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November 2022 newsletter



World Heritage UK AGM

The Annual General Meeting of World Heritage UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation will be held on **7**th **December 2022** 10am 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 able to log in to our AGM and take part.



Digital Technologies for Visitor Engagement with Cultural Heritage - ICOMOS-UK lecture

Explore best practice, challenges and opportunities of using digital technologies to interpret and present tangible and intangible cultural heritage in the first of a series of workshops run by the ICOMOS-UK Digital Heritage Committee.

Tuesday 29th November 2022 - 18:00-19:30

About the Event

The rapid development of digital technologies and their implementation in cultural heritage context has raised many arguments regarding the effectiveness of digital technologies in aiding users and visitors' engagement with heritage values and interpretations. The development of immersive experience, VR, AR, MR, has on the one hand brought to light great opportunities to unveil hidden heritage assets and engage people of different needs with heritage. On the other hand, it has raised key concerns regarding the authentic experience and physical engagement with heritage, in addition to the concern that these new tools could compromise the audience's appetite to visit and experience historic sites, particularly the younger generation. Therefore, the ICOMOS-UK Digital Technology Committee is inviting you to its 1st round-table discussion with experts and researchers to explore these issues and the wider role of digital technologies for visitor engagement with cultural heritage. The discussion aims to explore opportunities, challenges and ethical concerns linked to these practices.

 Dr Alex Hildred, Head of Research and Curator of Ordnance and Human Remains at the Mary Rose Trust

- Dr Brett Stevens, Principal Lecturer and User Experience Design Researcher at the University of Portsmouth
- Dr Claire Bailey-Ross, Associate Dean Academic and researcher in Digital Humanities at the University of Portsmouth
- **Dr Sara Perry**, Director of Research and Engagement at Museum of London Archaeology MOLA, and expert in running archaeology and community initiatives awards
- Prof. Stuart Jeffrey, A Professor of Digital Heritage at the School of Simulation and Visualisation, The Glasgow School of Art

Tickets: Donation basis: minimum donation £1

Book: online at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/digital-technologies-for-visitor-engagement-with-cultural-heritage-tickets-458348852757



ICOMOS-UK's Annual Christmas Lecture and Drinks
Reception

ICOMOS-UK is returning to its programme of in-person events following the pandemic with their Christmas lecture at the events space at their offices at Cowcross Street in London. This is a hybrid event, and information about booking tickets will follow in a later message. ICOMOS-UK are fortunate to

"The fight for the past: Contested heritage and the Russian invasion of Ukraine"

Christoph Mick, Professor of Modern European History at the University of Warwick

Friday 9th December 2022 - 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Hybrid event: In person at The Gallery at Alan Baxter, 77 Cowcross Street, London, and online via zoom.

This very topical and important talk will explore Russian and Ukrainian conflicting views of the past. Some sites, such as the L'viv and Kyiv World Heritage sites are equally important for both Ukrainians and Russians and control over them can become a major aim of the conflict. It will also discuss what impact the conflict has had on monuments and heritage sites, including the deliberate destruction of monuments and the capture and removal of artefacts and relics.

The talk will be followed by a drinks reception.

Click **here** to book your in-person ticket.

Click **here** to book your online ticket.

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