

Association of Independent Museums

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Applications Open For Prospering Boards

Prospering Boards for Prospering Museums offers one-to-one support for individual museum boards who want to improve their practice. We have started working with a number of boards now, who are looking at issues including developing their vision, recruiting new kinds of trustees and (for a volunteer run museum) separating out day-to-day management from strategic leadership.

We have the budget to support another 5 or 6 boards but we are dealing with applications on a first come, first served basis so don't delay if you want to take the opportunity of free expert consultancy to help your board prosper. For more details please visit: [Prospering Boards for Prospering Museums](#)

AIM Training Grants Open Again

AIM Training Grants are now open again for applications. AIM Training Grants are available to support member museums in developing the skills and expertise of their workforce (paid or voluntary). The purpose of AIM Training Grants are to promote best practice by supporting attendance at conferences and training courses. Applicants museums must be AIM members and priority will be given to smaller museums receiving less than 50,000 visitors p.a. [AIM Training Grants Open Again](#)

Arts Council England To Review Museum Accreditation Scheme

Arts Council England announced this week that they will be undertaking a light touch review of certain aspects of the Museum Accreditation scheme in 2017. The scheme, which launched in 1988, helps museums secure long-term public access to sustainable collections by promoting shared standards in how they are run, how they manage their collections and the experiences of users. To allow Arts Council England to focus on the review, there will be a revision of the Accreditation submission schedule in England for 2017.

This includes prioritising: new applications, responses to museums experiencing significant change, provisional Accreditation reviews and those who have already applied. Museums in England due to reapply for Accreditation in 2017, will now remain part of the scheme for an additional 12 months. These museums will then reapply in 2018. This will not affect any applications to Arts Council England as a National Portfolio Organisation. [Reviewing the Museum Accreditation scheme and how it will affect your museum](#)

Prime Minister Reappoints National Heritage Memorial Fund/Heritage Lottery Fund Trustees

Atul Patel, Richard Morris OBE, Dame Seona Reid, Dr Tom Tew, Sandie Dawe CBE and ex AIM Council member, Steve Miller, have been reappointed by the Prime Minister as Trustees of NHMF/HLF [Prime Minister reappoints National Heritage Memorial Fund/Heritage Lottery Fund Trustees](#)