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World Heritage UK

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World Heritage UK annual conference "World Heritage for All"

2023's WHUK annual conference will be on **Monday 2nd** and **Tuesday 3rd October**. It will be held at The Engine Shed at Stirling, Scotland and be broadcast via YouTube.

This year's theme will be **Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity**.

At this year's annual conference, speakers from the likes of the University of Glasgow, Historic Environment Scotland, Historic Royal Palaces, Accentuate, Diversity Scotland, Curating for Change, National Lottery Heritage Fund and more, will be exploring many aspects of Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity.

Topics being covered include youth audiences, community engagement,

Tickets include refreshments and lunches both days, an evening reception at Callendar House on Monday, the opportunity to visit either the Antoine Wall World Heritage Site or the Forth Bridge World Heritage Site, and free entrance to Stirling Castle on the Sunday before the conference.

Tickets are £100 for WHUK Voting Members, £125 for other WHUK Members, £150 for non-WHUK Members, £75 for digital access and £50 for digital student access.

Book your ticket [here](#).

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World Heritage UK Autumn Webinar # 1 - Birkenhead Park Wednesday 13th September 2023, 7-8pm, on Zoom

Number 1 in a series of 4 webinar talks, on **the UK's World Heritage Tentative List**, following on from WHUK's successful WH & Nature webinars.

Located in North West England, Birkenhead Park is widely acknowledged to be the earliest purpose-built and publicly funded public park. Designed in 1844 by Joseph Paxton, it was laid out in response to a rapidly growing urban population during the Industrial Revolution. Whilst parks had generally been private estates, it was open for all people, regardless of their position in society. This 'People's Garden' was so revolutionary it greatly inspired Frederick Law Olmsted, the co-designer of New York's Central Park, when he visited the Birkenhead Park in 1850.

Today, Birkenhead Park still provides a green oasis for everyone to enjoy, and continues to serve the social purposes for which it was created. For several years, it has been an ambition of Wirral Council and partners to seek UNESCO's recognition of it as a World Heritage Site. In April 2023, Birkenhead Park was officially included on the UK's Tentative List for potential future nominations to UNESCO.

Join Wirral Council to learn more about this possible future World Heritage Site.

Future webinars are:

- Wed 11 Oct - Gracehill Moravian Church Settlement, 7pm
- Wed 8 Nov - York, 7pm
- Wed 13 Dec - East Coast Flyway, 7pm

Tickets for a single webinar are £5. Tickets for all 4 webinars are £15.

Click [here](#) to book either ticket.

Heritage Impact Assessment Webinars



Heritage Impact Assessments (HIAs) guidelines have recently been published by UNESCO and others. This webinar series provides further guidance on and explanation of HIAs, including their uses, methods/processes, obligations, benefits, scales, and timings.

Coordinators, Consultants, Developers, Architects, Chartered Institutes, Planning Inspectorate, Planning Committee members and others who may benefit from the guidance.

The first webinar is **Wednesday 13th September**, 10am to 11.45am. This webinar will be for WHS Coordinators/Managers and Local Planning Officers.

- 10.00 - introduction by WHUK Chair Paul Simons
- 10.05 – HIAs with Susan Denyer, ICOMOS-UK; Susan will cover: tools available - processes and timeframes; attributes of OUV; UNESCO processes; using tools available - HIAs, EIAs; planning processes; scale and scope of HIAs
- 10.35 – A planner’s perspective, with Cadw’s Senior Planning Officer Nail Maylon
- 11.55 – A coordinator’s perspective, with one of the Cornish Mining coordination team
- 11.15 – Q&As and wrap up from Susan
- 11.45 - finish

Tickets are £10 for ICOMOS-UK/WHUK members, or £20 for non members.

Book your ticket [here](#).

If you are a developer, consultant or similar, and would like to attend the 15th November webinar, please express your interest by emailing Helen at ICOMOS-UK on admin@icomos-uk.org, thank you.



Department for Levelling Up,
Housing & Communities

The Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities have opened a consultation on PDRs.

DLUHC propose extending certain Permitted Development Rights (PDRs) to certain parts of land, and are consulting on the extension of certain Class rights to certain building types.

World Heritage has been exempted from the consultation questions, but given most of these existing PDRs do not contain any heritage exemptions DCMS would strongly encourage and support the heritage sector to respond to this consultation given the potential impacts on heritage and the landscape through the extension of these PDRs.

To respond, please click [here](#).

The consultation closes on **25 September 2023**.

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

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