



Association of Independent Museums

Helping Heritage
Organisations Prosper

AIM Membership
For Museums,
Heritage Sites &
Galleries



Join Us
AIM Membership

Who we are

AIM is a national charitable organisation which helps independent and independently spirited museums, galleries and heritage sites prosper by connecting, supporting and representing them.

Our membership ranges from voluntarily run community organisations to some of the largest museums in the country and includes museums, historic houses, heritage organisations, ships and historic railways as well as museum consultants and commercial suppliers.

Any heritage organisation interested in building a prosperous future, is welcome to join AIM - you don't have to be independent or a museum.

We provide an independent viewpoint based on operational and business experience of running successful enterprises for public benefit. New members are always welcome to join AIM's thriving network to learn from their colleagues and to share their expertise.



Why join?

As a member of AIM you can:

- Be part of a thriving network of museums, historic houses and interpretation centres across the UK
- Apply for grants from £1,000 to £75,000 exclusively available to AIM members
- Exclusive discounts for our popular national conference and trade show, where you can learn about new developments and network with colleagues
- Access VisitorVerdict research and benchmarking to improve visitor experience and income generation at a reduced price
- Take advantage of a range of other discounts for members
- Access AIM-member services such as the Energy Action Group and Accountancy Helpline (provided by Mazars)
- Keep up to date with museum and heritage news through the bi-monthly AIM Bulletin and fortnightly e-news mailings
- Access practical information on museum operation from our Success Guides
- Contact the AIM team for any advice or support

How to join

AIM welcomes new members. If you would like to join, please go online at:

www.aim-museums.co.uk.

Or complete this application form, detach the panel and send it to:

**AIM Membership, 3 Chestnut Grove,
Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1TJ**

For membership queries ring Sassy Hicks on 01495 774127 email: sassy@aim-museums.co.uk

Membership form

Contact Name _____

Organisation Name* _____

Contact Address* _____

Postcode* _____

Phone _____

Email* _____

Website _____

Is your museum Accredited? Yes

No

Charity Number _____

I would like to join as:

Small Museum (up to 20,000 visitors p.a.) and NT properties £56

Medium Museum (20,000 to 50,000 visitors p.a.) £89

Large Museum (50,000 - 100,000 visitors p.a.) £125

Largest Museum (over 100,000 visitors p.a.) £290

Individual/MDO/freelance/support organisations (1 or no paid staff) £57

Suppliers and Company Consultants £130

Associate Supplier Membership £295

*NEW for 2018: join AIM and get FREE membership to the Charity Finance Group (from April 2018)

* Required field

Gift Aid

Individual Members

AIM is a registered charity. We can claim back the income tax that you have already paid on your membership subscription. All we need is for you to agree to the following declaration.

I want the Association of Independent Museums to treat my subscription as a Gift Aid donation. I know that I must pay an amount of income/capital gains tax at least equivalent to the tax the Association of Independent Museums reclaims on my subscriptions in the tax year.

Tick to confirm

How would you like to pay?

1. Cheque

Please find a cheque enclosed for £ payable to the Association of Independent Museums.

Name

Date

2. Invoice

Purchase Order No.

Membership renewals can be made through BACS payment, please contact us for the payment details or by credit card online at www.aim-members.co.uk.

Did you know...?

Over half the museums in the UK are independent of government and local authorities and run as a charitable trust or company

Independent museums owe their origins to individual and community endeavour. They are self-reliant, passionate and entrepreneurial in their approach

Independent museums are guardians of some of the UK's most important heritage assets

Over 100,000 volunteers work in independent museums, equivalent to 82% of the total workforce

Independent museums contribute up to £930m to the UK economy

Independent museums have significantly influenced museum practice in the UK through promoting creative approaches and commercial entrepreneurship

Independent museums are regular award winners, including the Art Fund Prize and the Museum and Heritage Awards for Excellence

AIM has over 1000 members including museums, galleries, industrial heritage organisations, historic sites and houses, suppliers and individuals.

Join now to be part of this thriving network!