

Association of Independent Museums

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A Major Shift In Business Rates Valuation For Museums

AIM has been campaigning for a fairer way of calculating business rates and recently helped fund legal advice for an Upper Tribunal case involving York Museum and Gallery Trust (YMT) because of its implications for many other museums. Matthew Tanner, **AIM's Vice Chair, also appeared as an expert witness** at the Tribunal.

Colin Hunter, business rates director at national commercial property consultancy Lambert Smith Hampton, has been advising YMT in respect of its appeals against the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) for several years and he has written a report about the recent Upper Tribunal hearing result - and its significance for other museums. Read: A Major Shift In Business Rates Valuation For Museums

Heritage Ambassadors To Help Allocate National Lottery Funds

17 young people from across the UK have been selected to help allocate millions of **National Lottery funds to young people's heritage projects. As the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)'s Heritage Ambassadors, the group will work with the organisation to promote** ways of involving more under-25s in heritage. Heritage Ambassadors To Help Allocate National Lottery Funds

Heritage Alliance And British Council Webinar On Cultural Heritage Post Brexit

Lizzie Glithero-West FSA, Chief Executive of the Heritage Alliance, and Silke Pillinger, Director of EU Arts from the British Council, have chaired a webinar called 'What role can Heritage play in the future of the cultural sector post-Brexit'

Television Company Seeks Museums For Filming

True North, an independent television production company, are seeking museums to **participate in a new series of A1: Britain's Longest Road. The team are looking for** museums that may be transporting the expensive, historic or extraordinary up or down the road this year. If you would like to take part please contact True North T: 01134 680718 or E: A1road@truenorth.tv