

Heritage Link Update 130

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No further diversion of Lottery funds

The campaign by Heritage Link, Voluntary Arts Network, CCPR (the Central Council of Physical Recreation) the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO), secured a firm commitment from Government that it would make no further raids on the National Lottery to fund the 2012 Olympic Games.

In a debate in the House of Commons on 15th January, ministers were seeking a further £675m from the lottery in addition to the £110m in the original budget to bolster the £9.3bn project. Although the Government won the vote, the voluntary sector coalition was encouraged that this first instance of joint campaigning has helped to secure several key concessions from ministers, a point acknowledged by the Secretary of State early on in his speech.

The then Secretary of State James Purnell pledged that: 'there will be no further diversion from lottery good causes to fund the Olympics', even if the Olympic budget increases again.

He also promised that the £750m to be raised from Olympic-specific lottery games will be capped. Olympic lottery takings will raise £750m to pay for the Games but there have been concerns that the high rate of 'cannibalisation' (the rate of people who choose to play these games rather than games which fund the other good causes) will reduce the good cause lottery pot. Olympic lottery games sales have also been higher than previously estimated leading to concerns that the Government would

continue to sell Olympic lottery tickets even after the £750m target had been reached. James Purnell used the debate to confirm that the amount to be raised by these games will be capped at £750m.

Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell MP agreed to provide more regular and more detailed financial briefings to Parliament and to opposition spokespeople. This will improve scrutiny of the project's budget and ensure that the money which has been diverted away from good causes is spent as effectively as possible.

Heritage Link's third concern - just how and when the funds might be repaid from the sale of Olympic sites after the Games - was also addressed. Estimates vary from between £800m and £3bn but it may be 10 or 20 years before it is realised. Heritage Link with its counterparts supports the London Olympics but will continue to explore measures to mitigate the impact of the diversion of Lottery funds on their members.

For the full Hansard text see

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmhansrd/cm080115/debtext/80115-0006.htm#080115102000001> Since both houses of parliament must agree before the transfer can take place, a debate in the House of Lords will follow on 30th January. [Back](#)

Gross profits tax on the Lottery to be considered

James Purnell used the debate to announce that he was asking the Treasury to examine the case for a gross profits tax. The Lottery operator, Camelot, contends that shifting tax on the lottery from pre-payment of prizes to post-payment of prizes will generate an extra £45m per annum for good causes up to 2018/19, without denting the Treasury's take.

However Shadow Culture Minister Jeremy Hunt pointed out that the numbers were based on items in the Camelot bid document. 'The minister will know that they are very speculative. They depend on the Treasury's agreeing to move to a gross profits tax, which he said has not been confirmed - he is simply prepared to consider it again.'

Don Foster, the Liberal Democrat spokesman on culture, media and sport, added that although the Treasury had been 'initially very sceptical' about gross profits tax, he was pleased to see the department had now 'become agnostic about it'.

Foster quoted figures from auditors PricewaterhouseCoopers showing that a change to gross profits tax would raise £400m for lottery good causes by 2019. He also said that the review should be implemented as quickly as possible to maximise extra funds for the taxpayer and for lottery good causes. Heritage Link will be in touch with Don Foster on this issue. [Back](#)

No heritage protection review for Scotland

The Scottish Government has rejected moves for a review of heritage protection legislation on the English model. In 2006 after wide consultation Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (HEACS), established to give independent strategic advice to Government, recommended a review of heritage legislation. But the current Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture Linda Fabiani has ruled out any major review 'After careful consideration, I have come to the view that the present system does not have sufficient problems to warrant major legislative reform. Of course, there are various legislative changes that might merit consideration; and I may well choose to address these as policy develops and legislative opportunities arise. However, I will not be promoting major legislative reform on the English model. It strikes me that it would be more efficient and effective to invest our resources in improving the workings of the current system.'

HEACS Chair, Liz Burns was disappointed. 'Nonetheless, we welcome the Minister's intention to consider ongoing legislative changes as opportunities arise and hope that there will be a vigorous and proactive approach to taking this forward in the months ahead. There was strong support from the sector for HEACS view that the status quo is no longer an option, so a process which leads to change is necessary'.

