



Virtual conference videos now available

AIM's first ever virtual conference drew practitioners, professionals, experts and policymakers together from across the cultural spectrum. Many thanks to our speakers, facilitators and to the huge number of delegates who joined in and shared reflections.

Visit our website to watch any of the sessions again or catch up on the sessions you missed. You'll also find links to captioned highlights videos.

[Watch the videos here.](#)

Thanks also go to our sponsors **Hayes Parsons**, who have put together a Return to work hub on their website with the most relevant advice from their insurers and partners. [You'll find the Return to work hub here.](#) The museum sector specific page to support reopening can be found [here](#).

Museum reopening guidance

The Coronavirus Covid-19 NMDC Good Practice Guidelines on the Reopening of Museums after July 4 2020 has been developed by the National Museum's Directors Council (NMDC) Planning and Remobilisation Group with support from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, and contributions from across the museum sector, including AIM. It is intended for us by museums in England.

Alongside this, a checklist has been produced by AIM and the Museum Development Network (MDN) to be used in conjunction with the Guidelines and to help museums take a strategic, well informed approach to making decisions on reopening and implementing a safe and effective plan in conjunction with the national guidance for museums.

[Read the guidance and the checklist here.](#)

The latest update regarding maintaining records to support **NHS Test and Trace** can be found [here](#).

National Lottery Project Grants is returning

Arts Council England have this week announced that National Lottery Project Grants will be open again for applications from 22 July. Further details will be released later this month, but Arts Council England will be making improvements to make the fund more responsive to the needs of smaller independent organisations and individual practitioners during Covid-19. [Find out more here.](#)

Government urged to use new legal powers to protect collections at risk

Whilst continuing to advocate for a comprehensive recovery and resilience package to ensure the survival of the museum sector, Collections Trust, AIM and the Museums Association are urging the government to protect the collections of those that do go into administration. [Read more here.](#)

Hallmarks at Home - forthcoming sessions

- **Personal resilience in a time of Coronavirus** - The COVID19 challenge is unique and has left many of us wondering how to react to a predicament that is as completely unprecedented as it is complex. In this session at 11am on Thursday 9 July, Dr Nick Winterbotham will focus on the impact on and range of options for us as individuals. It will be interactive, offering an opportunity to debate and explore issues as they arise. [Sign up to join the session here.](#)
- **CFG event exclusively for AIM members - a legal look at reopening your museum** - Reopening plans are top of the agenda for many museums, and with comprehensive new sector guidance published it's important to review key areas from a legal perspective. In this live webinar we will be joined by Malcolm Lynch, Partner at Wrigleys Solicitors, who will present key issues to consider, and we will also be joined by CFG Policy Manager Richard Sagar who will give a short policy update. [Find out more and sign up here.](#)
- **Creating virtual tours with National Paralympic Heritage Trust** - The National Paralympic Heritage Trust has always striven to put access at the heart of its work and this includes digital access. NPHT has created free virtual tours of its heritage centre and national exhibitions since

2018. Vicky Hope-Walker will share the experience of NPHT in developing digital access in this online discussion session at 11am on Thursday 16 July. [Sign up here.](#)

- **Ready for reopening? Rethinking your museum space** - Join award-winning architects John Puttick Associates to explore how you might optimise your museum space to address the challenges of reopening in a COVID secure way. 2pm on Thursday 16 July. [Sign up here.](#)

Free recording – how to set up a trading subsidiary

Fiona Wharton from Wrigleys Solicitors joined CFG and AIM members in June to give a fantastic online presentation on how to set up a trading subsidiary in your organisation, and CFG has a recording of the presentation to share with you. Email events@cfg.org.uk to sign up to Charity Finance Group for free and to receive your copy of the presentation.

Emergency Gift Aid relief

CFG alongside other sector bodies are calling for a temporary increase in Gift Aid to give a much-needed financial boost to the sector. [Find out more and add your voice to the campaign here.](#) #GiftAidRelief

Conservation grants

The latest grants made to AIM members under the Pilgrim Trust Conservation Grants, Collections Care Grant Scheme and Collections Care Audit Grant Scheme have been announced. [See the full list of successful applicants here.](#)

AIM is pleased to welcome new Associate Suppliers

If you're worried about respecting the government guidelines for opening your museum in safety, [divento.com](#) offers a unique booking solution which is free of setup costs (usually over £2,000) to AIM members, until the end of August. With pre-booked time slots and digital tickets, advantages include: avoiding both queues and the handling of money and tickets, controlling the flow of people at your venue and satisfying the NHS requirements for track and trace. [See how it works in this video.](#) The app has been endorsed by the government. [Further information and sign up here.](#)

John Puttick Associates is an award-winning architectural practice. They have a strong focus on public and community buildings and significant experience with museums and galleries for both new-build and renovation including Listed buildings. They always take a listening approach, working closely with the client to achieve their aspirations. Clients include the V&A, Watford Museum and SURGE Gallery. [Please visit the website](#) or contact them for a no-obligation discussion of a project on any scale.

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