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World Heritage Webinars - Overseas Territories

WHUK's next series on World Heritage Sites will look further than any previous series, and will welcome speakers from two of the UK's overseas territories.

First up is the **Historic Town of St George and its related fortifications WHS in Bermuda**, on Tuesday 09 June 2026, at 7pm UK-time. We shall hear from both the National Trust for Bermuda and the St George's Foundation.

And then on Tuesday 14 July, we shall be hearing from the **Gorham's Cave Complex WHS in Gibraltar**.

Tickets for each webinar is £5 and can be booked by clicking on the following:

As with previous webinars, each talk is recorded and uploaded to WHUK's private YouTube channel. All ticket holders will receive a link to their talk afterwards.

Image: Bermuda WHS John Singleton



2026 Annual Conference - programme now live

This year's WHUK Annual Conference is on **Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 October**. The conference will be held at Portrush, Northern Ireland, just down the coast from [Giant's Causeway WHS](#).

This year's conference theme is "***Connections through World Heritage***". Speakers include the International National Trust Organisation, the European Network of World Heritage Associations, the Great Spa Towns of Europe WHS, Queens University Belfast, Ireland's National Monument Service, Frontiers of the Roman Empire, plus more. In-person delegates will also enjoy site visits to the Giant's Causeway and [Gracehill Moravian Church Settlements](#) WHSs.

As the conference will involve travel by air or sea for most, WHUK do encourage delegates to book transport and accommodation as early as they can.

burden of attending in person. To book and for suggestions for accommodation in Portrush and information on travel please go to [World Heritage UK 2026 Annual Conference](#) | [World Heritage UK](#)

We hope to see you there, and help to celebrate Giant's Causeway's 40th anniversary as a WHS, along with the other six Sites that were the first wave of UK Sites to be inscribed back in November 1986.

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Job opportunity - Project Manager at Orkney WHS

Starting salary: £43,227

Contract type and employer: Fixed term for 2 years, with Historic Environment Scotland

Grade: 4

Location: Orkney Hub, Kirkwall

Working Hours: Monday – Friday 35 hours per week

The primary focus of the role is to lead the Visitor Experience project within the [Orkney World Heritage Site](#) programme, with particular focus on the visitor strategy and development workstream which includes the creation of a new Orientation Centre for the World Heritage Site near Stenness, and improvements at Skara Brae.

complex projects with multiple stakeholders. They should be able to work independently, building relationships across the organisation and with partners to ensure smooth development of the Visitor Experience project which ultimately reflects the needs of programme partners and stakeholders.

A strategic approach will be required, understanding the varied perspectives of partner experts and stakeholders in areas as diverse as visitor experience, monument conservation, operations and heritage policy.

As the project develops you will lead the tender process for the professional team required to take plans to RIBA Stage 3, the requirement for OBC. This will include ensuring that the governance in the partner organisations is adhered to. Experience of working with professional teams and developing heritage projects would therefore be an advantage. The OBC and FBC are to be developed in accordance with the HM Treasury's Book Process ensuring that a robust appraisal of options and value for money are key in making strategic investment decisions. Knowledge and experience of the Green Book would be an advantage.

You will manage the production of impact assessments required to inform the project development process, tendering and appointing consultants as required. Ongoing community consultation will also be required as part of the wider programme team.

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

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