

Association of Independent Museums AIM December 2017 E-News – **EXTRACTS**

AIM Closes For Christmas And Festive Greetings From All Of Us

AIM will be closed for [the festive period from 19 December and will reopen on 3 January](#). We would like to wish all our members, supporters, stakeholders and friends a happy and peaceful festive season and a prosperous New Year.

We are already planning new projects for 2018, the launch of our new partnership with the Charity Finance Group and finalising details for our annual conference at The British Motor Museum, Gaydon next June. If you aren't yet an AIM member, join us today to take advantage of our membership benefits: [Join AIM](#)

Association Of Chairs Launches New Publication: Managing Difficult Board Dynamics

Managing difficult board dynamics looks at the Chair's role in influencing the culture and behaviour on the board. Download the PDF [for free here](#).

Free Download: How To Handle A Contested Legacy

Legacies are increasingly being contested, so what can be done to make sure your charity's bequest is protected? [The latest white paper from the Civil Society](#)

Article: Why Every Museum Should Make Data Part Of Its DNA

In the digital age, museums and nonprofits are constantly looking for new tools and approaches to improve the various pillars of their operation. Without data, how do we know where we stand and where we are heading? [Read this interesting article shared with us by USA based Cuseum](#).

Survey: National Strategy For Scotland's Museums: Have Your Say

Museums Galleries Scotland published Going Forward: the National Strategy for Scotland's Museums and Galleries in 2012. As announced at their recent conference, they are currently reviewing the Strategy and would really like to hear your views. MGS have put together a brief survey and would like as much input as possible. [The survey is open until 26 January 2018](#).

The Architectural Heritage Fund 2018 Deadlines

AHF offers grants of up to £25,000 to registered charities and social enterprises in the UK that [need financial assistance to cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating a building project](#) and taking it towards the start of work on site. The 2018 deadlines for applications requesting more than £5,000 are 16 February, 11 May, 24 August, and 2 November 2018.