The Minister has also responded to the HEACS report on the role of local authorities in conserving the historic environment. The intended direction is to develop outcome agreements with local authorities in accordance with the Government's new concordat with CoSLA (Convention of Scottish Local

Authorities). It is hoped that this approach will develop a high and uniform standard of care for the historic environment in all local authority areas.

The Minister's response to both reports is given in the same letter which can be found at <http://www.heacs.org.uk/documents/2008/minresp1.pdf> The Minister has also responded to the HEACS report on Properties in Care where the criteria to assess whether a property should be taken into care have been adopted and are being built into Historic Scotland's policy for acquisition. This letter can be found at <http://www.heacs.org.uk/documents/2008/minresp2.pdf> She has now responded to three of the four reports that HEACS submitted to her predecessor in 2006. A response to the report on skills and materials is still awaited. [Back](#)

PPS12 - Streamlining Local Development Frameworks: CLG Consultation to 19th February

The Government published a Planning White Paper on 21st May 2007, which made a number of general proposals to streamline plan production. This consultation paper includes a draft amendment to the Local Development Regulations and a draft replacement for Planning Policy Statement 12.

The main areas of proposed change to regulations concerning consultation arrangements, revisions to the procedure of plan making, final representations on the plan before it is submitted to the independent Inspector; and changing the way Supplementary Planning Documents are produced.

Changes to PPS12 include emphasising the key role the Core Strategy plays; emphasising the need for making progress with LDFs; giving Local Authorities more flexibility to produce only the plans that are needed; and repackaging the tests of soundness to give greater clarity whilst not altering the basis for examination of plans.

For further information and how to respond see

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/streamliningldfs> [Back](#)

Corrections: PPS1 supplement on climate change

Further to the notice in Update129, the consultation relating to this supplement on climate change ended in March 2007 and what has just been published by CLG is the final planning statement, not a consultation. [Back](#)

PQ in Lords: Government Historic Estates Unit to review guidance

On 15th January, Lord Howarth of Newport asked a question in the House of Lords on government action 'to conserve and find appropriate contemporary uses for historic buildings in the public sector that become redundant'.

Lord Howarth also pointed out that the number of redundant buildings in public hands that had been allowed to deteriorate indicated that current Government guidance needed strengthening, and that the Government Historic Estates Unit might need stronger enforcement powers.

Lord Bassam speaking on behalf of the Government confirmed that 'the Government Historic Estates Unit is undertaking consultation on that review'. He also agreed that government should work 'much more with local authorities to ensure that they get a satisfactory community outcome for buildings that could have a great future'.

For the interchange see Hansard

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld200708/ldhansrd/text/80115-0001.htm> [Back](#)

PAC: Government's record on sustainable construction and refurbishment

Each year government departments and agencies spend in the region of £3 billion on new buildings and major refurbishments. The government has set estate-wide sustainability standards for the construction and refurbishment of its buildings. But the Public Accounts committee's latest report *Building for the future- Sustainable construction and refurbishment* on the government estate shows that much remains to be done across government to meet these standards. Mandatory environmental assessments were carried out in only 35% of new builds and 18% of major refurbishment projects in 2005-06, and only 9% of projects could be shown to meet the required environmental standards.

Several initiatives to encourage the take-up of sustainable options and change the perception of conflict between sustainability and budgetary constraints. Guidance on whole life costing has already been

clarified, emphasising that wider benefits form part of that assessment. The development of cross-departmental common contracts, such as the recent 'green tariff' contract for energy, offers new opportunities to departments to obtain environmental benefits. There are also plans to improve the Gateway process to take full account of environmental objectives at an earlier stage. The Property Benchmarking Programme, which will collect estate-wide information, is also expected to assist in future performance monitoring.

