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World Heritage UK

March 2024 newsletter



DCMS' World Heritage Advisory Group

Evolving from last year's Tentative List Steering Group, the World Heritage Advisory Group (WHAG) has been established to advise DCMS on key strategic matters relating to the UK's implementation of the 1972 UNESCO World Heritage Convention. WHAG will also facilitate improved joined-up and aligned working between the UK's key WH stakeholders, including national and devolved heritage and nature NDPBs, UKNC, ICOMOS-UK, IUCN and a number of governmental departments.

WHAG will offer broad strategic advice and direction to the UK State Party, on a variety of topics impacting existing WH in the UK, WHSs and future nominations.

quarterly WHS Coordinators' Forum, or via WHUK.



Spring 2024 World Heritage Workshop

Dates: **Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th April**

Venue: **Pontio Arts & Innovation Centre, Bangor University, North Wales**

Theme: **Industrial Heritage**; this will be the foundation of the workshop but the topics covered will be relevant to all cultural and natural World Heritage Sites, as well as the wider heritage sector. Topics include regeneration, sustainable tourism, event development, STEM, Intangible Cultural Heritage and more.

There will be a social night out on the Wednesday, plus guided site visits both days, exploring the Slate Landscape of NW Wales World Heritage Site.

Tickets:

- £100 if you're a National Trust member
- £115 if you are not a National Trust member
- £75 for digital access both days (talks only, via YouTube)
- To book your ticket, click [here](#)

The social night will be a separate ticket for food. A bar will be available and there will be live music from a Welsh-language band. Please note there is no wheelchair access to the Wednesday night social.



World Heritage UK's 2024 World Heritage webinar series

This week WHUK is hosting webinar # 3 in a series of 7 webinars, exploring the UK's Industrial Heritage.

March's webinar will focus on the **Derwent Valley Mills WHS**. Your speaker is Adrian Farmer, Heritage Coordinator at Derbyshire County Council.

The webinar is on **Thursday 7th March**, 7 to 8pm, 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](#). Past and future webinars include:

- The **Slate Landscape of NW Wales** with David Gwyn (available as a YouTube recording)
- **Forth Bridge** with Mark Watson and Karen Stewart (YouTube recording)
- **Cornish Mining** with Aynsley Cocks, Thursday 4th April, 7 to 8pm
- **Ironbridge Gorge** with Marion Blockley, Thursday 2nd May, 7 to 8pm

- **Reflecting on Industrial World Heritage in the UK**, with Prof. Ian Wray and Ironbridge's Brandi Hall-Crossgrove, Thursday 4th July, 7 to 8pm

All talks are recorded. These recordings are then uploaded to WHUK's YouTube channel. Talk attendees will be provided with a link to the webinar talk. Season ticket holders will receive all 7 links.

Image Derwent Valley Mills WHS



Ironbridge Gorge WHS Steering Group – Chair Vacancy

Due to the end of term position for the current Chair the [Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site](#) Steering Group is now seeking a new Chair.

The Ironbridge Gorge WHS Steering Group (IGWHSG) comprises representatives from Telford & Wrekin Council (as lead organisation), Shropshire Council, the three local Parish and Town Councils, Historic England, English Heritage Trust, Natural England, the Environment Agency, Severn Gorge Countryside Trust and Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust. Each of these organisations collaborates with each other and together ensures that the OUV

The Chair should be prepared to commit to the work of the IGWHSG for at least 0.5 days per month. This is likely to include a mixture of working week, day time, formal IGWHSG meetings (twice per year, or more frequently if required), informal meetings with Group members, stakeholders and the World Heritage Coordinator, evening social engagements, and potential attendance at meetings of national organisations, which would involve travel (principally within the UK).

The Chair will work closely with the WHS Coordinator and Telford & Wrekin Council who have responsibility for the daily management and coordination of the Site. The term of the appointment will be for three years, potentially renewable for a second term. The position is unremunerated and this post is independent of political or organisational ties.

For more details on the role and how to apply, click [here](#).

Deadline for applications is 5pm on Monday 25th March 2024.

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