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Don't forget...

5pm 11 July - Deadline for Small Grant Scheme

West Midlands Museum Development (WMMD) Small Grant Application Form 2016 can be downloaded [here](#)

A PDF version is also available [here](#).

If you are considering applying to the fund you must download and read the '[WMMD Small Grants Guidance 2016](#)' in full.

A PDF Version is also available [here](#).

Please note applicant organisations must be Accredited, provisionally Accredited or formally working towards Accreditation. Major Partner Museums are not eligible for this funding.

July Events Update Last Chance to Book!

18 July - Diversity Toolkit

10am - 1pm, The Hive, Worcester

PLEASE NOTE THE REVISED TIME OF THIS EVENT

Do you value and nurture difference?

A practical workshop led by Alyson Malach from Equality and Diversity UK who have produced an equality and diversity inclusion toolkit for use with museum staff, volunteers and trustees.

The WMMD toolkit can be used to help explore and explain complex issues in an accessible way and to act on the museum's duties by promoting equality, tackling discrimination and fostering good relationships between diverse groups.

Research shows that encouraging diversity helps to motivate staff, volunteers and Trustees; drive visitor numbers and increase income generation.

[Book your place here](#)

19 July - Commercialising Collections

2pm - 5pm, Walsall Leather Museum

Using our unique collections as a way of increasing much needed income to support our museums is an obvious approach but how often have we been stopped in our tracks from using a particular image or object because of concerns over copyright? Join Kevin Gosling, CEO of the Collections Trust for this half day workshop on copyright and licensing. This is an opportunity to ask questions and to find out the answers! Andrea Mochan from the Potteries Museum and Art Gallery will speak about product development and her experience regarding e-commerce and online shops/retail. In addition Harriet Green, Shop Supervisor at the Leather Museum will also be available to talk through the buying principles used on site.

This event will be helpful to any museums wanting to find out more about using objects or images in their collections to support commercial activity.

[Book your place here](#)

If you have already booked a place and have questions for Kevin please could you email them to helen.johnson@staffordshire.gov.uk no later than 19th July so that we can pass them on.

If you have any queries please contact the team: wmmd@ironbridge.org.uk

25 July - Deadline for Volunteer Award Nominations



West Midlands Volunteer Awards

NEW for West Midlands 2016!

We are delighted to announce the launch of a volunteer award scheme for museums in the West Midlands region funded through Arts Council England. The Awards are part of Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust's Major Partner Museum and West Midlands Museum Development programme.

Do you know of an individual or group of committed volunteers whose hard work, loyalty and dedication contributes to making your museum a success?

This is your opportunity to nominate a volunteer or group of volunteers to share their story; it is a chance to give back to those who give so generously caring for the region's cultural heritage.

Key dates:

Nominations open: **Thursday 9 June**
Nominations close: **Monday 25 July**
Shortlist announced: **Friday 12 August**
Award Ceremony: **Thursday 15 September**

How to make a nomination:

Visit www.mdwm.org.uk to download a nomination form and return to:
wmmd@ironbridge.org.uk by 5pm Monday 25 July

To make the most of your nominations please make sure that you read and follow the document 'How to make a nomination'.

We are all stories in the end –
so make it a good one...



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