

AIM Heritage Trustees Newsletter November 2016 – **EXTRACTS**

Charity Governance Awards 2017 - £5,000 on offer

Entries are now open to the Charity Governance Awards 2017, the UK awards created to celebrate outstanding governance in charities small and large. The seven eligible categories cover a broad range of governance areas, including board diversity, improving impact and embracing digital, a new category this year. Each category offers a £5,000 cash prize. Entry is free and available online until 13th January 2017 and the winners will be announced at the invitation-only awards ceremony on 24th May 2017. For entry and inspiration from the 2016 shortlist visit [The Charity Governance Awards](#) website.

Trustees and Fundraising

The Institute of Fundraising has published '[Trustees and Fundraising: a practical handbook](#)', produced jointly with Charity Finance Group, ACEVO and NCVO. Covering everything from legislation and regulation across the UK and risk management to fundraising methods and understanding different income sources, the handbook is packed full of Top Tips and Case Studies that will help trustees make sense of the complex world of fundraising and how the topics addressed relate to their organisations. It also includes a useful Fundraising Strategy guide, that boards will be able to use immediately in helping steer understanding of how to implement their own strategy.

Charity Commission guidance on Making Digital Work

The Charity Commission has recently launched a new guide, developed with Grant Thornton and Zoe Amar Communications, '[Making digital work: 12 questions for trustees to consider](#)'. The need for trustees to develop individual digital expertise and an understanding of what it means for their organisation and board overall is vital, given that digital now cuts across everything that charities do. The 12 questions covered form a wide overview and are intended to provide a starting point, covering the essentials, to spark ideas and encourage discussions.

The Open University Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership launches

Part of the Open University Business School, The new Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership (CVSL) is a new research centre aiming to provide voluntary sector organisations with access to free online leadership development modules and research-led insight. CVSL has a particular mission to improve collaborative leadership in smaller voluntary sector organisations and central to this is providing access to free and flexible leadership development opportunities that meet the priority needs of the sector. Run as online modules, there are currently two free courses available, Introducing Leadership in Voluntary Organisations and Collaborative Leadership in Voluntary Organisations, and three further 'Badged' courses. For further information visit the CVSL website here: [Centre for Voluntary Sector Leadership](#)