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World Heritage UK

March 2022 newsletter # 2



WHUK's Spring Event, Thursday 28 April 2022 at Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site

"World Heritage & Sustainability – Tourism & Transport"

The programme for this spring's event at Blenheim Palace WHS has now been confirmed. It is:

- 9.30 – Arrival, teas and coffees
- 10.00 – Welcome from Chris Blandford, President WHUK
- 10.05 – **"World Heritage and the UN's Sustainability Development Goals"**, James Bridge, Chief Executive/Secretary General UK National Commission for UNESCO and Matthew Rabagliati, Head of Policy, Research and Communications UKNC

- 11.05 – Q&A, chaired by Steve Ratcliffe, WHUK Trustee and Chair WHUK Events Committee
- 11.25 – morning break
- 12.05 – “***The approach to Sustainable Tourism in World Heritage in Switzerland***“, Kaspar Schürch, World Heritage Experience Switzerland
- 12.25 – “***Sustainable tourism trends and their opportunities for World Heritage in the UK***“, Rachael Farrington, Head of Tourism Affairs VisitBritain
- 12.45 – Q&A, chaired by Steve Ratcliffe
- 13.00 – lunch
- 14.00 – “***Sustainability at Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site***“, Dominic Hare, CEO Blenheim Palace
- 14.20 – “***Sustainable Transport in Action at New Lanark***“, Jane Masters, Head of Heritage & Development, New Lanark Trust
- 14.40 – “***Strengthening resiliency through culture and communities***“, Peter DeBrine, Destination Advisor and UNESCO sustainable tourism expert
- 15.00 – Final Q&A and quick updates on sustainability at other WHSs
- 15.15 – Tour of Blenheim Palace WHS
- 16.45 – Seminar end

Tickets are available for both in-person and online delegates.

Please click [here](#) for full details.

We look forward to seeing you in person or online.

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UK's World Heritage Site Tentative List

A review by the **Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS)** of the UK's World Heritage Site [Tentative List](#) is now underway. Heritage Minister Nigel Huddleston has launched a call for the UK's next nominations for UNESCO World Heritage Status.

Open to sites in the UK, Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies, nominations are reviewed every ten years and is a chance for sites to receive international recognition for the important role they have played in the world's history.

DCMS is responsible for meeting the requirements of the [World Heritage Convention](#) within the UK. This includes maintaining and reviewing the Tentative List of sites, formally nominating new sites, and ensuring existing sites are conserved and protected.

DCMS are inviting applications for a new Tentative List of natural, cultural and mixed sites for potential nomination for inscription on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

The closing date for submitting the expression of interest form is **Friday 6 May 2022**.

The closing date for submitting the application form is **Friday 15 July 2022**.

Please click [here](#) for details of applying.



Call to join the UK's WHS Tentative List Independent Expert Panel

The UK Government will be convening a panel of experts to consider applications for inclusion on a new Tentative List of sites for potential nomination to UNESCO for World Heritage status and to make recommendations to ministers by the end of 2022.

The Government would therefore like to invite **expressions of interest** from **qualified individuals with knowledge of cultural and natural heritage, or with particular experience with World Heritage Sites** to participate on the panel of experts, which will probably number 7-10 members.

This will be an important and high-profile contribution to the UK's cultural and natural heritage, and prospective panel members should have suitable qualifications in relevant fields. The Government will provide a secretariat to support the panel.

The Government will expect the panel to meet three or four times, between summer and autumn. The majority of meetings will be held online, although some may be held in person. Travel and subsistence will be provided, but there will be no additional remuneration available.

All panel members must be impartial and should not be involved in the application process for any prospective UK UNESCO World Heritage Site.

For an Eol form, please click [here](#).

Your Eol must be submitted by **6 May 2022** to tentativelist@dcms.gov.uk with the subject 'Expert Panel EOI'.

Good luck!

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If you or a friend or colleague would like to make a donation to WHUK, please go to our [Donation page](#), to help us support the UK's WH community.

Thank you!



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