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Industrial Heritage webinars - season two

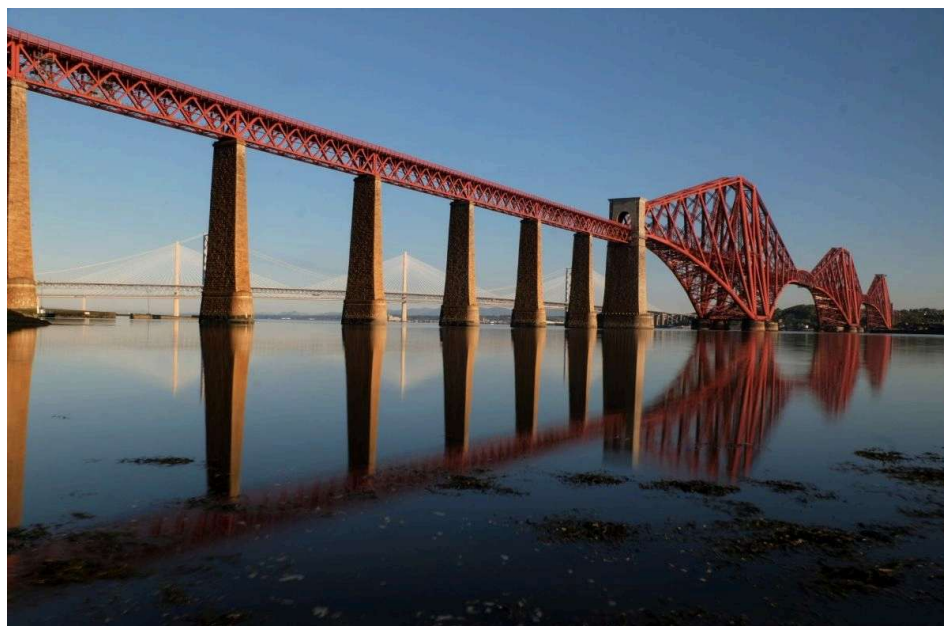
WHUK's 2026 starts with the latest series of webinars, this time focusing on those Industrial World Heritage Sites that missed out on the first Industrial Heritage series back in 2024. The first three talks will highlight specific WHSs; the last will be the launch of the upcoming Industrial Heritage Trail.

- Tuesday 20th January - [New Lanark](#)
- Tuesday 3rd February – [Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal](#)
- Tuesday 10th March – [Blaenavon Industrial Landscape](#)
- Tuesday 21st April – UK Industrial Heritage Trail

sent a link after the talk.

All talks are on Zoom and run 7 to 8pm. Zoom details are usually sent the day before the webinar.

To book, please click here: [World Heritage Webinars – Industrial Heritage Season Two # 1: New Lanark | World Heritage UK](#)



Forth Bridge WHS Management Plan Consultation

The management plan for the [Forth Bridge](#) UNESCO World Heritage Site, is being updated and people with an interest in the bridge and surrounding area are invited to comment on the draft plan.

The Forth Bridge was inscribed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July 2015. UNESCO asks that all World Heritage Sites maintain a management plan to support the future management needs of a World Heritage Site, to coordinate the interests of associated organisations, groups and individuals, and to maximise the benefits and minimise any negative impacts from the World Heritage Site status.

The Forth Bridge's Management Plan is now ten years old and is being updated for the next ten-year period.

In 2025 members of the public were asked for their input into the content for the new management plan. The results gathered from that have helped a multi-

As well as an online questionnaire, there will be opportunities to find out more at a public meeting and local drop-in sessions. Details are below and further updates will be published on the [Forth Bridges website](#) and social media pages.

People are encouraged to give feedback on the draft plan by completing an online questionnaire by 31 March 2026 at: www.fife.gov.uk/forthbridge

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ICOMOS-CIF 2026 Symposium: “Learning from Granada”

The **ICOMOS-CIF 2026 Symposium** will take place at the **Aula Magna of the School of Architecture of the Universidad de Granada** on **Wednesday 11th March 2026**, followed by **Study Tours** in the **ALBAYZIN** on **12th March** and the **ALHAMBRA** on **13th March**. ICOMOS aims to provide attendees with the opportunity to learn from **leading conservation architects, urban conservators, policy makers and academics**, using the city of Granada and its architectural and urban heritage as a **place of learning**. Through their presentations, attendees will also learn about the importance of previous interventions, in particular the work of **Leopoldo Torres Balbás** in the Alhambra between 1923-1936.

The Symposium will discuss both about the state-of-the art and the current challenges in Urban and Architectural Conservation, including the implementation of the Council of Europe’s [1985 Granada Convention](#) and the [2024 EU Energy Performance of Buildings Directive \(EPBD\)](#), and their

and decision-makers, educators and students. The results from the ongoing **ICOMOS-CIF GACETS** (Global Architectural Conservation Education and Training Survey) project and the publication “**Architect Maria Letizia (Cina) Conforto: complete writings**” will be also presented. The outcomes from the Symposium will inform the ICOMOS-CIF priorities for the coming years.

To get an indication about some of the themes under discussion, please read this [paper](#) from the ICOMOS-CIF President and University of Strathclyde's **Cristina González-Longo**.

For full details and book your place, please click [here](#).

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