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World Heritage UK

May 2023 newsletter



Summer Workshop 'World Heritage & Nature'

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th July 2023

Ambleside, the Lake District

University of Cumbria

World Heritage UK are delighted to be holding their summer workshop in the English Lake District World Heritage Site. The workshop will explore how WHSs can do more for nature.

The workshop will be held over two days - half talks and half field visits.

heart of Ambleside. Tickets are limited so please book early.

Programme:

Tuesday 11th July – delegates arrive Ambleside; check-in details nearer the time

Wednesday 12th July

08.30 – Early morning WHS Coordinator and Lake District National Park Ranger lead walk to Rydal and back (optional)

10.30 – Teas and Coffees

11.00 – Welcome from Steve Ratcliffe, Chair of The English Lake District WHS Steering Group, Director of Sustainable Development LDNPA and WHUK Trustee

11.10 – Key note '*Defining Nature*', Dr. Jonathan Larwood, Principal Adviser Geodiversity, Natural England

11.40 – '*Putting the 'S' in UNESCO: the Natural Science programme and natural sites*', Matt Rabagliati, UK National Commission for UNESCO (UKNC)

12.05 – Introduction to UNESCO designations Geoparks (with North Pennines Geopark) and Biospheres (with Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere); followed by a roundtable with representatives from a Geopark, Biosphere and World Heritage Site, led by UKNC

12.30 – Q&As

13.00 – pick up sandwich packed lunch for journey



Afternoon site visits – groups will split into two; one going Goldrill then Aira, the other vice versa

13.00 – leave Ambleside

Goldrill, nr Brotherswater, with National Trust's Project Manager Rebecca Powell – to see firsthand how restoring nature and managing the cultural landscape can work hand-in-hand

Aira Force, Ullswater, guided by a NT Curator – to see a designed landscape/cultural site that is also working on nature diversity and improvement

16.45 – return to Ambleside

17.30 – arrive Waterhead Pier

17.45 – “*Love Windermere*” cruise with Windermere Lake Cruise, including refreshments and talks from our sponsors United Utilities and the Environment Agency

18.45 – return to Waterhead; walk back to town

19.30 – evening social/meal at Ambleside's Tap Yard

Thursday 13th July 2023

9.30 – Welcome from University of Cumbria and Prof. Lois Mansfield

9.40 – What are World Heritage Sites doing for nature already (15 mins each)

Trust

- The Tower of London's 'Superbloom' (encouraging biodiversity) – Tom O'Leary, Director of Public Engagement HRP (dialing in)
- The National Trust & World Heritage & Nature (balancing nature and heritage) – Sarah France WHS Coordinator, Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal
- The Flow Country – Dr Steven Andrews

10.40 – morning break

11.00 – '*Mutually managing farming and nature in the Lake District*' – Prof. Lois Mansfield

11.30 – '*Finding funding for nature recovery*' – Dawn Isaac, Natural England's Senior External Funding Specialist and Chris Kaighin, Natural England's Cumbria Area Manager

12.00 – '*The visitor experience and the nature message*' – National Trust's Laura Ruxton (GM Central Lakes) and Jamie Lund (NW Archaeologist) (tbc)

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Afternoon site visits; groups split into two; delegates have the option of visiting Robinson Place Farm or Allan Bank (first come first served basis); then onto Dove Cottage

Robinson Place Farm, Langdale – to see and hear firsthand how to balance managing an upland farm (and hence attributes of OUV) and doing more for

Allan Bank, Grasmere; see how the National Trust has transformed the estate/parkland/landscape around the built heritage (Lake District villas as OUV theme Inspiration) for the betterment of nature; with Rebecca Costello, Senior Gardener

Dove Cottage, Grasmere; visit the home of William Wordsworth and to learn more about his role in the birth of landscape conservation movement (Lakes' OUV theme Conservation)

16.00 – return to Ambleside and end of the workshop.

Tickets:

- With accommodation at University of Cumbria's Ambleside student accommodation (en-suite rooms, Continental breakfast, sandwich packed lunch both days) **£200**
- Without accommodation (sandwich packed lunches included) **£100**
- Digital ticket **£75** (presentations only)
- Students will receive a 10% discount on all tickets. Please contact WHUK via alex.mccoskrie@worldheritageuk.org to book

Click [here](#) to book.

In-person with accommodation tickets are limited to only 50. Book early to avoid disappointment.

In-person delegate with accommodation also have the option of adding additional nights' accommodation before and after, staying at the University's student accommodation. If you are interested in this, please contact [Alex](#) at WHUK in the first instance.

To pay by invoice, please [contact WHUK](#) before end of June 2023. Thank you.

There will also be a social event at Ambleside's Tap Yard on the Wednesday night. Please book your space via the Tickets Option below. Click [here](#) for the menu. Your order will need to be pre-ordered and paid on the night.

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