



PRESS RELEASE
NEW EXHIBITION: OUR HEALTH HEROES

Runs 17 August – 30 November 2018

Thackray Medical Museum want your help to create a new exhibition

Who or what do you turn to when you are unwell? Do you settle down with a friend to watch Netflix, munch your way through a giant chocolate bar or perhaps cheer yourself up with your favourite brand of soup? Whatever it might be, Thackray Medical Museum would like to hear about it.

From 17 August until 30 November, the museum will be showcasing objects and stories from the people of Leeds as part of a new exhibition celebrating our everyday Health Heroes.

Harry Jelley, Interpretation Officer at the museum said:

“When I was little and was off school unwell, my Dad would come back from work with a copy of the Beano and a tube of Fruit Pastels. It was great as a kid, after feeling ill all day, to hear Dad come through the door.... and know I was getting sweets! I’ll be putting my old Beano Annual in our display to get us started.”

We all need help with our health during our lives, and the museum hope that the exhibition will be the beginning of a conversation exploring the ways in which we look after ourselves. From soft toys to box sets, the display will shed light on the objects and people that help get us through when we are not feeling our best.

Sue Mackay, Head of Programming and Collections added:

“Our Health Heroes is your chance to celebrate the unsung heroes that have supported you when you've been unwell, whether they are a kind friend or a favourite teddy. Everyone in Leeds has a story to tell about their health and the people and things that have helped them. We'd love to hear those stories.”

In addition to the exhibition, there will be activities to get involved with, the first of which is a big Health Heroes doodle. This collaborative artwork will celebrate friends, family, and all those who contribute to looking after our health. To get involved, head over to the museum from 17 – 31 August, pick up a pen and get sketching. To share your health stories, tweet @thackraymuseum using the hashtag #HealthHeroes or e-mail harry.jelley@thackraymuseum.org

Notes to editors

About the Thackray Medical Museum

Formerly the Leeds Union Workhouse, Thackray Medical Museum is now one of the UK's largest medical museums. Through nine interactive galleries, the museum will take you on a journey of discovery to explore the incredible world of medicine. Travel from the Victorian age to the present day to explore the fascinating world of surgery and find out how breakthroughs in science have changed all our lives for the better. Admission tickets allow unlimited return for 12 months.

As a registered charity, the museum's continued success relies on the generosity and support of trusts, individuals and corporate sponsors, Friends and Members, fundraising activities, admission fees, and the support of the Thackray Medical Research Trust.

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