The full report can be found at

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200708/cmselect/cmpubacc/174/17402.htm> [Back](#)

Pontcysyllte aqueduct and canal put forward for WHS status

The Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and Canal, the tallest and longest navigable aqueduct in the world, and among the most renowned and spectacular engineering achievements has been put forward by Culture Secretary James Purnell as the UK's latest nomination for World Heritage Site status. Still one of the busiest stretches of canal in the UK with some 15,000 boat crossings every year, the aqueduct was built between 1795-1808 by civil engineers Thomas Telford and William Jessop.

If successful, the 200 year old Aqueduct and Canal will join the other 27 UK World Heritage Sites including Stonehenge, the Giant's Causeway, and the old and new towns of Edinburgh. UNESCO will examine the proposal and make a final decision next year.

Most state parties to the World Heritage Convention, including the UK, are allowed to submit one nomination per annum for World Heritage Site status. The Tentative List from which nominations are drawn will be renewed in 2008 as part of the wider review of UK World Heritage Policy. [Back](#)

Citizenship Survey 2008: drop in volunteering and perceptions of local influence

This, the biggest annual survey of its kind is one of the key tools the Government uses to measure the effect of its policies relating in particular to promoting active and empowered communities, community cohesion; racial prejudice and discrimination.

This statistical release covering April to September 2007 gives the latest figures on volunteering and civic participation. It reports that 73% of all adults had volunteered, formally or informally (defined as giving unpaid help as an individual to people who are not relatives)) at least once in the last 12 months, with 48% having volunteered at least once a month. Although overall levels of volunteering have not changed since 2001, levels are lower than in 2005. Formal volunteering has risen over this period, whilst informal volunteering has declined. Forty-one per cent of people from groups at risk of social exclusion participated in voluntary activities at least once a month.

Thirty nine per cent of people engaged in civic participation at least once in the past year, and 3% engaged in civic participation at least once a month. Civic participation is defined as contacting a local councillor or MP; contacting a Local Authority or Central Government official ; attending a public meeting; taking part in a public demonstration; or signing a petition so does not include the thousands of hours spent by heritage groups for the benefit of the local environment and local community.

More relevant however are the findings that measure public involvement and civil renewal. Thirty eight per cent of people in England agreed that they could influence decisions in their local area and one fifth (20%) felt they could influence decisions affecting Great Britain. But remarkably and despite Government focus on community engagement, these proportions remain unchanged since 2005 and 2003, and in fact have fallen since 2001 when the figures were 44% and 25% respectively. [Back](#)

Homes and Community Agency to take on Pathfinders and ASC

The Government has set out more details of the work of the Housing and Community Agency (HCA) which will play a key role in delivering the 3m new homes by 2020 pledged by the Prime Minister.

The new Agency will bring together responsibility for land and for money to deliver new housing, community facilities and new infrastructure. The HCA will also work with local councils on some of England's 10 new eco towns. It will have responsibility for regeneration programmes from English Partnerships including the National Coalfields Programme, for the provision of new affordable housing funded by social housing grant from the Housing Corporation as well as operational responsibility for the delivery of major housing and regeneration projects such as the areas of major housing growth, the

Thames Gateway regeneration project, and the Housing Market Renewal Pathfinders. The Government will retain responsibility for strategic and cross-Whitehall issues on these projects.

Among a range of housing activities, the new Agency will also take on responsibility for the National Land-Use Database of Previously Developed Land and the Academy for Sustainable Communities. It is expected to start work in April next year. For more detail on functions see <http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/635075> [Back](#)

Heritage Link and Civic Trust networking event: Norwich, 6th March

Heritage Link is holding an event in Norwich for the East of England, in partnership with the East of England Association of Civic Trust Societies, on 6th March. All are invited to these increasingly popular regional gatherings of the heritage sector - Voluntary Societies, Heritage Agencies, Regional Bodies, Local and Central Government, Elected Members, Professional Practices, Academics, Funding Bodies - everyone with an interest in heritage.

