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**Flow Country World Heritage bid enters new phase with
submission delivery to UNESCO**

entered a new phase with the formal submission of the formal nomination dossier to UNESCO.

A copy of the complete 250-page dossier and accompanying draft management plan, which makes the in-depth case for designating the 190,000-hectare site as the world's first peatland World Heritage Site, was hand-delivered in Westminster by Dr Steven Andrews, the Flow Country Partnership's project coordinator.



and then submitted formally to UNESCO by Laura Davies, the UK's Ambassador to the Paris-based United Nations body. The milestone triggers the next steps in the bid process, which will see inspection visits to the region by UNESCO officials during 2023 enabling a decision on whether to award the accolade of World Heritage Site status taken next year.

If the bid succeeds, the Flow Country UNESCO World Heritage Site will provide a wide range of benefits and ensure the continued protection and conservation of this unique landscape that stores some 400 million tonnes of carbon – more than double the amount stored in all of Britain's woodlands.

It will continue to actively draw down CO2 from the atmosphere for generations to come and create new economic and cultural opportunities for the area's rural communities.

Dr Steven Andrews, who coordinated the preparation of the dossier for the Flow Country Partnership, a collaboration that includes Highland Council, NatureScot, RSPB Scotland, UHI and Wildland Limited said: *"A vast amount of work has gone into getting the nomination dossier prepared for delivery to UNESCO in Paris and we are hugely grateful to both the UK Government and also the Scottish Government for the support they have provided in helping us reach this important milestone. We look forward to continuing to work with them, as well as with the communities across the Flow Country, to bring the bid home successfully in the next 18 months."*

Lord Parkinson of Whitley Bay, UK Minister for Arts & Heritage, said: *"Scotland's stunning and ancient Flow Country landscape offers breath-taking views and is hugely important for protecting against climate change. It would be a worthy recipient of UNESCO World Heritage Site status and the UK Government is*

Scotland's Minister for Environment and Land Reform Mairi McAllan commented: *"Scotland's peatlands are iconic and an integral part of Scotland's cultural and natural heritage. In good condition, they also play a vital part in our response to the climate and nature emergencies, and our ambitious targets to be net zero by 2045. Peatlands do all of this whilst reducing the risk of flooding and providing a natural filter to improve drinking water quality. That's why the Scottish Government is so passionate about peat and are investing £250 million to restore 250,000 hectares of peatlands over a 10-year period to 2030. The Flow Country achieving UNESCO World Heritage Site status would help give us an international platform to promote the natural beauty of Scotland's landscape - and the importance of restoring and protecting it. And I wish the best of luck to all working on this important bid."*



National Lottery Heritage Fund - new 10-year funding strategy

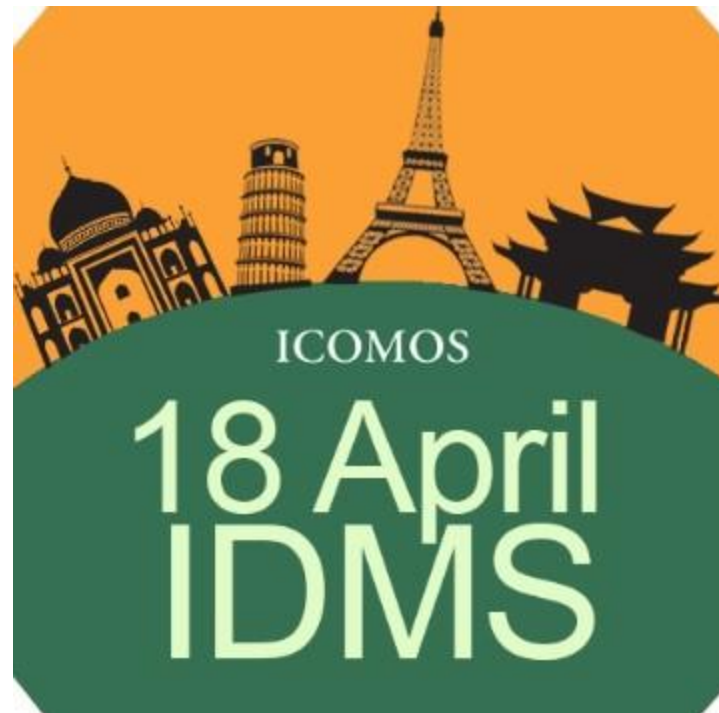
As the UK's largest funder of heritage, National Lottery Heritage Fund is setting out their new long-term vision – that the **UK's heritage is valued, cared for and**

Building on nearly 30 years' experience of grant-making, NLHF has launched a bold new ten-year strategy to conserve heritage for the long-term.

They aim to invest around £3.6billion raised for good causes by National Lottery players to make a decisive difference for people, places and communities.

