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World Heritage UK

September 2023 newsletter



World Heritage UK annual conference "World Heritage for All"

2023's WHUK annual conference will be on **Monday 2nd** and **Tuesday 3rd October** and is fast approaching. A few remaining tickets are still available for in-person delegates.

It will be held at The Engine Shed at Stirling, Scotland and be broadcast via YouTube.

This year's theme will be **Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity**.

At this year's annual conference, speakers from the likes of the University of Glasgow, Historic Environment Scotland, Historic Royal Palaces, Accentuate,

Topics being covered include youth audiences, community engagement, accessibility in the workforce, socio-economic inclusivity, disability within heritage interpretation and many more.

Tickets include refreshments and lunches both days, an evening reception at Callendar House on Monday, the opportunity to visit either the Forth Bridge World Heritage Site, and free entrance to Stirling Castle on the Sunday before the conference. The Antonine Wall trip is now full.

Tickets are £100 for WHUK Voting Members, £125 for other WHUK Members, £150 for non-WHUK Members, £75 for digital access and £50 for digital student access.

Book your ticket [here](#).

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World Heritage UK Autumn Webinar # 2 Gracehill Moravian Church Settlement Wednesday 11th October 2023, 7-8pm, on Zoom

Number 2 in a series of 4 webinar talks, on **the UK's World Heritage Tentative List**, following on from WHUK's successful WH & Nature webinars.

Gracehill Moravian Church Settlement, Northern Ireland

The Moravian Church dates from 1457. In 1722 the Moravians renewed the Church and established a Settlement at Herrnhut in Germany from where they travelled around the world often founding new Settlements wherever they went.

The village of **Gracehill**, was founded as a Moravian Settlement in 1759. It has a rich history and has won many awards including the Europa Nostra Award. Life in the village nowadays is, of course, very different to the 18th century, but the layout of the buildings and the unique Georgian style of architecture remain very much the same. The village plan is a simple grid pattern with designated green spaces. It is an early example of town planning reflecting the timeless values of education, equality, industry, tolerance, and spirituality that the Moravians shared wherever they established Settlements.

Join Gracehill's David Johnston to learn more.

Past and future webinars are:

- Wed 13 Sep - Birkenhead Park (now available as a YouTube video)
- Wed 8 Nov - York, 7pm
- Wed 13 Dec - East Coast Flyway, 7pm



IUCN World Heritage Strategy

IUCN World Heritage Strategy's new World Heritage Strategy focuses on supporting the World Heritage Convention, and current and potential World Heritage sites, to make the greatest conservation impact, including maximising their contribution to the achievement of global goals for nature conservation, to 2030 and beyond.

Vision

IUCN's vision is that the World Heritage Convention is recognised and celebrated as protecting the world's most significant areas of natural and cultural conservation importance, and that World Heritage inspires innovation and best practices globally and locally.

To deliver this vision, IUCN will focus on six priorities. For each priority IUCN proposes a goal for how World Heritage will contribute to successful conservation and sustainable development outcomes, and our ambition to support each goal.

The Strategy will be implemented by engaging the whole IUCN Union, including

- New and enhanced global IUCN initiatives on World Heritage
- A series of new regional World Heritage affirmative action plans, coordinated via IUCN's network of regional and country offices

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World Heritage UK AGM - Save the Date

The Annual General Meeting of World Heritage UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation will be held on **Wednesday 6th December 2023**, 10am to 12pm, 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 be able to log in to our AGM and take part. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6th December at 10am for the WHUK AGM. Thank you.

Please support the work of World Heritage UK

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If you aren't a member, or know someone who would like to be a member, please go to our [Membership page](#) to join.

If you or a friend or colleague would like to make a donation to WHUK, please go to our [Donation page](#), to help us support the UK's WH community.

Thank you!



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