

Kate Pugh



Kate Pugh is a heritage and cultural specialist with extensive experience in national and international heritage. She was appointed as a Non-Executive Director for Culture at the UK National Commission for UNESCO in 2021 where her remit focuses on the UK World Heritage Sites. Kate is also Chairman of the Advisory Group of the UK Cultural Protection Fund, managed by the British Council in partnership with DCMS. She is a trustee and the honorary secretary of Europa Nostra UK and of The Afghanistan Society. Previously she was Chief Executive of The Heritage Alliance. Mrs Pugh was awarded an OBE for services to heritage in 2015.

Kate's talk will be 'UNESCO Policies and Guidance' relating to climate change, in which Kate will situate World Heritage Sites in the broader UN framework for Climate Change and the Sustainable Development Goals. She will also give an overview of how the UK WHSs are experimenting with and managing mitigation and adaptation and finish with a look ahead to the third cycle of Periodic Monitoring in the Europe and North America Region which will be implemented between 2022 and 2023.