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# **Coronavirus:**

# **Financial Planning and Community actions during temporary closure of your Science Centre or Museum**

# **Wednesday 25 March 2020**

# **2pm – 3.15pm**

This will be a Zoom call and details wil be sent once you have registered.

Please register on the eventbrite.

**Note from the ASDC CEO:** On Monday March 16th, the Government advised that people should avoid social venues and work from home where possible. Most of your organisations closed to the public the next day. On Wednesday the conference call focussed on the closures and HR and financial planning. On Thursday, ASDC agreed a way with BEIS to put in submission for emergency measures to science centres and collected and collated information from 15 centres and put in an bid for £34 million to BEIS. Last Friday a financial 80% package was announced for furloughed staff in certain sectors..

Over the weekend I have also discussed with ITU and emergency doctors what is the urgent need, and what our sector, with its huge social media links, could do to help this and next week.

**This call is for you to find out about, and share and with other CEOs and senior managers information relating to:**

1. The Government’s 80% furlough funds, and information on grants.
2. Financial planning and business critical actions
3. What we as a sector can do to get the message out to prevent the spread of infection.

Our future Zoom Coronavirus calls will focus on the digital and creative ideas you all have, and we can share and do collectively to support one another, schools, our communities and our sector during this time.

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|  | **Agenda** |  |
| 2pm | Welcome to Participants.  Introduction by the ASDC CEO Dr Penny Fidler | Penny Fidler |
|  | Introduction from each Centre | All |
|  | ASDC submissions to Government for £34 million | Penny Fidler |
|  | What assistance has Government announced that is relevant to charities and Science centres?   * The Government’s 80% furlough funds (last Friday) * information on grants (last Tuesday) | Edward Corrigan, Corrigan Associates (ASDC Auditors) |
|  | * Discussion on known process * what this means especially for casual and zero hours staff * Are all staff eligible? Or only FOH /cafe | all |
|  | **Science Centre current Planning will be shared by the following CEOs**   * Ben Ward: CEO of Winchester Science Centre and Chairman of ASDC * Chas Bishop, CEO of The National Space Centre | Ben Ward  Chas Bishop |
|  | **Discussion on Financial planning and business critical actions**  **From Finance directors, CEOS and senior staff** | Contributions from all others on the call. |
|  | **Information from ITU and hospital Doctors:**  What is the issue right now? Can science centres use their social media to get the messages out? | Penny Fidler |
|  | What help should we now be asking Government for? When will we know? |  |
|  | What would you like to do more of digitally, that ASDC can organise nationally? |  |
| 3.15pm | **Close** |  |