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World Heritage UK

December 2023 newsletter



World Heritage Autumn Webinar # 4 - East Coast Flyway

Number 4 in a series of 4 autumn webinar talks, on the UK's **World Heritage Tentative List**.

Wednesday 13th December 2023, 7 to 8pm, on Zoom.

[East Coast Flyway](#) – the area put forward in the Tentative List application process covered 21 Special Protection Areas, between the Humber and the Thames Estuary. The largest sites are the Wash, Humber Estuaries and the Thames Estuary, but also includes much of the land between along the north Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex Coast. These support globally important populations

Speaker – **Jeff Kew** grew up on the Norfolk Coast and after obtaining a Forestry Degree and working for the Forestry Commission and Local Government joined the RSPB in 1995. He has worked in a number of roles in RSPB from leading regional conservation work to leading major collaborative habitat restoration projects, such as working with Crossrail to restore Wallasea Island in Essex. Since 2020 Jeff has been working part time and leading the RSPB's East Coast Wetland Programme. One of the objectives of the Programme is to talk more about the global importance of the wetlands in the context of East Atlantic Flyway, the superhighway for migratory waterbirds from the Arctic down to Africa, so when the Tentative List went live Jeff led the process of working with a number of other partners to submit an application.

Individual webinar tickets are £5. Tickets for all 4 webinars in this series are £15.

Previous webinars in this series include [Birkenhead Park](#), [Gracehill Moravian Church Settlement](#) and [York](#).

To watch past webinars, you will have access to a YouTube recording, to watch at your leisure.

Click [here](#) to book your ticket. You will be sent the Zoom details the Monday or Tuesday before the webinar.



UNESCO's update on climate action for World Heritage

At their November General Assembly in Paris, UNESCO adopted an Updated Policy Document on climate action for World Heritage,.

The policy sets out a vision for the future where each State Party understands the current and future potential impacts of climate change on the OUV of their World Heritage Sites, and, still under the obligations of the World Heritage Convention, undertakes climate action in an effective, ambitious, cooperative and active way.

strategies in place by the end of 2030. States Parties will also need to demonstrate measurable progress on monitoring of climate hazards, assessing and reducing climate risks and vulnerabilities of WHSs.

Click [here](#) to download a copy of the update.



Call by UNESCO for case studies of Climate Action at WHSs

The [UNESCO World Heritage Centre](#) and the three Advisory Bodies – [ICCROM](#), [ICOMOS](#) and [IUCN](#) – are developing their first joint toolkit on **climate action for World Heritage**. Developed with initial funding from the Australian Government, the toolkit will support States Parties and WHS coordinators/managers to integrate climate change in the management strategies of UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

A call for case studies from WHSs in the UK to help build the toolkit is open until end of 2023.

In the last decade, climate change has become the fastest growing threat to UNESCO WHSs, undermining their protection and affecting people that depend on these Sites for their wellbeing. One third of natural WHSs and one in six cultural Sites are estimated to already experience the impacts of climate change, such as increasingly severe weather events.

To help WHSs overcome these challenges, the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and the three advisory bodies are developing a new guidance and

2023.

Send your example to wh-nature@unesco.org



World Heritage UK's 2024 World Heritage webinar series

Starting in January, WHUK is delighted to be hosting a series of 7 webinars, exploring the UK's Industrial Heritage. The following Sites and dates have been confirmed, with 2 more Sites to be announced.

- The **Slate Landscape of NW Wales** with David Gwyn, Thursday 11 January, 7 to 8pm
- **The Forth Bridge** with Mark Watson, Thursday 8 February, 7 to 8pm
- **Derwent Valley Mills** with Adrian Farmer, Thursday 7 March, 7 to 8pm
- **Cornish Mining** with Aynsley Cocks, Thursday 4 April, 7 to 8pm
- **Ironbridge Gorge** with Marion Blockley, Thursday 2 May, 7 to 8pm

The final two Sites/speakers are to be confirmed, but will be on Thursday 6 June and Thursday 4 July.

All webinars will be on Zoom.

Tickets for individual webinars are £5 each. A season ticket for all 7 webinars is £25.

You can book your tickets by clicking [here](#).

All talks are recorded. These recordings are then uploaded to WHUK's



World Heritage Nomination Guide published to support Ireland's heritage ambitions

Ireland's National Monuments Service, based in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, has published 'A Guide to World Heritage Nomination'. The publication is the first in a new World Heritage Advice Series to assist members of the public and key stakeholders in understanding the various World Heritage processes and requirements within an Irish context.

The guide aims to assist local authorities that are working to progress the nomination of sites on Ireland's UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List, which comprises the Passage Tomb Landscape of County Sligo, the Transatlantic Cable Ensemble in County Kerry, and the Royal Sites of Ireland.

The Nomination Guide has been developed with international best practice in mind, with the assistance of World Heritage experts, and the support of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre. Future guidance will be prepared on the Tentative List process and on effective management of World Heritage Properties.

Click [here](#) to read the guide.



WHUK needs a new Treasurer

WHUK needs a Treasurer. Could this be you?

The role is relatively straightforward. A good grasp of the heritage sector is important, as is a good head for figures and managing budgets. But accountancy experience is far from essential.

The role can be done by someone as a Trustee or a co-opted Board member, and is a chance to work with a great team at the heart of an organisation working for the UK's amazing World Heritage Sites.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact me. I can also put you in touch with the current Treasurer and WHUK founder Sam Rose, for further insights.

Please give this your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

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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