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Helping Museum Trustees To Get Ahead: Free AIM Hallmarks Governance Sessions Announced

AIM is delighted to announce the Hallmarks Governance Programme will continue with a new series of seminars to support trustees taking place between September 2017 and January 2018. Helping trustees to develop the skills and knowledge they need to lead their organisations effectively; this new series will be of interest both to new trustees and those who have some experience of serving on boards and are already familiar with the basics of good governance.

These sessions will further develop the practical skills required to invigorate the way your board works, offering professional guidance, tips and opportunities to reflect and share experiences with a mutually supportive peer network. We will be announcing dates and venues soon, but for further information please visit: [Free AIM Hallmarks Governance Sessions Announced](#)

AIM Energy Action Group Update

The free to join AIM Energy Action group continues to assist our members with energy related challenges, covering procurement, supply contracts, metering, new connections and asset transfers. The group is open to new and existing AIM members, so take a look at how joining can save your museum money: [AIM Energy Action Group Update](#)

Now Open: AIM Sustainability Grant Scheme 2017

If you are an AIM member museum with an annual turnover of less than £300,000 or fewer than 50,000 visitors a year, you can now apply for an AIM Sustainability Grant to support projects that explore increased and/or diversified income streams and/or develop organisational resilience. Supported through the generosity of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, this scheme, which began in 2006, has helped hundreds of projects with over £831,700 of grants – could yours be next? Applications close 3 July at 5pm. Find out more: [AIM Sustainability Grant Scheme 2017](#)

TWA Heritage Digitisation Grant

The TWA Digitisation Grant is open now and welcomes applications from independent museums of all sizes, as well as local authority and national DCMS-funded museums based in the UK. This year the fund offers grants of up to £5000 for UK museums, archives and libraries to digitise their collections. The Grant can be used to fund the digitisation of bound books, manuscripts, oversize maps and plans, 35mm slides, microfilm/fiche, glass plate negatives, and other two-dimensional cultural heritage media. It can also be used to fund opening up access to heritage collections online. The deadline for applications is 7 July 2017 [TWA Heritage Digitisation Grant](#)