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The Museum + Heritage Awards 2019: Enter The Volunteer(S) Of The Year Award For Free

Don't forget that you can enter your museum volunteers for the [Volunteer\(S\) Of The Year Award](#) at [the annual Museums + Heritage Awards](#). Designed to be a real boon for those who work so hard to make a difference, this category is in partnership with AIM and is free of charge to enter and open to all museums, galleries, gardens, landscapes and heritage visitor attractions across the UK.

Try Something New For Disabled Access Day 2019

The award-winning movement, Disabled Access Day, is set to return on Saturday 16th March 2019 and AIM members can still sign up to take part. One in five people in the UK are disabled and have a collective spending power of around £250 billion. Museums and attractions are being urged to make the most of Disabled Access Day and the accessible tourism market by 'trying something new' to welcome disabled visitors. [For full information – including ideas on how to get involved – please click here.](#)

The Future High Streets Fund: Get Involved

Recently launched by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government, the new [Future High Streets Fund will help local authorities in England to transform their town centres and make them fit for the future](#). With £55 million earmarked to restore historic buildings and other opportunities for creative partnerships between museums and local government, we encourage AIM members to get in touch with their local authorities now before the deadline of 22 March.

The Boom Of eBay Fundraising

[Charity Digital News recently reported](#) that eBay raised £22.5m during 2018 for good causes - up 13% on the previous year. The online auction website has revealed that last year it raised £60,000 a day, which equates to £2,500 an hour for charities. If you have considered setting up an eBay store for your museum, [click here for some top tips and advice to help get started](#). Or take a look at this useful article by White Fuse: [How to build a charity ebay shop](#).