

Association of Independent Museums
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AIM And Charity Finance Group Gift Aid Webinar: Top Tips And Resources

If you couldn't attend the recent AIM and Charity Finance Group webinar on Gift Aid, the slides and recorded presentation are now available on the AIM website.

Rachel Cooper, who runs Welbeck Accountancy Services for the Third Sector, and who presented the webinar, has also offered up five great tips on Gift Aid for AIM members. [Take a look here.](#)

Save The Date: AIM National Conference 2019

The AIM staff team recently visited Newark to plan for the AIM National Conference 2019 and we are looking forward to what will be an exciting and informative conference next year. Conference will run 20-22 June at The National Civil War Centre with a theme of: 'How to be a great destination'. Booking will open on 1 February but take a sneaky peek at [what to expect here.](#)

AIM Member Discounts On Training Courses

We work with a range of partners to provide discounts on training to help you succeed. So, spruce up your skills this autumn with these new offers.

AIM members can now get [discounts on a range of training courses](#) from the Charity Finance Group to help your staff and volunteers boost their financial skills. If you need support to cover course costs and travelling, we have reopened our AIM Training Grants where you can apply for a grant of up to £300. [Find out more here](#)

AIM members can also benefit from a 20% discount on training courses run by [Naomi Korn Associates](#), that cover a range of data protection and copyright topics. The courses all run in 2019 and all AIM members from across the UK can benefit from the discount. [Find a course that's right for you here.](#)

Your Charity Finance Event – Have Your Say

We want to get your thoughts on the big finance issues which affect you and your organisation. Charity Finance Group will be organising a dedicated event for AIM members as part of our three-year partnership, and to do this we want to ensure we're addressing the major challenges you're facing, so we can support you as much as possible and you can get the most out of the event. We'd love to hear your thoughts! [Please complete the quick survey here.](#)

The Museums + Heritage Awards 2019: Open For Entries

The Awards shine a spotlight on the diversity of this sector, of museums large and small – from the nationals to one-room volunteer-run museums, from iconic buildings and monuments to the great outdoors, all of which have an equal opportunity of winning one of 14 prestigious awards. Deadline for entry for all categories is 1 February 2019. [Find out how to enter here and good luck!](#)

Charity Finance Group's Briefing On The Autumn Budget 2018

Now the dust has settled, what did the 2018 Budget mean for the charity sector? [Download the Charity Finance Group Budget Briefing](#) for a full analysis and views from their corporate experts.

Boost Your Income And Profile With Museum Shop Sunday On 25 November

Created by the Association for Cultural Enterprises, Sunday 25 November 2018 will be the [second annual Museum Shop Sunday](#) – a fantastic opportunity to attract new customers to your shop on one of the busiest shopping weekends of the year. Participation is open to all non-profit cultural venues including museums, galleries, cathedrals, libraries, theatres, historic houses and gardens and it is free to take part.

Free Legal Advice For Museums And Cultural Organisations

Lawyers Volunteering for the Arts (LVFA) was set up in 2012 by a group of London law firms who wanted to offer pro bono legal support to the arts community. They are looking to work with cultural and arts organisations – including museums - who would otherwise not be able to afford legal advice and might have suitable issues or projects that would benefit from free advice from a qualified solicitor. [Get in touch with LVFA here.](#)