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World Heritage UK

October 2023 newsletter



World Heritage UK Autumn Webinar # 2 Gracehill Moravian Church Settlement Wednesday 11th October 2023, 7-8pm, on Zoom

Number 2 in a series of 4 webinar talks, on **the UK's World Heritage Tentative List**, following on from WHUK's successful WH & Nature webinars.

Gracehill Moravian Church Settlement, Northern Ireland

The Moravian Church dates from 1457. In 1722 the Moravians renewed the Church and established a Settlement at Herrnhut in Germany from where they travelled around the world often founding new Settlements wherever they went.

Life in the village nowadays is, of course, very different to the 18th century, but the layout of the buildings and the unique Georgian style of architecture remain very much the same. The village plan is a simple grid pattern with designated green spaces. It is an early example of town planning reflecting the timeless values of education, equality, industry, tolerance, and spirituality that the Moravians shared wherever they established Settlements.

Join Gracehill's David Johnston to learn more.

Past and future webinars are:

- Wed 13 Sep - Birkenhead Park (now available as a YouTube video)
- 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.



WHUK needs a new Treasurer

Are you experienced with budgets and finance, and have experience of the heritage sector, and some spare time? If you do, then WHUK could really do with your help. We are seeking a volunteer Treasurer. Sam Rose our current Treasurer is standing down this December. Perhaps you could take this role on?

What we're ideally looking for is:

- Oversee the financial affairs of WHUK, with the assistance of WHUK's Finance Manager, and ensure they are legal, constitutional and within accepted accounting practice

- Be accountable for organisational audit processes, receipts, payments and insurance
- Be responsible for maintaining the WHUK Organisational Risk and Issues Register and Business Continuity Plan
- Monitor and report on the financial health of the organisation to the Trustees, ensuring they are aware of their financial obligations and interpreting financial data where required
- Take the lead on ensuring WHUK's financial probity and transparency
- Oversee and be accountable for the production of necessary financial reports/returns, accounts and audits
- Prepare and deliver the Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting
- Chair the WHUK Risk & Resources Committee
- Liaise with relevant staff, committee members and/or volunteers to ensure the financial viability of the organisation by:
 - Overseeing the production of an annual budget and propose its adoption at the last meeting of the previous financial year
 - Appointing and liaising with auditors/an independent examiner
 - Ensuring proper records are kept and that effective financial procedures and controls are in place
- Maintain knowledge and experience of current and fundraising finance practice relevant to voluntary and community organisations

A 3-year term of office is considered standard with the option to extend into a second term.

If you are interested and would like to find out more, please contact WHUK's GM on alex.mccoskrie@worldheritageuk.org

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The UK National Commission for UNESCO is inviting applications for a pro bono Non-Executive Director (NED) with expertise and experience in the field of Culture with a focus on the World Heritage Convention.

The Culture Director can anticipate providing expert advice to UK and Devolved Governments on World Heritage in the UK and on the intersectoral elements and connections between UNESCO World Heritage Sites and other UNESCO Designations such as Biospheres, Geoparks, Creative Cities and UNESCO University Chairs.

The closing date for applications is 17:00 GMT on Tuesday 14 November.

For more information about this role, see <https://unesco.org.uk/vacancies> and please find the Application pack [here](#)



Department for Culture Media & Sport

Contested Heritage Guidance

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport has published guidance on addressing contested heritage. This guidance is for use by all custodians of commemorative heritage assets needing advice on how to deal with calls to relocate or remove them from public display.

It applies to any commemorative heritage asset (statue, monument, or commemoration) which is a structure, or is part of a building or structure, which is on public display or in places accessible to the public.

A Heritage Advisory Board was established by the Secretary of State for DCMS to advise on the development of this guidance. Historic England, the government's adviser on the historic environment, was consulted on the preparation of this guidance. It developed a [set of case studies](#) to illustrate the variety of ways that reinterpretation has already been put into practice.



World Heritage UK AGM - Save the Date

The Annual General Meeting of World Heritage UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation will be held on **Wednesday 6th December 2023**, 10am to 12pm, online (Zoom).

The AGM is an important event in the annual cycle of any organisation. It gives members the opportunity to hear about the year's business, check on the finances and raise any questions about the organisation and how it is managed.

World Heritage UK will be voting on new Trustees so we hope you will be able to log in to our AGM and take part. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th December at 10am for the WHUK AGM. Thank you.

Please support the work of World Heritage UK

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

Thank you!



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