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July 2025 newsletter



WHUK 2025 Annual Conference - book now!

This year's WHUK Annual Conference will be held in Saltaire WHS, on **Thursday 9th & Friday 10th October**.

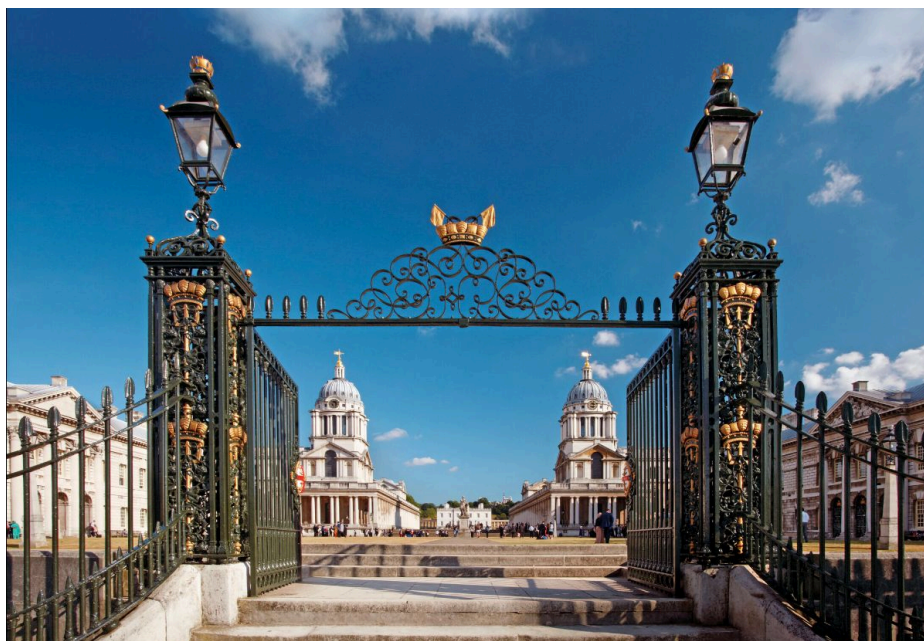
The theme will be "**Engagement with World Heritage**", exploring how communities, tourists, politicians, transport providers, artists etc, do or don't engage, or help to support engagement with, World Heritage and World Heritage Sites. Details of the programme are almost all confirmed and tickets are now available. Go to [World Heritage UK 2025 Annual Conference | World Heritage UK](#) to see the latest.

Confirmed speakers include UK City of Culture, Heritage Alliance, UKNC, Action with Communities Cumbria, ICOMOS-UK, the University of Bradford and more.

and in-person. Click [here](#) to book.

We look forward to seeing you there!

The 2025 Annual Conference is kindly supported by the National Trust and North Yorkshire Council.



World Heritage Webinars - Observatories

The final webinar on World Heritage Observatories will be on **Tuesday 22nd July** and will showcase **Maritime Greenwich WHS** with Paddy Rodgers and Ann Carter from Royal Museums Greenwich, with Jamie Fobert and Liz Smith from Jamie Fobert Architects .

The series comprises 4 webinars all focusing on observatories within WHSs and Tentative List Sites. Others in the series included:

- Tuesday 20th May - Stonehenge & Avebury with Dr Amanda Chadburn and Prof Clive Ruggles (available as YouTube recording)
- Tuesday 17 June - Jodrell Bank with Prof Teresa Anderson (YouTube recording)
- Tuesday 01 July – Astronomical Observatories of Ireland Tentative List Sites, with Prof Michael Burton, Armagh Observatory and Planetarium (YouTube recording)

Webinars run 7 to 8pm, and are held on Zoom. Zoom details are usually sent out the Monday before the webinar.

Each webinar is recorded and uploaded to WHUK's private YouTube channel. All ticket holders will be sent a link to the video, to revisit or catch up if the live talk was missed. Series ticket holders will get links for all four videos.

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



World Heritage Webinars - Europe

The next series of webinars will introduce the **European Network of World Heritage Associations** (ENWHA) and focus on a handful of their Sites from across Europe. The series will comprise 5 webinars.

World Heritage UK is a member of the ENWHA which is a union of associations and initiatives that regularly exchange information and experience about the World Heritage. The aim is to raise general awareness of European World Heritage, to advocate its protection and conservation, and to discuss common issues and topics using an open and transparent approach.

