



## Association of Independent Museums

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**Preventive Conservation Grant Scheme** – the first deadline for this new scheme is 31 March 2013. It aims to help small museums develop a more sustainable approach to collections' conservation and management through improvements to preventive conservation. For further information contact AIM Administrator, Justeen Stone at email: [aimadmin@aim-museums.co.uk](mailto:aimadmin@aim-museums.co.uk) (tel 01584 878151). Guidelines can be found on the AIM website, [www.aim-museums.co.uk](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk)

**AIM Sustainability Grant Scheme and AIM Conservation Grant Scheme** continue to help members – their deadlines are respectively 1 June & 15 January, and 31 March & 30 September. For further information contact AIM Administrator, Justeen Stone at email: [aimadmin@aim-museums.co.uk](mailto:aimadmin@aim-museums.co.uk) (tel 01584 878151). Guidelines can be found on the AIM website, [www.aim-museums.co.uk](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk)

#### **NEW! AIM Training Grants re-launched for 2013**

AIM Training Grants are available to assist AIM member museums' staff and volunteers meet their training needs and broaden their skills. Priority for grant support is helping museums develop entrepreneurial approaches which enhance their organisational and commercial resilience. Applications are particularly welcomed from smaller museums (those receiving less than 50,000 visitors per year). The grants, originally set up in memory of AIM's former executive secretary, Bob Harding, can support fees, accommodation and travel costs towards: courses, seminars and workshops; museum conferences; museum study visits and mentoring placements. Maximum grant awarded is £300. Applications can be considered throughout the year. There is no application form, just email the AIM Administrator, Justeen Stone, at [aimadmin@aim-museums.co.uk](mailto:aimadmin@aim-museums.co.uk). Further information: [www.aim-museums.co.uk](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk)

Museum student Charlotte Barratt is seeking independent museums where she could conduct **visitor research** for her Master by Research programme. She wants to explore the family experience in museums and would be happy to share the findings with the host museums. Contact [cb297@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:cb297@leicester.ac.uk)

The Charity Tax Group (CTG) has launched the second edition of the **Charity Tax Map**, outlining the impact of taxation on the sector. It includes details of the 17 different taxes to which they could be subject and identifies tax reliefs. [http://www.ctrg.org.uk/tax\\_map](http://www.ctrg.org.uk/tax_map)