

## **Association of Independent Museums**

### **AIM E-News Mid-September 2017 – Number 113 – **EXTRACTS****

#### **AIM Announces The Departure Of Executive Director, Tamalie Newbery**

The Association of Independent Museums (AIM) announces that our current Executive Director, Tamalie Newbery, will be leaving the organisation in December 2017 to take up the post of Director and CEO at Brooklands Museum in Surrey.

Tamalie Newbery, said: “After 10 years on AIM Council, and a further 4 years working for AIM, I am sad to be leaving. I have loved my job and the best part has been visiting independent museums across the UK and meeting the passionate people who work and volunteer in them. I am proud that AIM has grown in terms of its size, influence and the services it offers, in the past four years, but it has kept its independent spirit, reflecting the enthusiasm, optimism and realism of independent museums. I wish AIM, and all AIM members, a prosperous future.”

To read the full announcement please visit: [AIM Announces The Departure Of Executive Director, Tamalie Newbery](#)

#### **Not Long To Go...Get Up To £75,000 From The AIM Biffa Award History Makers Programme**

The second round of the AIM Biffa Award History Makers Programme programme is now open for applications from AIM members in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. To apply for up to £75,000, you must submit an expression of interest form by 2 October with final applications to be received by 31 October. Don't miss out: [AIM Biffa Award History Makers Programme](#)

#### **AIM Members: Deadline Fast Approaching For Appeals Against The 2010 Rating List**

The successful appeal on behalf of York Museums Trust has generated a lot of media interest... but little museum activity. AIM has been working toward this for their membership, with help from Colin Hunter from Lambert Smith Hampton, for many years and now is the time to take advantage of it. The deadline for making appeals against the 2010 Rating List with the potential for savings back-dated to 1st April 2015 and setting the scene for savings for the next 5 years is rapidly approaching. If you don't have an appeal in place, with precise wording, by midnight on 30 September then the opportunity will be lost for good. For full information go to [Deadline Fast Approaching For Appeals Against The 2010 Rating List](#)

#### **Apply For An AIM ICON Collections Care Audit By 30 September**

AIM's Collections Care Audits Scheme in partnership with the Institute of Conservation (ICON) helps small museums to undertake professional collections care audits and the closing date for applications in Round 2 is 30 September 2017. Find out how to apply [Apply For An AIM ICON Collections Care Audit](#)

#### **Get A Training Grant At Any Time**

If you are taking part in a workshop, course, seminar or conference soon, don't forget that you can apply for an AIM Training Grant of up to £300 to help you cover the cost. These grants are for AIM members only and priority will be given to smaller museums receiving fewer than

50,000 visitors per year. So, if you want to learn something new this autumn – let AIM help you! More information: [AIM Training Grants](#)

### **Interpretation Panels: David vs Goliath – How To Beat The Big Budget Museums**

Tony Jones has recently written a guest blog for AIM on how to make the most of your interpretation panels and storytelling. We hope that you find his tips useful! [Interpretation Panels: David vs Goliath – How To Beat The Big Budget Museums](#)

### **New BBC Two Series Seeks Museums For Filming**

Alleycats TV are developing a returning series for BBC Two featuring the creative, dynamic and exciting ways in which Museums and other heritage experiences are reinventing their collections and approaches in order to engage more deeply with visitors and build greater visitor numbers. Get involved: [New BBC Two Series Seeks Museums For Filming](#)

### **Donations Through Facebook To Include Gift Aid Where Eligible**

Facebook has announced that it will be launching charity fundraising tools in 16 European countries, including the UK, that will allow people to donate directly on social media pages through donate buttons inserted into page headers or posts, such as videos, photos or text. [Read more on the Charity Tax Group website.](#)

### **The Gannett Foundation's Community Action Grants**

The Gannett Foundation is the charitable arm of Gannett Inc., owner of Newsquest Media Group, which publishes regional and local newspapers, websites and magazines across the UK. Each year it awards grants of between £5,000 and £10,000 to registered charities that 'make a lasting difference to communities' within the circulation and/or production area of the 300 Newsquest titles. Applications close 9 October [The Gannett Foundation](#)

### **Regional Museums and Galleries Fund – John Ellerman Foundation**

This fund from the John Ellerman Foundation aims to help strengthen regional museums and galleries in the UK. The foundation wants to help organisations enhance and sustain curatorial development to attract a broader public. The foundation has earmarked £500,000 to be awarded through the Fund in 2018. They expect to make about five or six grants for periods of two to three years. While the average grant size is ca. £85k they will consider higher amounts for exceptional projects. Applications close 1 December and all information can be found here: [Regional Museums and Galleries Fund – John Ellerman Foundation](#)