The event will begin with a networking lunch, after which the audience will hear from Anthea Case, Chairman of Heritage Link; Richard Ellis, Chairman of the East of England Development Agency (EEDA); John Egan, Regional Chairman of the East of England Association of Civic Trust Societies; and Michael Loveday, Chief Executive Officer of Norwich Heritage Economic Regeneration Trust. Invitations will shortly be downloadable from www.heritagelink.org.uk and sent to members by email in the next few days; if you are interested in attending, or are able to circulate invitations widely to colleagues in the region contact kathryn.schofield@heritagelink.org.uk [Back](#)

Embracing Difference: Heritage Link's 5th Diversity seminar

The fifth and final Heritage Link Embracing Difference event of Heritage Link's Diversity Programme will take place in London on Wednesday March 19th at Roots and Shoots, Lambeth. These events are designed for voluntary heritage sector groups including local history groups, civic societies, historic houses and buildings, small museums, archaeology groups, together with representatives of community groups, who are interested in putting forward ideas and proposals for realistic and fundable projects that reach out to and engage new and diverse groups in their heritage.

As the growing numbers of participants from around the country testify, these are very interactive events, with practical activities, networking opportunities, and inspirational guest speakers. The first four Embracing Difference workshop events in Birmingham, Hartlepool, Leicester and Bath have had fantastic success in helping people gain confidence in putting together their own diversity project proposals.

'It was great to work in small groups with plenty of time for practical work, and inspirational speakers' said a delegate at the Bath event. 'I particularly valued exploring ways to involve diverse communities using new technology' - feedback from the Chair of a local history group.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided. Places are limited so to express interest contact Angela Dove, Heritage Link Diversity Programme Co-ordinator at angela.dove@heritagelink.org.uk or phone 07799 898150. The Diversity Programme www.heritagelink.org.uk/diversity is supported by English Heritage. Travel bursaries may be available to encourage those organisations which would otherwise find participation difficult. There is no charge for this event. [Back](#)

Acevo to expand in the regions

The Big Lottery fund has awarded £500,000 to the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organisations (acevo) over three years, for investment in key support and development activities for regional third sector organisations. Acevo is already expanding regionally, with acevo north, the network for third sector organisations in the North of England, established earlier this year.

This funding means that acevo north, and other third sector leaders working regionally, will benefit from substantial investment in training and support. Acevo bursaries will be available for those wishing to participate in acevo's leadership development programmes. Opportunities for engagement with key political stakeholders will also be provided.

Stephen Bubb, acevo CEO said 'Regional activity is a key priority for third sector leaders outside of London and acevo will focus training and advice on priority issues for the sector including; governance,

procurement, performance management and engagement with stakeholders'. See news page via www.acevo.org.uk [Back](#)

The Third Sector and the new local government Performance Framework

CLG have published a range of documents setting out the implications of the new performance framework as part of the provision of the new Local Government Act 2007, including this one for the Third Sector. It explains what the new Framework is, why it matters to the Third Sector and a timetable for action over the next 18 months. www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/thirdsector

There are also documents on topics such as community cohesion, Health and Well-being, Climate Change and Children and Young People. To see the full list of documents go to www.communities.gov.uk/localgovernment/publications/strategies-and-plans/ [Back](#)

CABE supports Architecture and the Built Environment Centres (ABECs)

Twenty-one architecture and the built environment centres from around the country will receive funding from the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) over the next two years. The funds will help them deliver inspiring projects that encourage communities to get actively involved in the changes occurring in the built environment around them.

The activities of the architecture centres are specially geared to their regions and reflect local issues such as housing market renewal, sustainability and school design. CABE's regional funding programme has made awards since 2002 to help support and strengthen architecture and built environment centres. There will be public debates, support for local councillors, roadshow design projects, and opportunities for pupils, teachers and the wider community to have their say about the schools being built or refurbished under the government's *Building Schools for the Future* programme.

For more information visit <http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2230> [Back](#)

Heritage organisations urged to sign up to out of Classroom manifesto

Organisations across the heritage sector are being urged to make a New Year's resolution for 2008 by signing up to the Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto and pledging to offer their venue as a learning opportunity to children and young people in the coming year.

The Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto (LOtC) is a partnership of hundreds of organisations including English Heritage, Imperial War Museum and Coventry Transport Museum who have pledged support to offer young people high quality and inspirational real-world experiences that take place outside the classroom

LOtC gives young people the opportunity to learn in different environments - breaking out of the traditional four classroom walls to learn in a range of interesting and inspiring locations including museums, historic house, theatres, field study and outdoor education centres and places of worship. Research shows that quality learning experiences in these 'real-life' situations have the capacity to raise achievement across a range of subjects and to develop better personal and social skills.

Since its launch in November 2006 more than 800 schools, local authorities and organisations across the UK - including Heritage Link - have signed the Manifesto. Two hundred have already made pledges detailing the kinds of learning opportunities they will pursue outside the classroom in the months to come.

The heritage sector commitment is being led by Dr John Stevenson, GEM Director, who is co-ordinating activity across the sector and encouraging more organisations to get involved. Fenella Hunt, Heritage Partnership coordinator said: 'We are calling on organisations across the heritage sector to get involved as it can make a real difference to the lives of young people. Museums, historic houses, libraries - these are amazing places to learn and have the ability to really inspire and motivate. Whatever you are learning, there are few better ways of really understanding something than seeing and experiencing it first hand.'

Further information can be found at www.teachernet.gov.uk/teachingandlearning/resourcematerials/outsideclassroom/ [Back](#)

New centre for third sector research: proposals sought

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), in funding partnership with the Office of the Third Sector (OTS) and The Barrow Cadbury Trust, wish to commission an independent, multidisciplinary Research Centre for the Third Sector. The Centre will develop knowledge and expertise about, with and for the Third Sector, to include the Voluntary and Community Sector and Social Enterprise, bringing together a critical mass of research expertise, resources and intellectual leadership to support research of the highest international standing, to provide top quality analysis and provide the necessary evidence base to better understand key Third Sector issues and underpin policy and practice.

The initiative will support a single Research Centre, although where the necessary range of capabilities cannot be drawn from the departments or schools of a single institution, formal partnerships between institutions are appropriate. A total of £10.25million is currently available for the initiative as a whole. Under this call, proposals are invited for the Research Centre (up to £9million at 100% FEC over five years) and each Capacity Building Cluster (up to £1million over five years). The deadline for receipt of applications is 4.00pm on 27th March.

Full specification for the call can be found at

http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/Third_Sector_Centre.aspx?ComponentId=25072&SourcePageId=25233 [Back](#)

Massive support for public libraries but building not fit for purpose

The definitive annual library statistics, published by CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) paint a picture of changing trends in public library usage. With nearly 300 million visits to England's public libraries last year alone, over 10 million new books added to the stock, increased spending, and more outlets, many of the myths surrounding the country's public libraries are buried by statistics published today.

The MLA Partnership, Government's agency for museums, galleries, libraries and archives said the figures highlighted the massive popularity of public libraries and their success in adapting to change in many places. However it also emphasised that what the figures didn't show was the nature of the building stock and the fact that many library buildings were not built with the needs of modern users in mind.

Electronic data are available for download and purchase from www.cipfastats.net

For MLA's comment see http://www.mla.gov.uk/website/news/press_releases/cipfa_stats [Back](#)

Regeneration schemes top London Planning Awards

The London Planning Awards, on 16th January at City Hall, saw both Brent Cross Cricklewood and Kings Cross Central schemes win awards for their part in contributing to the regeneration of run-down quarters of the capital. Unlike last year's winners, which included the iconic Arsenal Emirates Stadium, this year's focus centred on schemes emphasising regeneration and affordable housing.

The overall Mayor's Award for Excellence in Planning was presented to the Kings Cross Central development, submitted by Argent (King's Cross) Ltd. It was praised for creating a new gateway to the capital, providing nearly 2000 new homes, along with offices, shops and leisure and medical facilities. Ken Livingstone, Mayor of London, said 'The winner of my personal award is a project which will transform an area that has suffered for years from uncertainty, blight and decay. Rapid change is now afoot at Kings Cross, and last year saw the first concrete manifestation of this with the opening of the stunning new St Pancras International terminus alongside a new and dramatically improved Thameslink station. The scale of the proposals for Kings Cross is huge, with 50 new buildings, 20 new squares and 20 new streets, all designed to unify an area that has been disjointed for 150 years by the mass of railway lines, yards and warehouses. I very much look forward to the continued transformation of Kings Cross, and to its becoming a vibrant and thriving destination for Londoners and visitors for generations to come.'

