

## **Association of Independent Museums** **AIM E-News Late January 2018 – EXTRACTS**

### **Gearing Up For AIM National Conference 2018**

We will be opening the booking pages for AIM National Conference 2018 on Thursday 1 February, with early bird booking closing on 27 April, so please check [www.aim-museums.co.uk](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk) and all AIM social media from tomorrow.

Taking place at The British Motor Museum, Gaydon, from 21-23 June and sponsored by Artelia, the theme for this year's conference is 'Changing Gear' and our schedule of Conference speakers and events will be constantly updated in the coming months. This year, the AIM dinner will be held in the delightful surroundings of Compton Verney, the Friday night social event will take place in the beautiful gardens at Shakespeare's Birthplace and the fun Saturday study tour will take in several locations in Stratford upon Avon.

We have also secured preferential rates at three hotels within Stratford-Upon-Avon and coaches will transport delegates from these to the conference venue. For all other information, please visit [www.aim-museums.co.uk](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk) – we look forward to seeing you in June!

### **Get A Grant For Conservation**

AIM members can apply for three different grants covering a range of conservation needs: collections care, remedial conservation & collections care audits. The next closing date for all conservation grants is 31 March and you can check eligibility and other information via the AIM Grants page.

### **Have Your Say On The Future Priorities Of The Heritage Lottery Fund**

HLF wants to know what people think its role, vision and priorities should be as the UK's biggest funder of heritage during its next strategic funding framework – the period from 2019–2024. Their Consultation on direction and funding priorities is now open and closes 22 March. [Find our further information and how to contribute here.](#)

### **New Trustee Recruitment Service For Small Charities**

Following its research which highlighted some of the challenges in current trustee recruitment, Getting on Board, a charity that supports board level volunteering, is [launching Trustee Recruitment Pathways](#). The free programme will focus on using innovative, free and low-cost advertising and recruitment methods to help charities widen the pool of people currently serving as trustees. The deadline for applications is Friday 16th February.

### **Charity Sector Reacts To Charity Commission Chair Announcement**

Charities have broadly welcomed the appointment of Conservative Peer Baroness Stowell as the chair of the Charity Commission following the announcement last week but have expressed some concern over the lack of a politically-neutral appointment. See more at: [The Civil Society](#)

### **7 Things Your Museum Needs To Know About Gen Z**

Generation Z is comprised of those born after 1998. US-based blog, Cuseum has compiled a list of 7 things that will help your museum better understand this new generation.

**Survey: Kids In Museums**

Kids in Museums are looking to develop their support to the sector by building on their training and consultancy offer. They are circulating a short survey, please find the link here to help them gather some feedback about their offer to gain a greater understanding of the sector's needs.

**Survey: Help GEM Make The Case For Heritage Learning**

To help GEM make the case for future funding, they would like to gather more information about the needs, activities and aspirations of the people who work in museum and heritage learning. Please complete their short survey here. If you complete the survey, you will automatically be entered into a prize draw for one of four enticing prizes.

**Event: Resilience, Participation & Engagement: Learning & Sharing Good Practice**

The British Motor Museum is organising a free seminar titled 'The Open Road': Resilience, Participation and Engagement: learning and sharing good practice. The day-long event will give people the chance to see how the Museum has benefited from Museum Resilience funding as well as exploring the Museum and the improvements undertaken. Runs in Gaydon, 7 March.