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AIM Leaders And Enablers Programme Round Two Opens

The second round of the AIM Hallmarks Leaders and Enablers Programme is now open for applications and both strands have been carefully developed to address the needs of those who lead or support museums. The AIM Hallmarks Museum Leaders Programme provides practical tools, useful insights and a supportive peer network to equip museum directors to realise the full potential of their organisations. Both programmes close for applications on 9 January 2017 and full information plus a downloadable programme brochure can be found by visiting: [AIM Hallmarks Learning](#).

Please Take Part In The Latest AIM Survey

We are thinking about how AIM can better help heritage organisations prosper in the next few years and we'd like to know what you think. We've put together a survey to help you share your views with us and we'd be grateful if you would take five or ten minutes to complete it. We particularly welcome responses from Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland and you do not have to be an AIM member to take part. Please consider completing this survey to help contribute to the future of AIM and please share this link with heritage sector colleagues: [AIM Survey 2016](#).

AIM Supports The Museums + Heritage Awards 2017

The [Museums + Heritage Awards 2017](#) are now open for entry. Now in their 15th year these prestigious awards give all organisations, regardless of size and budget, the chance to be recognised and to be celebrated for the quality of their work. Back for its second year is the free to enter [Volunteer\(s\) of the Year Award in partnership with AIM and sponsored by BDRG Continental](#). This award is a fantastic opportunity to give your volunteers the recognition they deserve and has a very simple and free entry process. Deadline for entries is 1st February 2017 and once the deadline has passed the hundreds of entries will be whittled down to a shortlist by the [esteemed panel of judges](#) made up of seven sector leading lights.

Applications Are Open For AMA Future Proof Museums

The AMA's intensive strategic change programme [Future Proof Museums](#) is an intensive development programme proven to facilitate transformational change and significantly improve the resilience of museums across England. The programme explores why the museum is vital, what direction will drive a successful future and how to create the right culture over three stages: an in-house diagnostic session with your team, an intensive three-day residential for Museum Directors, and on-going facilitation with expert trainers.

AIM Sustainability Grants

The AIM Sustainability Grant Scheme, supported through the generosity of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, are intended to help medium and smaller sized members improve their medium and long term sustainability. To be eligible museums must have an annual turnover of less than £300,000 or less than 50,000 visitors a year. Funding is aimed at projects that: explore increased and/or diversified income streams and/or develop organisational resilience. The next closing date for applications is 15 January 2017 [AIM Sustainability Grants](#)

Museums Association: Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund

With support from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the Museums Association (MA) is extending the Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund for 2017-19, with over £3.5m available in grants in the next three years, and a new programme of events and resources for the sector. The focus remains on developing collections to achieve social impact, but there have been a number of changes to clarify

what the fund is looking for. Museums, galleries and heritage organisations from across the UK can apply for a grant of between £20,000 and £120,000 for a project lasting up to three years. The deadline for the current round is 15 March 2017. [Museums Association: Esmée Fairbairn Collections Fund](#).

For interest – Curatorial Assistant – Grampian Transport Museum, Aberdeenshire

GTM is embarking on a new Development Plan (2016-20), the first two years of which are concerned with the raising of operating standards following completion of a capital development programme. The postholder will be instrumental in reviewing and updating existing operational policies and procedures and integrating them more effectively into the routine management of the museum. Appropriate curatorial experience and qualifications will be required. This is to be a fixed term employment of six months commencing early 2017. Salary £20,000 per annum. Please email info@gtm.org.uk for further details and job specification. Applications to: Curator, GTM, Alford, Aberdeenshire AB33 8AE. Closing date Wednesday 14 December 2016 [Curatorial Assistant](#)

AIM Conference 2017

The AIM National Conference 2017 will be held at The Historic Dockyard Chatham, Kent from 22-24 June 2017. Please see future editions of this E News and the [AIM website](#) for further details. If you are an exhibitor and would like to attend, please email: sassy@aim-museums.co.uk