For the London Planning Awards list of winners in full go to

<http://www.epolitix.com/EN/Forums/London+First/PressReleases/200801/09bf8067-15a9-42dc-b3c0-320215c9f44c.htm> [Back](#)

World Monuments Fund Jewish Heritage Program: applications by 15th February

Since 1988, the World Monuments Fund (WMF) has supported the conservation of historic synagogues and advocated for the protection of Jewish heritage sites around the world. In addition to individual projects, WMF has sponsored exhibitions and professional symposia related to Jewish cultural heritage preservation.

Each year, WMF will support projects through small grants (approx. \$25,000 each) for initial conservation planning, and/or emergency repairs to sites that face urgent risk, serving as start-up funds for more substantial projects in the future; and through larger awards (\$50,000 - \$100,000 each) for implementation projects that will substantially improve conditions of a site. The JHP supports conservation and technical assistance for Jewish sites that are architecturally and/or historically significant, with a focus on historic synagogues. The program does not support the conservation of cemeteries or sites in the United States, and funding cannot be provided to sites that are privately owned.

Applications must be received by WMF in New York by 15th February. For further details see jhp@wmf.org [Back](#)

PEOPLE

Andy Burnham to be new Secretary of State for culture

Following Peter Hain's resignation, James Purnell after just seven months as Culture Secretary moves to the Department for Work and Pensions. Mr Purnell's in his speech at the launch of Heritage Counts in October and on subsequent occasions encouraged the sector that here was a Secretary with an interest and grasp of heritage issues so his departure will be lamented.

New Culture Secretary, Andy Burnham, formerly chief secretary to the Treasury, entered parliament in 2001 as MP for Leigh in Greater Manchester. He had worked as a special adviser to the former culture secretary Chris Smith and after becoming an MP as a researcher for Smith's successor, Tessa Jowell. A strong football supporter, he is quoted as saying he had moved into his 'dream job'. [Back](#)

SAVE Secretary moves to Edinburgh WHS

Edinburgh World Heritage announces the appointment of its new director, Adam Wilkinson. Adam will join EWH in April from the campaigning organisation SAVE Britain's Heritage, where he has been Secretary for the past seven years.

Professor Charles McKean, chairman of Edinburgh World Heritage said: 'I am really pleased that Adam is to direct Edinburgh World Heritage. His experience, energy and drive have been demonstrated at SAVE - not least through his involvement with the saving of Dumfries House. He will greatly add to and complement the existing skills of the EWH team. It will be an enormous boost to the organisation and to Edinburgh as a whole, and I greatly look forward to working with him.'

John Graham, Chief Executive of Historic Scotland, welcomed the appointment 'Adam Wilkinson has a strong background in heritage and I look forward to working with him to protect and promote the World Heritage Site.' [Back](#)

Campaign to Protect Rural England: Chair and Treasurer

Vacancies are arising on the CPRE's newly reformed Board of Trustees. Experience of senior leadership, appreciation of the opportunities of working with a variety of partners and funders and the ability to network are essential qualities.

The Chair will be an excellent leader and understand the needs of an organisation with both a local and national dimension. The Treasurer will monitor all aspects of the organisation's finances and work with the board on CPRE's development. Full details of each role at www.cpre.org.uk/about/jobs Apply by 22nd February. [Back](#)

EVENTS

Scotland's Castle Culture: National Conference 2008, 25th - 26th April

The Architectural Heritage Society of Scotland, in collaboration with the Scottish Centre for Conservation Studies, present a multi-disciplinary event for all with an interest in Scottish castles. This conference will examine the history and biography of the Scottish castle, from its arrival in the medieval period and

subsequent rejection as an elite residence, to its rediscovery and status as the emblematic building type of Scotland.

