

World Heritage UK Annual Conference 2021
'Climate Change and World Heritage'
21-23 September - Online
Draft Programme v18 – 3 half-days

DAY ONE – THE BIG PICTURE

13.00 - 15.00 Main Session 1: [Welcome and Introduction to Climate Change](#)
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Session Chair: Tony Crouch

13.00 – 13.15 Welcome - Tony Crouch, Chair of Trustees, World Heritage UK

13.15 – 14.15 'The Climate Crisis and its solutions' – Presentation by Ali Webb, Climate Reality Leader, Climate Reality Project Europe

14.15 – 14.45 Discussion and questions

14.45 – 15.15 Break

15.15 – 17.00 Main Session 2: [International perspectives on the impact of climate change on World Heritage Sites](#)
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Session Chair: Don Gobbett, WHUK Trustee and Chair of its Climate Change Group

15.15 – 15.35 'The international perspective' – Peter Shadie, Senior Adviser on World Heritage, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

15.35 – 15.55 'UNESCO policies and guidance' – Kate Pugh, Non-Executive Director for Culture at the UK National Commission for UNESCO

15.55 – 16.15 'China's reaction to the World Heritage conservation under the background of climate change' - Prof. Hongtao Liu, Director of the World Heritage Research Center, Southwest Jiaotong University, Peoples Republic of China

16.15 – 16.30 Panel discussion and questions

16.30 – 17.00 Elevator pitches and World Heritage Site updates – Rebecca Hartley (Blaenavon)

17.15 – 19.00 Break

**19.00 – 20.30 Evening reflection 1: [‘Sustainable Tourism’ with Manda Brookman, Director, Permanently Brilliant](#)
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Session Chair: Don Gobbett

An hour’s discussion followed by a relaxed half hour of chat in breakout groups.

DAY TWO – UK OVERVIEW + CLIMATE CHANGE AND MANAGEMENT PLANS

**13.00 - 15.00 Main Session 3: [Climate change and UK World Heritage Sites – an overview](#)
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Session Chair: Ian Wray

13.00 – 13.20 ‘Wales and climate change’ – Kathryn Roberts, Head of Historic Environment, Cadw, Jill Bullen, Lead Specialist Advisor: Landscape, Natural Resources Wales and Louise Barker, Senior Archaeologist, Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales.

13.20 – 13.40 ‘Historic England and climate change’ – Hannah Fluck, Head of Environmental Strategy

13.40 – 14.00 ‘Resistance, adaptation, acceptance: managing climate change risk to cultural heritage in Scotland’ – Dr Mairi Davies, Climate Change Policy Manager, Historic Environment Scotland

14.00 – 14.20 ‘Making net zero and climate resilience a reality: the experience of the National Trust’ – Patrick Begg, Outdoors and Natural Resources Director, The National Trust

14.20 – 15.00 Panel discussion and questions

15.00-15.30 Break

15.30 - 17.15 Main Session 4: [How to integrate climate change into World Heritage Site management plans](#)
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Session Chair: Jane Gibson

15.30 – 15.50 ‘World Heritage and UN Sustainable Development Goals’– Ainsley Cocks, Cornwall and West Devon Mining Landscape World Heritage Site

15.50 – 16.10 “Understanding climate change threat in the context of the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site and informing the next Management Plan”– Jenny Bruce, Edinburgh World Heritage Site Coordinator and Yann Grandgirard, Climate Emergency Manager, Edinburgh World Heritage

16.10 – 16.30 ‘Integrating climate change into our Management Plan’ – Mairi Lock, World Heritage Site Coordinator, The English Lake District

16.30 – 17.20 Question and answer session with speakers and UNESCO UK National Commission

17.20 – 19.00 Break

19.00 – 20.30 Evening celebration: [Welcome to new and tentative World Heritage Sites](#)
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An hour’s presentations followed by a relaxed half hour of chat in breakout groups

Session Chair: Sam Rose

19.00 – 19.20 ‘The Slate Landscape of North Wales’ – Hannah Joyce and Roland Evans, Gwynedd Council

19.20 – 19.40 ‘The Great Spa Towns of Europe – transcending boundaries’ – Paul Simons, Secretary General, Great Spas of Europe

19.40 – 20.00 ‘The Flow Country - The UK’s Next World Heritage Site and its Role in Fighting Climate Change’ – Steven Andrews, Highland Council

20.00 – 20.30 Informal chat in breakout groups

DAY THREE – CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

13.00 – 14.30 Session 5: [Climate change mitigation](#)

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Session chair: Max Bryant

13.00 - 13.20 ‘Warm feet are happy feet - low carbon heating for Cleveland Pools’ – Anna Baker, Project Director, Cleveland Pools Trust

13.20 - 13.40 ‘Encouraging climate friendly transport for tourism’ – Dominic Hare, Chief Executive, Blenheim Palace

13.40 – 14.00 ‘Retrofit, building conservation and materials’ – Lila Angelaka Senior Technical Officer, Technical Research Team, Historic Environment Scotland

14.00 - 14.30 Elevator pitches – Dominic Hare (Blenheim Palace), Lucinda Lycett (Ironbridge Gorge)

14.30 – 15.00 Break

15.00 - 17.15 Session 6: [Climate change adaptation and close of conference](#)

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Session chair: Don Gobbett

15.00 - 15.20 ‘Climate Vulnerability Index’ – Rebecca Jones, Head of Archaeology and World Heritage, Historic Environment Scotland

15.20 – 15.40 ‘A Flood Resilient Future?’- Edward Barsley, Founder of The Environmental Design Studio

15.40 – 16.00 ‘The Skell Valley Project - from Yorkshire to Uganda, working with partners to adapt our World Heritage Sites to climate change’ – Sarah France, World Heritage Site Coordinator, and Justin Scully, General Manager, Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal Estate

16.00 – 16.30 Panel discussion and questions on both mitigation and adaptation

16.30 – 17.00 Development and agreement of WHUK Climate Change Position Statement/message to COP – Chair of Board

17.00 – 17.15 Closing remarks: Chair of Board