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AIM's newest grant scheme, New Stories New Audiences is open for applications until 31 October. Funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund, the scheme will help small museums tell a new story, attract a new audience, work with a new partner, to work differently and to try something new.

AIM small museum members (up to 20,000 visitors a year) in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are eligible to apply. We'd love to hear about your project idea so please get in touch and we'll help you with your application.

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How safe are your collections?

When it comes to reporting heritage assets in your annual accounts, you may not want a collection that is held in trust for the public to form part of the financial position of your charity. Read the latest guidance from AIM on how to exclude your collection from the balance sheet. Image credit: British Motor Museum.

[Read the guidance](#)

News In Brief

Blackpool starts construction on £13m Showtown museum

Blooloo have reported on the start of construction on Blackpool's first museum of fun and entertainment. Showtown, an AIM

member, will highlight Blackpool's history, showcasing the entertainers who turned the seaside resort into the home of show business, including comedians, dancers, acrobats and performers.

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Please help shape Equality, Inclusion and Diversity work in the sector

The Ahmed Iqbal Ullah Education Trust, with support from NLHF and Museum Development networks, is conducting a survey into the current state of play of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion work in the heritage sector. Given the increasing requirement for engagement with EDI work coming from sector funders, the survey will provide examples of positive case studies and real, effective recommendations to improve current practices, and your input would be very much appreciated. [Click here to take the survey>>](#)



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Trustee vacancies

See our website for the latest trustee vacancies with AIM members across the UK. Image credit, Dorset Museum
- Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society are recruiting a Chair and a new Trustee.

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