.

Art for Wellbeing

11 November, 9 December, 6 January, 3 February, 3 March, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Informal practical sessions for adults (16+ only), just drop-in and release your creative energy, in the company of others and with gentle guidance on hand. This is an inclusive session, suitable for all abilities. Art for Wellbeing is held monthly throughout the year except in August.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

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October Half Term – Art Rocks at York Art Gallery

Monday 29 & Tuesday 30 October and Thursday 1 & Friday 2 September, 11am – 1pm

Inspired by our *Strata - Rock - Dust - Stars* exhibition, create miniature, magical stone paintings in this artist-led, rock painting workshop

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



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), Smell

Thursday 8 November, 10am – 11am

Make a smelly picture and play the 'Guess the Smells' activity.

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



Early Year Explorers (2–5), Sound

Thursday 15 November, 10am – 11am

Make a shaker and play the 'Guess the Sounds' game.

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



Early Year Explorers (2–5), Taste

Thursday 22 November, 10am – 11am

Taste the yellow foods to see if they are sweet sour or savoury and play with the toy food.

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



Early Year Explorers (2–5), See & Touch

Thursday 29 November, 10am – 11am

Guess what is in the mystery bags, make a den with textured materials and look for shapes in art.

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



Museum Baby (Under 2s), Smell

Friday 18 January, 10am – 11am

Make a smelly picture and play the ‘Guess the Smells’ activity.

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



Museum Baby (Under 2s), Sound

Friday 25 January, 10am – 11am

Match the sounds to the pictures and listen to the sound story.

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



Museum Baby (Under 2s), Taste

Friday 1 February, 10am – 11am

Taste the yellow foods to see if they are sweet sour or savoury and play with the toy food.

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



Museum Baby (Under 2s), Touch

Friday 8 February, 10am – 11am

Guess what is in the mystery bags and play in the texture materials sensory area.

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



Museum Baby (Under 2s), See

Friday 15 February, 10am – 11am

Listen to the find shapes in art story and match the shapes.

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