Input from thousands of stakeholders and the public shaped this strategy, resulting in a clear and simple approach for collaborative delivery and sustained impact.

To find out more click [here](#).



In 1982, ICOMOS established **18 April as the International Day for Monuments and Sites (IDMS)** or World Heritage Day, followed by UNESCO adoption during its 22nd General Conference. Each year, ICOMOS proposes a **theme for activities to be organised** by its members and partners – and anyone who wants to join in marking the Day.

In keeping with the spirit of open, innovative, constructive intergenerational dialogue, and the strategic focus of ICOMOS [Triennial Scientific Plan 2021-2024](#), as well as the 2020 [ICOMOS resolution on Approaches to Cultural Heritage](#), the 2023 World Heritage Day focuses on:

HERITAGE CHANGES.

World Heritage Day provides a timely opportunity to showcase strategies demonstrating the full potential of heritage research and practices which deliver climate-resilient pathways, while advocating for inclusive transitions to low-carbon futures.

How can traditional knowledge inform innovative and transformative climate action?

- Consider the integration of traditional, historic building conservation, adaptive reuse, and/or energy efficiency of heritage buildings and landscapes
- Feature innovative infrastructure development to showcase the ways in which traditional knowledge, practices and cultural heritage can be part of solutions
- Capture traditional philosophy and rationale in dealing with the environment (both land and water) and the climate as manifested in built vernacular heritage and cultural landscapes

ICOMOS Committees, members and all those wishing to celebrate the IDMS are warmly invited to showcase the myriad ways in which traditional knowledge is/can

The theme of **HERITAGE CHANGES** offers the opportunity to respond to questions regarding learning about traditional ways of knowing and knowledge systems in relation to climate action, and how to use a cultural heritage focus to support equitable protection of vulnerable communities through climate action, while responding to the UN Decade of Action.

Click [here](#) for more details on how to get involved.



City of Bath WHS' UNESCO 2023 Talks

Six sublime talks that tell the story of [Bath](#) through its architecture and history. Chaired by Prof. Barry Gilbertson.

Bath Royal Literary & Scientific Institution (founded 1824), 16-18 Queen Street, Bath.

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Wed 29th March @ 7pm: **Georgian Architecture & The Language of Classicalism**. How did the architects of Bath translate classicalism into modern design? With Dr Amy Frost, Senior Curator, Bath Preservation Trust

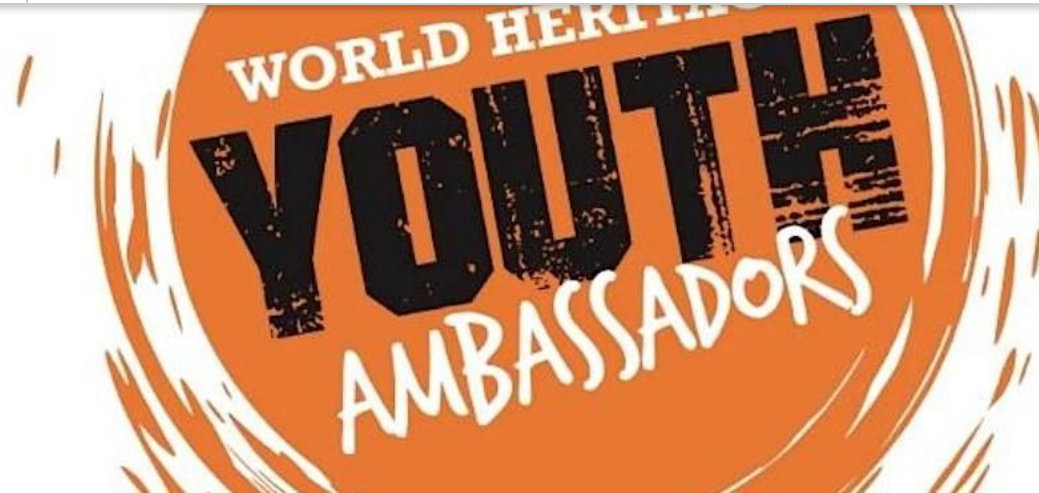
Wed 5th April @ 7pm: **Georgian Town Planning – Bath and the Druid Connection**. What was it about John Wood, and what does Bath owe to Stonehenge? With Prof Timothy Mowl FSA

Wed 19th April @ 7pm: **The Bath Hot Springs**. Are Bath's hot springs the source of its magic? With Paul Saynor, Director of Water Production at Wessex Water

Wed 26th April @ 7pm: **18th Century Social Ambition**. Have Austenite notions of good company something to say about the essential character of Bath? With Prof Elaine Chalus FRHISTS

Wed 3rd May @ 7pm: **The Landscape of Bath**. How do we integrate the landscape of Bath into the OUV? With Andrew Grant (Grant Associates), Chair of the Bathscape Landscape Partnership

Tickets are £4 for members, £7 for non-members, and available [here](#), both in-person and online.



