

# Coronavirus Resilience Forum for UK Science Centres

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020

2pm – 3.15pm

Chaired by Dr Penny Fidler, CEO of ASDC

	<b>Agenda</b>	
<b>2pm</b>	Welcome to participants. Introduction by the ASDC CEO Dr Penny Fidler	Dr Penny Fidler
	<b>Lobbying for funding for your Science and discovery centres</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Open Letter to Prime Minister, Chancellor and Alok Sharma</li> <li>Who were the signatories? When was it sent?</li> <li>Who was the letter sent to in Parliament and Government?</li> <li>Who was it sent to in the press? (Rachael)</li> <li>What have you and your centre done with your local press, PR and social media? Is it on your website? Please all report back.</li> <li>What can you do personally to increase the odds that they act on the letter to help your centre?</li> </ul>	<p>Introduced by Penny &amp; Chair and Trustees</p> <p>ALL Discussion</p>
	<b>Who was awarded the DCMS funding?</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On Monday the Culture Recovery Fund announced which arts and cultural organisations it had awarded £257million to. There are over 1300 organisations</li> <li>What has been awarded – how much and to whom?</li> <li>Were any ASDC members included?</li> </ul>	Dr Penny Fidler
	<b>The new Government announcements: Sharing what those on the call know</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Funding for Staff if you are required by law to shut.</b> The government will support businesses closed by law by paying two thirds of each employees' salary (or 67%), up to a maximum of £2,100 a month.</li> <li>Properties with a <b>rateable value of £51,000 or over</b> will receive grants of £1500 per two weeks of closure (£3,000 per month). And other items</li> <li>Are you eligible for the above?</li> <li>The deadline for taking out a <b>coronavirus business interruption loan (CBILS)</b> extended until 30 November, loans extended for up to 10 years.</li> <li><b>VAT at 5% for hospitality</b> and tourism until 31 March 2021 - rather than reverting back to 20% in January</li> </ol>	<p>Discussion with CEOs of UK Science Centres, &amp; ASDC Trustees</p> <p>Please contribute what you know to help other centres and stimulate the discussion</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half-term, and the three tiers – what does it mean to your centre?</li> </ul>	Please share
	<b>Other items</b>	All
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>VisitBritain's Coronavirus Sentiment Tracker</b> What are visitors around the UK feeling and doing?</li> </ul>	Penny Fidler
	<b>ASDC AGM 23 October</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please join us for the AGM and Trustee elections</li> </ul>	Penny Fidler
	<b>AOB and items to discuss proposed by delegates</b>	All
<b>3.15pm</b>	<b>Close</b>	

Wishing you and your teams well at this time