

## **Association of Independent Museums**

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#### **Coming To Conference? Bookings Open Soon**

This year, AIM National Conference will take place from 23-25 June at The Royal College of Surgeons in Edinburgh. We are delighted to be back in Scotland this year and the schedule of speakers, social events and activities will all reflect the theme of this year's conference which is 'The Elements of Success'.

Prices for conference are in line with last year's fees to enable as many AIM members as possible to attend plus we will be visiting some historic venues as part of the Saturday study tour including the Royal Yacht Britannia, The National Mining Museum of Scotland and Rosslyn Chapel. Look out for conference brochures arriving in the February issue of the AIM Bulletin or check the AIM website for ongoing updates – we look forward to seeing you in June. [AIM National Conference 2016](#)

#### **Award Celebrates Volunteers**

To celebrate the work of volunteers in museums, galleries and heritage sites, the Museums + Heritage Awards in partnership with AIM have just announced a new Volunteers of the Year Award with the winners to be announced during the Museums + Heritage Awards for Excellence on Wednesday, May 18. Nominate your volunteers Monday 29 February by visiting [Museums + Heritage Volunteers of the Year Award](#)

#### **AIM President Appointed As New HLF Trustee**

Sir Neil Cossons – the current President of AIM – has just been appointed a Trustee of the Heritage Lottery Fund by Prime Minister, David Cameron. A chairman, chief executive and board member of standing, he has advised governments, museums and heritage agencies in a number of countries. Congratulations to Sir Neil from everyone at AIM. [Prime Minister appoints new Heritage Lottery Fund trustee](#)

#### **The Collections Trust: Feedback Needed On SPECTRUM**

The Collections Trust is inviting feedback to ensure that SPECTRUM: the UK Collection Management Standard is still meeting the needs of museums large

and small. The Collections Trust team are looking to involve as many of the Collections Management community as possible to ensure SPECTRUM 5.0 reflects real changes in practice. [SPECTRUM Consultation- Take Part Now](#)

### **Historic Environment Scotland Launch Public Consultation**

A public consultation on the draft Historic Environment Scotland Corporate Plan 2016-2019 has been launched by Historic Environment Scotland. This is a new public body and will play a leading role in delivering Scotland's Historic Environment Strategy, Our Place in Time, in collaboration with others working in the historic environment sector. The closing date for responses is week commencing 8th February 2016 [Historic Environment Scotland Consultation](#)

### **Digital Isn't Different – Workshop From The Collections Trust**

The Collections Trust, in conjunction with North West Museums Development Programme, has developed a free two day workshop about demystifying digital asset management and digitisation for museums. Runs 3/4 February in Manchester [Digital Isn't Different](#)

### **Growing the UK's Tourism Industry: Attracting Growth And Investment**

This forum by Inside Government will assist delegates in boosting their local economic growth through attracting tourists and help them to access the latest funding opportunities by hearing from senior policy makers within the industry. AIM Chairman, Matthew Tanner, is one of the speakers and AIM members will receive a 15% discount when booking. Runs 9 February in London [Growing the UK's Tourism Industry: Attracting Growth And Investment](#)

### **Sustainable Tourism: The Role of Interpretation**

This conference, created by The Association for Heritage Interpretation and open to all organisations across the UK, will explore how interpretation can support sustainable tourism particularly through delivering social and economic benefits, including encouraging local participation and engagement, promoting the understanding of local culture and values, supporting local businesses - all through the creation of high quality visitor experiences. Runs 8/9 March in Cardiff [Sustainable Tourism: The Role of Interpretation Bookings](#)

## **Arts Council England Museum Resilience Fund 2015-18**

The Museum resilience fund addresses the priorities set out in ACE's mission, Great art and culture for everyone. The fund will focus on any gaps (geographical or otherwise) or development opportunities across the sector, recognising that excellence and the potential for excellence can be found in museums of all sizes. The deadline for expression of interest is 5pm on Thursday 18 February [Arts Council England Museum Resilience Fund 2015-18](#)