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# World Heritage UK

## January 2025 newsletter



### **World Heritage UK's 2025 World Heritages & Climate Action webinar series**

The next series of webinars will hear from a number of World Heritage Sites on how they are working to mitigate and adapt for the impacts of climate change.

The series will feature:

- **The Flow Country**, on Tuesday 21st January
- **Studley Royal & Fountains Abbey**, on Tuesday 18th February
- **The Old & New Towns of Edinburgh**, on Tuesday 11th March
- and **The English Lake District**, on Tuesday 15th April

is just £15.

You can book your ticket(s) by clicking [here](#).

Attendees will be sent Zoom details usually the day before the talk.

All talks are recorded. These recordings are then uploaded to WHUK's YouTube channel. Attendees will be provided with a link to the webinar recording. Series ticket holders will receive links for all 4.

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## **Opportunity – Chair of Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site Partnership Panel**

This is a prestigious voluntary opportunity to play a role in the governance of [Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site](#) (WHS) and contribute to protecting and championing the WHS for current and future generations.

This role will facilitate effective discussion and achieve consensus from a range of strategic-level stakeholders. Whilst knowledge of the Stonehenge and Avebury WHS Management Plan will be important, skills and experience will be paramount in making a real difference in this rewarding role.

The WHS Partnership is currently undertaking a period of review and innovation in several areas. Could you support the WHS through the next stage in their development?

body for a second term)

- Time commitment of up to 2 days per month

Applications are open until 19 January 2025.

For the Candidate Pack and how to apply, please visit:

[Opportunity – Chair of Stonehenge & Avebury World Heritage Site Partnership Panel \\* Stonehenge & Avebury](#)

*Image: Beth Thomas*



## **Job opportunity - Ironbridge WHS Coordinator**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join Telford & Wrekin Council's highly innovative and motivated Development Management Team as their World Heritage Site Coordinator, responsible for coordinating the management of the [Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site](#) (WHS) and working with all stakeholders to sustain the recognised Outstanding Universal Value.

The successful applicant will benefit from the opportunity of flexible hybrid working arrangements, access to training opportunities for career development, and flexi scheme.

Telford is the gateway between the Midlands and Wales. Rich in heritage and natural beauty, the borough has a vibrant town centre that's currently expanding and a 450-acre town park with numerous leisure facilities.

Being part of the Development Management Team will ensure you will be play a part in the management of the World Heritage Site, helping to protect its heritage and shape its future to remain a safe and sustainable environment for future generations to enjoy.

The successful applicant will need:

- Experience of partnership working and managing partnership structures
- Experience of project and financial management delivery
- Proven experience of identifying and making grant funding applications, fundraising and marketing
- Practical experience of working in the heritage sector
- A relevant professional accreditation of a conservation body

For further information please contact Andrew Gittins on 01952 380380 or email [Andrew.Gittins@telford.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Gittins@telford.gov.uk)

Click [here](#) for further details and to apply.

*Image: Ironbridge Gorge WHS*



You will have noticed that WHUK has been running webinars that showcase the UK's wide variety of World Heritage Sites and Tentative List Sites.

We have been running these since 2023 and would like to offer WHUK members the chance to see those from that year free of charge, as a member benefit.

During 2023, we heard from:

- Giant's Causeway
- Jurassic Coast
- St Kilda
- Birkenhead Park
- Gracehill
- York
- and East Coast Flyway

If you are a member and would like the YouTube link to one or some of the above, please contact Alex. If you're not a WHUK member but would like to watch one or some of these webinars, please do join up. Individual membership is only £40 for the year. Click [here](#) for the WHUK membership page.

*Images: Birkenhead Park © Ron Thomas, GhOST (Gracehill Old School Trust), Karl Moran/Unsplash, RSPB*



WORKING ON THE FUTURE  
**WORLD HERITAGE  
VOLUNTEERS >**

UNESCO has announced the launch of the Call for Projects for the **‘World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) 2025 – Working on the Future’**.

After seventeen years of grassroots youth activities and international cooperation, the World Heritage Volunteers (WHV) Initiative continues to involve young people, communities and World Heritage Site coordinators/managers in building together new, inclusive societies where World Heritage is a source of resilience, humanity and innovation, beyond the challenges that faces the world.

This Call is an invitation for organisations and institutions to apply for the WHV 2025 Campaign with their proposed projects, and implement action camps, ideally between April and December 2025, in their communities. The proposed projects should help build stronger cooperation and valorise the engagement of local communities and young people at UNESCO World Heritage sites, through their rich field activities and intercultural encounters; in line with the goals of the World Heritage Volunteers Initiative, they should aim to:

- Raise awareness
- Involve young people
- Empower young people
- Identify best practices
- Strengthen sustainable cooperation

If you are interested, click [here](#) to download details or look on the UNESCO World Heritage website at the following web address: <https://whc.unesco.org/en/news/2730/>

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## Call for applications - World Heritage Management: People Nature Culture; online course

ICCROM, IUCN, Korea Heritage Service and the Norwegian Ministry of Climate and Environment are seeking 25 participants to join the next edition of the international course on Managing World Heritage: People, Nature, Culture [#PNC25](#).

This is a unique opportunity to engage in the heritage place approach to managing and conserving both cultural and natural heritage, and to collaborate with professionals from around the world.

What you'll gain:

- Practical tools for managing World Heritage Sites
- Insights into community-centered conservation
- Peer learning from global experts

Who should apply? Site managers and coordinators, heritage practitioners, and anyone involved in the management and conservation of heritage places.

Deadline for applications: **29 January 2025**.

To apply, please click [here](#).

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WHUK is a small but unique charity. We're always looking for new members or donations.

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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