



# Association of Independent Museums

Helping Heritage  
Organisations Prosper

AIM Supplier,  
Freelance &  
Consultant  
Membership



# Join Us

AIM Membership

# Who we are

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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?

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AIM is the only UK organisation dedicated to supporting museums, galleries and heritage organisations which are independent of local or national government control. With 60% of all UK museums being independent, AIM represents more than half of the UK museum sector.

AIM has more museum members than any other UK organisation and they range from volunteer led groups to multimillion pound charities.



Our members are particularly interested in trading, enterprise, insurance, fundraising, catering, venue hire and new products as well as exhibitions, collections and improving their visitors' experience.

If you want to reach the independent sector and raise the profile of your business, joining AIM as a Consultant, Supplier, or Associate Supplier will align your company with a trusted and established organisation.

## How can joining AIM help you to succeed?

As a member of AIM you will benefit from:

- By being part of a thriving network of museums, heritage sites and galleries across the UK
- Learning about tender opportunities via our AIM Bulletin and E-News
- Discovering new developments that impact on the heritage sector
- Networking with museums, heritage professionals and staff and volunteers at our popular national conference
- Reduced delegates rates for the national AIM conference
- Discounted advertising opportunities in our E-News, AIM Bulletin and website
- Opportunities to sponsor key AIM activities and events
- Access to our museum member database\*
- Listings in the AIM Suppliers section of the AIM website at no extra cost\*
- Priority booking for the annual conference trade show\*

*\* For Associate Suppliers only*

# How to join?

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AIM welcomes new members who support its aims. If you would like to join, please go online at: [www.aim-museums.co.uk](http://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](mailto:sassy@aim-museums.co.uk)

If you are considering joining as an Associate Supplier, please note that you will be required to provide two references from existing AIM member museums. We can help you if you need more information about this.

## Membership form

Contact Name .....

Organisation Name\* .....

Contact Address\* .....

Postcode\* .....

Phone .....

Email\* .....

Website .....

Twitter .....

\* *Required field*

### I would like to join as:

Suppliers & Company Consultants £130

Associate Supplier £295

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

# Gift Aid

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## 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](http://www.aim-members.co.uk).

## Did you know...?

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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!**