

## Justin Scully and Sarah France



Justin Scully is General Manager of the Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal WHS. The site is one of the busiest properties in the National Trust welcoming in excess of 600,000 visitors per year: attracting significant domestic & international visitors as well as from all across the North of England. Justin has worked for the National Trust for 11 years and in his 4 years at Fountains has overseen multi-million pound investment in visitor infrastructure as well as the Skell Valley project, a £2.5m Landscape scale conservation project. Prior to the Trust Justin worked in the charity sector in the UK & Africa, after a 10-year career in the private sector.

Sarah is World Heritage Coordinator at Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal WHS and has worked for the Trust for 10 years. Prior to the Trust Sarah spent almost 20 years working in planning and heritage for National Parks in England, Scotland and Wales. Her current role is to coordinate delivery of the World Heritage Management Plan and that has included a whole variety of projects from leading on the buffer zone for the WHS, to reinstating the lost statue of the Dying Gladiator in the Studley Royal water gardens. More recently Sarah has worked with Nidderdale AONB and other partners to develop the Skell Valley Project and led the successful bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a £1.4m grant.

Their presentation will be on 'The Skell Valley Project - from Yorkshire to Uganda, working with partners to adapt our World Heritage Sites to climate change'

Two World Heritage Sites that couldn't be more different, are both facing threats to the Outstanding Universal Value of their sites due to climate change. This talk will start with an overview of the Skell Valley project which was developed by the National Trust in partnership with Nidderdale AONB to address the threats to the Studley Royal water gardens and ruins of Fountains Abbey in North Yorkshire from flooding and siltation. We'll focus on our work with communities, farmers and landowners beyond the boundaries of the WHS. Travelling further afield we'll give an overview of our work with Rwenzori WHS in Uganda which has seen rapid loss of the mountain glaciers and flooding and how we're sharing skills and knowledge on addressing the impacts of climate change and engaging communities in that process.