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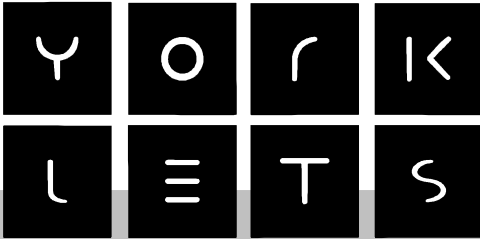


Tell us what you think!

In the last few days you will have received a survey from YorkLETS by email. It is important from time to time for us to review what the important issues are for our members so that the system continues to be relevant and useful. Please do take a couple of minutes to answer the questions – there are only nine of them! In case you can't find the email, the link to the survey is here: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NJSLR3C>. We're aiming to collect everyone's views by the end of May.

You'll notice that this newsletter is being sent in a paper format rather than electronically – but don't worry – it will also be available via email and on the website as usual. Both the survey and the paper newsletter are as a result of YorkLETS being selected by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation for support – a fantastic vote of confidence from an internationally respected organisation.

Watch this space to see how your survey comments and suggestions influence YorkLETS over the coming months ...



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Make a noise

For a bit of fun, the June meeting, at Priory Street Centre, will be followed by a music session where everyone is invited to join in – there will be a selection of instruments to try out, or bring your own, or just come along and sing, hum, whistle along! Of course, there will also be a trading table, so please pop along with any items other members may like to buy, and remember to bring your Yorky check book.

As always, the meeting starts at 7.30pm and all members (and musically inclined friends and family) are welcome – the more the merrier!



Visit to The Deep

The Deep, in Hull, is one of the most spectacular aquariums in the world, featuring over 3,500 fish including sharks and rays. Visitors can enjoy daily shows including the Lagoon Feed, Explorers' Den, Dive Presentation and 3D movie. If that all sounds a bit fishy, this year there is a special exhibition about the insect world with astonishing creatures like the mega mantis, giant prickly stick insects, bulls head cockroaches, blue bottle green tarantula, and more.

'Wetted' your appetite? Then join other YorkLETS members on a visit to The Deep on Saturday 23 June. We will travel by train, leaving York at 10.30am, and arriving back just after 6.30pm. The trip will cost £15 per adult, and £8 per child 5 – 16 (under 5s are free), which includes train travel and entry to The Deep.

To take part in this trip please book before 1st June by contacting Melody:

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YorkLETS to host national conference

When the going gets tough, people start looking again at ways to stretch resources, stimulate the economy, and tackle the social exclusion and isolation that arise as a result of unemployment and poverty.

Of course, we at YorkLETS have been doing those things for nearly 20 years now, so we are in an excellent position to pull together people and organisations with an interest in the issues to talk about different approaches to mediating the relation between economy and people.

We will be doing this by running a national conference – Alternative Currencies – in York during October. Already booked to take part are:

- Mary Fee (LETSlink UK)
- Natasha Almond (York Timebank project)
- John Cossham (founding member, YorkLETS)

Still to be confirmed are speakers from local and national policy-making bodies, other alternative currency organisations (eg Lewes Pound), as well as some fascinating historical context from a specialist in ancient and alternative currencies.



To find out more, or to get involved in organising the conference (and earn 7Y per hour doing so), drop in to any of the monthly meetings, where we will be working to plan the event. Or if you would like to suggest any additional speakers or ideas for the day, just get in touch with any of your committee members.

The provisional date for the Alternative Currencies conference is 25 October 2012, at the Friends' meeting House, Friargate – keep an eye on the summer newsletter to see the final details and programme for the day. All YorkLETS members are warmly invited to attend some, or all, of the conference.

It's showtime!

Young people from York will be preparing the classic musical *Fiddler on the Roof* and performing it live at the Grand Opera House York this August. YorkLETS members can benefit from special discount tickets at just £12 each for the first night performance on Thursday 2 August. Contact Melody (melody_clarke@yahoo.co.uk /01904 426358) before 12th July to secure your ticket.

Forthcoming Events

a selection of local events you may be interested in...

- **Mon 4 June** YorkLETS monthly meeting at [Priory Street Centre](#)
7.30-8.00pm: committee meeting; 8.00pm onwards: social and trading evening with 'bring and share musical marvels' – **all welcome – bring friends and family too!**
- **Sat 23 June** YorkLETS trip to [The Deep](#), Hull. Leaving York 10.30am, Arriving back 6.30pm. £15 per adult, £8 per child 5 – 16, free for under 5s. Cost includes train travel and entry to The Deep. **Book before 1st June by contacting melody.clarke@yahoo.co.uk / 01904 426358**
- **Mon 2 July** YorkLETS monthly meeting at [Priory Street Centre](#)
7.30-8.00pm: committee meeting; 8.00pm onwards: social and trading evening – **all welcome**
- **6 - 14 July** York Early Music Festival - Britain's premier festival of historically informed performance set in some of the UK's most beautiful historic venues including York Minster, Harewood House and the National Centre for Early Music. For details and bookings, telephone 01904 658338 / email info@ncem.co.uk.
- **Thurs 12 July** 'Blood, seeds and soil' – archaeological lecture about the excavation of an Anglo-Saxon settlement in Cambridgeshire featuring human burials, 'mummy bundles', well-preserved wooden buildings, and finds including wool-processing and weaving equipment, cooking waste, tools and dress fittings. Dunnington Reading Rooms, 7.30pm
- **Thurs 2 Aug** YorkLETS night at the theatre! [Fiddler on the Roof](#), at Grand Opera House, York, starting at 7.30pm. The show is performed by local young people. £12 per ticket. **Book before 12th July by contacting melody.clarke@yahoo.co.uk / 01904 426358**
- **Mon 6 Aug** YorkLETS monthly meeting at [Priory Street Centre](#)
7.30-8.00pm: committee meeting; 8.00pm onwards: social and trading evening – **all welcome**

...hope to see you at some of them!

Remember to keep an eye open for emails about additional YorkLETS activities