WHUK hopes this series will be the first of many highlighting WHSs from across the ENWHA membership and will allow attendees the opportunity to discover World Heritage outside of the UK.

- Tuesday 23rd September - An introduction to [ENWHA](#) with WHUK's President Chris Blandford OBE
- Tuesday 7th October – [Val de Loire Cultural Landscape](#), France, with Bruno Marmioli

- Tuesday 11th November – [Western Norwegian Fjords](#), with Katrin Blomvik
- Tuesday 25th November – Italy's [Historic Centre of Florence](#), with Dr Valentina Ippolito and Dr Carlo Francini

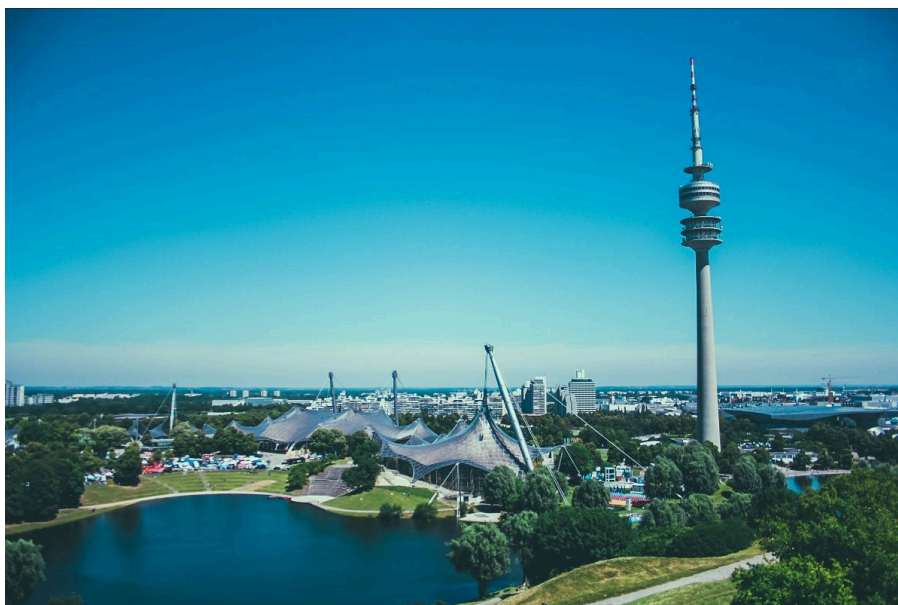
Webinars run 6 to 7pm GMT (or 7 to 8pm CET), and are held on Zoom. Zoom details are usually sent out the Monday before the webinar.

Single webinar tickets are £5 each. A series ticket for all 5 webinars is £20. Tickets are available up to 4pm the day before.

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ICOMOS Emerging Professionals Summer School

Under the title “***Olympic Park Munich: Conceptualising a Conservation Management Plan***“, the Emerging Professionals Working Group of ICOMOS Germany, in cooperation with the Technical University of Munich, is hosting this year's Summer School.

The event will take place from **September 4th to 7th 2025** in Munich.

UNESCO World Heritage nomination. The park is notable for its exceptional architectural and landscape design and its complex cultural significance, both tangible and intangible. As the venue of the 1972 Olympic Games, it not only represents a global event but also continues to shape urban development and social identity today.

The Summer School offers young professionals and students a unique opportunity to engage directly with the ongoing development of a Conservation Management Plan (CMP)—a key requirement for World Heritage nomination. Participants will explore the multifaceted nature of the site: as a place for leisure and culture, an architectural landmark, a social space, and a monument of identity.

The four-day programme includes an introduction and guided tour, expert lectures, and intensive group work. The group work will focus on the topics of architecture and landscape, Future Use, Human Scale, and the iconic Tent Roof Structure.

Applications to participate will be considered until 15th July.

Please note that travel, accommodation, and meals are not covered by the organisers. Snacks and drinks will be provided throughout the workshop. Participation is free of charge. The working language will be English. The summer school will be limited to 20 participants, selected based on their applications.

Please use the following link for more information and application criteria (in German):

https://www.icomos.de/icomos-epwg-summer-school-2025-quotolympiapark-munich-conceptualising-a-conservation-management-plan-quot_a_443.html

Click [here](#) for the application form (in English).

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