

# Association of Independent Museums

## AIM E-News Late April Edition 2017 – Number 105 – **EXTRACTS**

### **Good News For AIM Conference Delegates! Early Bird Rate Extended To 11 May**

Over 200 people have already bought their tickets for [AIM National Conference 22-24 June](#), so we are expecting another fun, inspiring and vibrant conference this year. We are constantly adding to the list of speakers, activities and events, so don't miss out on your chance to get a ticket before they all sell out.

### **Your Chance To Get Involved With The Diversifying Museums Project: Deadline 5 May**

If you are interested in increasing the diversity of your museum visitors, then please consider becoming part of the new Diversifying Museums Project. AIM members can join a pioneers group, share experiences with other museums or guide the development of a suite of tools and guidance that will work for a broad mix of museums. The key focus of the project will be on providing tools and guidance to help museums make long-term change and you can find out more here: [Diversifying Museums Project](#) Deadline for expressions of interest is 5pm, Friday 5 May

### **Take A Look At The New AIM Website**

The new AIM website was launched last week with new sections for heritage trustees, sector news and all AIM grants information at a glance. Over the coming months, new content and case studies will be added to the website and we will constantly be adding fresh resources to help keep the AIM website relevant for our members It can be found at [www.aim-museums.co.uk](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk)

### **Museums & Galleries Tax Relief On Hold**

AIM has been informed that the Museums and Galleries Tax Relief has been put on hold due to the General Election. The legislation for the tax relief was due to be part of the Finance Bill but because of the Election, many of the provisions of the Bill have been withdrawn, including the tax relief. This means that at present there is no legislation for the Relief (and therefore no Relief) and it is not known when it will be legislated for.

However, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury has said that there has been no change in policy and that the Government will legislate at the earliest opportunity in the next Parliament. This might not be until 2018 and no commitment has been given regarding what the effective date of the legislation will be, though it could be backdated to 1 April 2017. If a different government is elected then the situation is even more uncertain. To find out more about the M&G Tax Relief click here: [Arts Council England \(ACE\) recently issued a FAQ page on its website](#). The AIM Bulletin and other AIM communications will bring further news soon.

### **Sign Up For Children's Art Week**

Events for Children's Art Week 2017 can be held almost anywhere; from galleries, arts centres and museums, to libraries, heritage sites, schools and community centres. In 2016 more than 13,000 people took part in 109 events across 95 venues. The intention of the organisers is to make 2017's Children's Art Week bigger and more successful than it's ever been before [Sign Up For Children's Art Week](#) **Saturday 10 to Sunday 18 June. Register by 8 May.**

## **GDPR Survey 2017**

Charity Finance and Fundraising Magazine have created a survey to examine the extent to which charities understand, and are prepared for, EU General Data Protection Regulation.

GDPR comes into force in May 2018 and the debate is well underway as to what effect it will have on charities. Click here to have your say [GDPR Survey 2017](#)

## **Event: HVOS Celebrating Heritage Volunteers Symposium**

To coincide with Scotland's Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology 2017, the Heritage Volunteer Organisers Scotland network is hosting two events to celebrate volunteers and volunteer managers in the Scottish heritage sector. [Heritage Volunteers Symposium](#)