

Association of Independent Museums
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EXTRACTS

Take Ten Minutes To Tell Us How Can AIM Support You

The latest AIM member and stakeholder survey was recently launched, and we are delighted at the response so far, but if you haven't yet completed it, please consider taking just ten minutes to tell us what AIM is doing right – and what we can do better. The survey is open to AIM members and stakeholders across the UK and by taking part, you will be directly helping to contribute to the future of AIM. We have had hundreds of responses so far, so please add your thoughts so we can better support our members and stakeholders in the future. Further information and a link to the survey can be found at: [AIM member and stakeholder survey 2019](#)

New Support For Chairs And Vice Chairs Of AIM Member Museums

Chairs or Vice Chairs on the boards of AIM member museums In England, Wales and Scotland can now access support through new AIM partnerships with the Association of Chairs and ACOSVO (the Association of Chief Officers of Scottish Voluntary Organisations). [Please click here to find out more.](#)

For members in England and Wales, AIM has agreed to fund 30 free one-year memberships of the Association of Chairs, to give museum Chairs or Vice Chairs the chance to benefit from the support available from the AoC. For members in Scotland, AIM will be supporting chairs of museums to connect with the support open through ACOSVO (the Association of Chief Officers of Scottish Voluntary Organisations).

Get A Grant To Come To AIM National Conference 2019

Booking for AIM National Conference 2019 sponsored by Artelia is open and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone in Newark from 20 – 22 June where the theme of conference this year is 'How to be a great destination'.

AIM members can apply for an [AIM Training Grant](#) to help cover the cost of attending, but please don't miss out, because these need to be booked at our Early Bird rate by 30 April. Book online securely in just one click here.

AIM National Conference is renowned for its friendly, informal atmosphere and inspiring schedule which aims to give you fresh ideas and practical solutions that you can immediately use in your own museum. But if you have never attended before, ease yourself into conference with our lunch hosted by AIM Trustees for first time delegates – just tick the box when you book!

Want to know more? Visit the [main conference webpage](#) for all information or email justeen@aim-museums.co.uk

Next Deadlines From AIM - Don't Miss Out!

Does your museum need **financial or practical support for a conservation project**? AIM members can now apply for the next round of our conservation grants which closes on the 31 March 2019. We can offer grants under the following schemes thanks to funding from The Pilgrim Trust: Remedial Conservation Scheme, Collections Care Scheme and Collections Care Audits. [For full information please visit: AIM Conservation Grants.](#)

Take The Pain Out Of Insuring Your Collections: Top Tips From Hallett Independent

AIM Associate Suppliers and Art and Heritage insurance specialists, [Hallett Independent](#), have kindly written some top tips for AIM members to help take the tedium out of sorting your insurance. [Take a look at their advice and get in touch with them here.](#)

Charity Property Matters Survey 2018

CFG members Ethical Property Foundation, in partnership with the Charity Commission and Charity Finance Group, have published the findings from their fourth Charity Property Matters Survey. You can view the full report and survey findings at: [Charity Property Matters Survey 2018](#)

IT And Digital Conference 2019

CFG's biggest event in IT and digital comes to London on 14 March. Whatever stage you're at on your museum's digital journey, there's a brilliant line-up of speakers on a comprehensive day packed with practical and strategic ideas for you to take away. CFG members get discounted rate, [so book your spot here](#) (and don't forget AIM members can join CFG absolutely free as part of their AIM membership in order to get discount on events just like these – join up at www.cfg.org.uk/aim)

CFG Launches Podcast

Charity Finance Group is delighted to launch The CFG Podcast which is open to everybody and aims to bring you important conversations with charity sector leaders and experts on charity finance. [The first podcast is entitled 'Risk and your charity' – listen here](#)

Support For New Chairs

Taking on a new chairing role comes with a steep learning curve. Knowing that you have the leadership skills, knowledge and resilience to call on during your time in role, ensures that you will be able to respond to new challenges and lead your organisation. The Association of Chairs which supports Chairs and Vice Chairs of charities, has just opened bookings for its popular [New Chairs Briefing](#) in London on 20 March. Join this workshop to meet other Chairs, reflect on your skills and build your confidence. The workshop is free for AoC members and £40 for non-members.

EU Exit Guide From Arts Council England

Arts Council England has just published a guide that shares relevant government information to help arts and cultural organisations prepare in the event that the UK exits from the European Union without a withdrawal agreement. [EU Exit Guide From Arts Council England](#)

Request For Input Into A New Book On Museum Visitor Experiences

If you have any research that reveals how your visitors think, feel and behave or why they visit your museum or heritage site, Dr. Richard McLauchlan would like to hear from you. Richard is currently writing a book that will share the experiences and research findings of museums of all types and sizes throughout the world. He is also keen to hear about any initiatives undertaken that affect visitors such as new exhibitions and marketing campaigns. Please get in touch by emailing: rk.mclauchlan@googlemail.com

Applications Open For The Heritage Volunteering Group Volunteer Leader of the Year Award

[The Volunteer Leader of the Year Award](#) celebrates the achievements of those who have made a difference and recognises innovative and outstanding examples of volunteer leadership and management within the heritage sector. Whether a Volunteer Coordinator, part-time supervisor, paid or unpaid – if you know someone who has made a real difference to their organisations or their volunteers then please enter them for the award. Nominations by 12 March.

GEM Training: Essentials Of Leadership 2019

Essentials of Leadership provides the opportunity to develop your understanding and application of good practice. It will help you make best use of your personal qualities, skills and attributes. Through the course you will be supported to develop a leadership style and practice which is authentic to you, is adaptable and always growing and developing. [Runs in Leeds on 9 April.](#)