

## **The AIM E-News Late March Edition 2017 – Number 103 – EXTRACTS**

### **Creative United: Prosper Programme Launches**

Applications are open for Prosper - the new, Arts Council England-funded business support programme for the arts, museums and libraries. Prosper offers the opportunity for arts and cultural organisations, companies or individual entrepreneurs in England to participate in nine months of free, dynamic and impactful business support activities to improve resilience, commercial capacity and investment readiness. Deadline for applications is Wednesday 31 May 2017. Please visit: [Creative United: Prosper](#)

### **Nesta Launch The Museums Map: Mapping Access To England's Museums**

Nesta has recently launched a new interactive map of English museums. The museums analysed are those in England that are members of Arts Council England's accredited museum scheme and there are also a number of findings from the analysis. You can view the findings and map by visiting the [Nesta Website](#)

### **Heritage Alliance: Brexit And Heritage Briefing**

The Government invoked Article 50 on Wednesday 29 March 2017 formally starting the process of Brexit. The Heritage Alliance has attended a Brexit roundtable with the Secretary of State and worked to ensure that Government is aware of the impacts of Brexit on the heritage Sector. The Alliance has published a Brexit and Heritage Briefing setting out their position which can be downloaded here [Heritage Alliance: Brexit And Heritage Briefing](#).

### **Charities and Auto-Enrolment – What You Need To Know**

The Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) has [produced new guidance on pension auto-enrolment which is relevant for charities across the UK](#). The guidance is aimed at small and medium charities with paid employees. It is designed to improve awareness among charity trustees of their legal responsibilities in relation to auto-enrolment by explaining some of the basic requirements.

### **The House Of Lords Report On Charities: What You Need To Know**

NCVO have reported that [The House of Lords select committee on charities has now published its report, entitled Stronger Charities for a Stronger Society](#). NCVO states that this

is a substantial, wide-ranging and important piece of work that should and will shape our sector going forward.

### **M+H Show 2017**

With just under two months to go until Museums + Heritage Show 2017, the organisers of the UK's most comprehensive event for the cultural sector has announced its most ambitious programme yet. Taking place at Olympia West in London, on 17 + 18 May 2017, the Museums + Heritage Show combines two great days of free-to-attend talks with the sector's largest trade exhibition of more than 150 suppliers. The event is designed to offer increased support and information for key decision makers in museums, galleries, heritage and cultural attractions. AIM will have a stand at the show and you can find out all information here: [M+H Show 2017](#)

### **AIM And SHARE MUSEUMS EAST: Trustee Muster – Succession Planning**

Led by Joy Allen of Leading Governance, this workshop is ideal for trustees at museums of all types and sizes and at any stage of the board's development, whether it needs to recruit new trustees or broaden its range of skills. This interactive workshop will provide practical tips for board succession planning, including how to conduct a useful skills audit and recruitment methods in practice. Runs 20 April in Luton [Click for further information and booking.](#) **Seems to be free.**

### **Charity Finance Group Small Charities Programme - Final dates added**

Tailored to the needs of small charities with an income of £1m or less, this programme from the Charity Finance Group offers training, guidance, tools and templates to improve your financial management, skills and systems, helping you deliver greater impact for your beneficiaries. The affordable courses run UK wide and a schedule of upcoming courses [can be found here.](#) **Cost c£20 per 1/2 day session.**