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World Heritage UK

November 2025 newsletter



World Heritage Webinars - Western Norwegian Fjords WHS

The next webinar introducing the **European Network of World Heritage Associations** (ENWHA) will focus on the **Western Norwegian Fjords**.

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. Their 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.

- **Date - Tuesday 11th November**

The webinar runs **6 to 7pm GMT** (or 7 to 8pm CET), and is 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.

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 have access to all five videos.

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

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Opportunity – Chair: Saltaire WHS Governing Body

Saltaire is a unique and internationally significant model of 19th-century industrial philanthropic model-village, recognised globally as a [UNESCO World Heritage Site](#). They are looking for an exceptional and dynamic leader to Chair their voluntary governing body and steer the WHS into its next critical phase.

This is a high-profile, influential, and voluntary strategic leadership role, requiring a deep commitment to preserving and promoting the Outstanding Universal Value of Saltaire.

looking WHS Management Plan. You will be the essential figure in coordinating stakeholders and ensuring the plan successfully addresses the challenges and opportunities of a living WHS.

Key responsibilities – as Chair, you will be the definitive voice and leader for the Saltaire WHS, specifically responsible for:

1. **Strategic Leadership:** provide clear, focused direction for the Steering Group, ensuring effective governance, oversight, and accountability in line with UNESCO's requirements.
2. **Ambassador and Advocate:** act as the chief public advocate and ambassador for the WHS, building relationships with key governmental bodies, conservation agencies, regional partners, and the wider community to secure resources and support.
3. **Management Plan Delivery:** lead the committee in successfully formulating and adopting the new Management Plan, focusing on the long-term conservation, sustainable development, and interpretation of the OUV.
4. **Community Engagement:** champion the vital connection between the WHS and its residents. Saltaire is particularly interested in candidates with a proven commitment to deep and inclusive community engagement to ensure the WHS benefits all who live, work and visit here.

For more details on the role and how to apply, please click [here](#).



Durham WHS Management Plan consultation

Views are being sought on a new management plan aimed at conserving the beauty of [Durham Castle and Cathedral WHS](#) for generations to come.

The Durham City landmark was the first UK cultural heritage site to be included in UNESCO's World Heritage List in 1986.

In preparation to celebrate the 40th anniversary in 2026, Durham County Council and its partners have created a new World Heritage Site (WHS) Management Plan looking ahead to 2035.

It sets out a vision for the site to remain a landmark for Durham, with key aims to conserve, share and regenerate it for future generations.

Building on extensive community engagement, the WHS Management Plan describes what makes the site special, both globally and locally; explains how it is protected and managed; and analyses issues facing its conservation and management.

The new Management Plan, from 2025 to 2035, will achieve the following:

- Satisfy the requirements of UNESCO to protect its designated status
- Be a useful tool to generate investment
- Together with the Durham City Conservation Area Management Plan, become a material consideration in the planning process while informing future planning policy and development management

- Link into the county's plans around the visitor economy to improve vibrancy and pride of place and to support inward investment and innovation

Public consultation for the plan will take place online and in-person over a period of six weeks through the council's Let's Talk portal at www.letstalkcountydurham.co.uk. Here, people can also find details of an online meeting on Wednesday 12 November at 11am. There will also be an in-person meeting that will take place in the Town Hall on Tuesday 4 November at 6pm.

The consultation runs for 6 weeks closing at 5pm on the 4 December 2025.



World Heritage Webinars - Florence

The final webinar introducing the **European Network of World Heritage Associations** (ENWHA) will focus on the Historic Centre of Florence WHS.

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World Heritage UK 2025 AGM - Save the date

The Annual General Meeting of World Heritage UK Charitable Incorporated Organisation will be held on **Wednesday 03 December 2025**, 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, vote on resolutions, and raise any questions about the organisation and how it is managed.

Board. Please consider any nominations for this from within the WHUK membership organisations or individuals.

To book your place, please click [here](#). The agenda and papers will be available nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing on Wednesday 03 December at 10am for the WHUK AGM. Thank you.

Please support the work of World Heritage UK

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.

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