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News update



“Protecting Cultural Heritage in a Global Pandemic” 1-2 September 2021

The International Arts and Antiquities Security Forum (IAASF) is hosting a two-day conference on “Protecting Cultural Heritage in a Global Pandemic” on 1-2 September 2021. The event is taking place at the Mercure Hotel in Darlington.

The conference brings together speakers and exhibitors from the security, risk, and heritage sectors to provide educational sessions that will focus on threats (e.g. climate change, armed conflict, organised crime), risks, and security best practices for cultural property. The event also allows an opportunity to network and discuss issues that may be affecting different sub-sectors. Heritage professionals can attend for free (registrations compulsory via Eventbrite: <https://bit.ly/IAASFConference2021>).



Gibraltar World Heritage Site research

A large wintering population of Eurasian Crag Martins roosts at the 'Gorham's Cave Complex' UNESCO World Heritage site in Gibraltar, which is best known for its occupation by Neanderthals at times when these birds were also present. Species present in the fossil record may continue to exist at the archaeological site, allowing studies that fine-tune our picture of the ecological past. You can access [MORE INFORMATION](#) and read the scientific paper [HERE](#)



Ed Barsley confirmed as speaker at the annual World Heritage UK conference, 'Climate Change and World Heritage' 21-23 September 2021

Ed Barsley is Founder of 'The Environmental Design Studio' (TEDS). He is a specialist in environmental design in architecture, with a particular interest in developing strategies to improve the resilience of communities and the built environment. His practice is an award-winning social venture whose aim is to reduce the exposure and vulnerability of communities and environments to natural/human induced hazards.

His talk at the conference (online this year) will discuss the challenges we face in adapting the built environment to be more flood resilient and highlights some of the key principles of flood resilient design at the catchment, community, street and building scale. We also hear about the speakers work in this field, in particular the EPSRC 'Retrofitting Resilience' study and his RIBA book 'Retrofitting for Flood Resilience: A Guide to Building & Community Design'.

[Register HERE](#)



10th UK WHS Coordinators Online Forum

Registration is now open for participants for the 10th UK World Heritage Site Coordinators Meeting. This is a closed meeting for UK World Heritage Site Coordinators and invited representatives from government and heritage agencies, and will take place from 10:00 on the 8th September 2021.

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