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World Heritage Webinars - Overseas Territories

WHUK's current series on World Heritage Sites welcomes speakers from two of the UK's overseas territories.

Next up on Tuesday 14 July, will be **Gorham's Cave Complex WHS in Gibraltar**. Our speakers will be Prof Clive and Dr Geraldine Finlayson from the National Museum Gibraltar. As well as insights into the WHS' Outstanding Universal Value, we'll also hear about celebrations for Gorham's 10th anniversary since inscription.

Tickets are £5 pp and can be booked by clicking on the following: [Gibraltar](#)

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.



2026 Annual Conference - programme now live

This year's WHUK Annual Conference is on **Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 October**. The conference will be held in 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, Queen's 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.

Conference tickets are now available. Prices reflect the additional financial 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.



Industrial Heritage Trail Map

In the UK there are a number of opportunities to explore the country's **industrial heritage** at UNESCO designations. These globally special places are recognised for their unique contributions to humanity and nature.

In the UK these designations include 14 World Heritage Sites, one Tentative World Heritage Site, three Creative Cities, one Learning City, and three Global GeoParks.

A map has been created that highlights where these places are, and how to visit them using public and sustainable transport.

Click [here](#) to download a copy of the map.

This map was produced as part of the UK National Commission for UNESCO's 'Local to Global' programme, which is funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund – thanks to National Lottery players.

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