World Heritage Youth Ambassadors Consultation - Hadrian's Wall/North

On **Monday 20th March**, 10am – 1pm, at **The Sill, Once Brewed**, Northumberland NE47 7AN

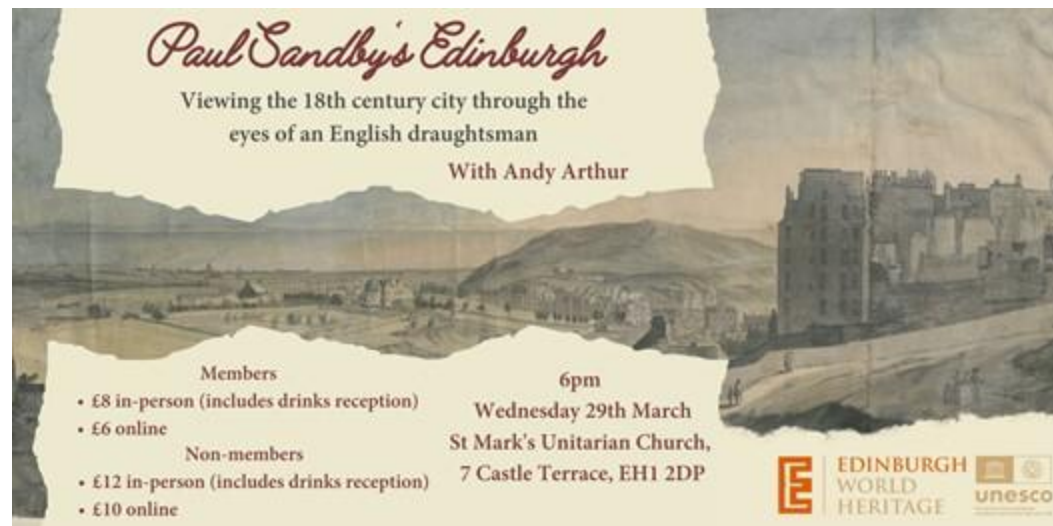
World Heritage Youth Ambassadors (WHYAMs) want to hear from partners working along Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site, along with those working within World Heritage in the North, to discuss the future of World Heritage Youth Ambassadors. Come and hear from Ashleigh Taylor (programme lead for National WHYAMs) about the future of the programme and discuss ways you can be involved and encourage young people to engage with World Heritage.

Join the conversation to shape what WHYAMs will look like and discover how it can work for your World Heritage Site!

The event will run at the **Sill Landscape Discovery Centre in Northumberland** with lunch and refreshments included. (For any dietary requirements please inform Clare at hadrianswallyams@gmail.com by **15th March**.)

Here is the Teams link for anyone not joining in person: <https://teams.live.com/join/9458507983005>

The vision of the award-winning World Heritage Youth Ambassador program is to empower Young People to learn about and have an active and powerful voice in their own lives, their local communities and World Heritage. We support a wide range of Young people aged 13-25 to engage with World Heritage for the purposes of learning, personal development, employability and advancing World Heritage both locally and nationally for the sector and for other Young People.



Edinburgh World Heritage Talk - Wed 29th Mar 2023 @ 6pm "Paul Sandby's Edinburgh"

Paul Sandby came to Edinburgh in 1747 as an unknown English draughtsman to draw maps for the military; he left the city 4 years later as a promising artist who would become the so-called father of English Watercolour. During his stay in the city

artist's eye accurately captured a Georgian city on the cusp of changing forever.

Join Andy Arthur, Edinburgh's weaver of historical threads, as he explores a 1750 watercolour view of Edinburgh, teasing out what has changed and what remains. Expect to see a fresh perspective on the city, and hear obscure and overlooked stories of Edinburgh's past.

Tickets

In person (includes drinks reception):

- Members £8
- Non-members £12
- Venue: St Mark's Unitarian Church, 7 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, EH1 2DP

Online:

- Member £6
- Non-members £10

To book, click [here](#).



WHUK Membership Renewals 2023 - 24

A reminder to all our Voting, Associate and Individual Members that invoices for renewing annual membership will be sent out in April at the start of the financial year. An increase in fee was agreed by the members at our AGM in December. The membership fees for 2023 - 24 will be:

- £750 for Voting Members
- £310 for Associate Members
- £35 for Individual Membership

If you have a budget underspend for 2022 - 23 and would like to receive the invoice before the end of this financial year please contact Beth Thomas (treasurer@worldheritageuk.org) as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

If your accounts department requires a purchase order number to process invoices please let Beth have the details as soon as you are able to. Thank you.

WHUK is a small but unique charity. We're always looking for new members or donations.

If you aren't a member, or know someone who would like to be a member, please go to our [Membership page](#) to join.

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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