Tickets £38 for non-AHSS members and £20 for full time students, or £20 for a single day. To be guaranteed a place, please book tickets soon via 0131 557 0019 or nationaloffice@ahss.org.uk [Back](#)

Victoria County History: 75 Years

The Victoria County History is running a special series of local history seminars to celebrate 75 years based at the Institute of Historical Research, University of London. The seminars are free and will be held in the Wolfson Room, Institute of Historical Research, beginning 5.15pm

Tuesday 5th February: Historic village investigation at the dawn of the 21st century - new opportunities, new directions, new knowledge. Speaker: Dr Carenza Lewis.

Tuesday 19th February: *Medieval villages: new approaches*. Speaker: Professor Chris Dyer

Tuesday 4th March: Regional landscapes and regional societies: the environmental dimension. Speaker: Professor Tom Williamson

For further information visit www.victoriacountyhistory.ac.uk [Back](#)

World Heritage: Science and Technology Workshop

A three-day international workshop, designed to develop guidelines to identify future World Heritage Sites was hosted in London earlier this week by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the UK National Commission for UNESCO on behalf of the World Heritage Committee. It was organised at the UK's suggestion during the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee, held last July, following the decision to withdraw the UK's nomination of Darwin House as a World Heritage Site.

The workshop brings together experts from 15 countries focussed on four areas: astronomy, physical sciences, biological sciences and engineering and technology. The delegates discussed ways to create a scientific framework, to help identify and recognise sites which represent the heritage of science and technology that could potentially become World Heritage Sites. The conclusions of the expert meeting will be presented to the World Heritage Committee for consideration at its next meeting this July in Quebec, Canada.

The programme for the workshop can be found on the UK National Commission for UNESCO website at http://www.unesco.org.uk/Science_Heritage_Meeting.htm [Back](#)

ICOMOS General Assembly and International Scientific Symposium Call for papers

The 16th ICOMOS General Assembly and International Scientific Symposium will be held in Quebec, Canada, from 29th September to 4th October 2008. A call for papers is now out inviting submissions on the theme *Finding the Spirit of Place* subdivided into 4 sub-themes: *Re-thinking the Spirit of Place*; *The Threats to the Spirit of Place*; *Safeguarding the Spirit of Place*; and *Transmitting the Spirit of Place*.

The deadline for submission of papers is 15th February. Further details at <http://quebec2008.icomos.org> [Back](#)

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We expect all organisations whose posts are advertised below to offer equal opportunity to all and to welcome applications from all sections of the community.

The National Trust for Scotland: St Kilda World Heritage Site Management Planner

St Kilda is inscribed on the World Heritage Site for both its cultural and natural heritage. This post will be responsible for reviewing the current management plan and delivering a new management plan for the World Heritage Site. The role will identify best practice and work with specialists within the Trust, together with key stakeholders and communities.

Fixed term post for 18 months, based Edinburgh. Salary: £24 314. Further details from joinus@nts.org.uk or telephone 0131 243 9417. Closing date 10am, 18th February. Interviews in Edinburgh on 18th March.

Irish Heritage Trust: Property Manager, Cork

This Trust, established in 2006, has acquired its first property, Fota House, Arboretum and Gardens. The Trustees seek to recruit a property manager to deliver a long-term plan to realise Fota's potential as a sustainable, popular and profitable heritage attraction. The post holder will be accountable for the effective operation and development of the property, leading a team of staff and volunteers. Applicants should have a heritage management qualification or equivalent experience at a heritage or visitor attraction and will be expected to live within easy reach of Fota.

Full description and application details from www.irishheritagetrust.ie (Job Opportunities page). Closing date 18th February, 3pm.

SPAB: Administrator/Receptionist

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) needs an administrator/receptionist to undertake a wide range of office duties. Visit www.spab.org.uk for information.

Salary: £18,000. Details and application form, which must be completed, from: SPAB, 37 Spital Square, London E1 6DY, info@spab.org.uk Closing date: 31st January.

Career opportunities in heritage and nature conservation:

LEMUR/ HLF Training Bursary Placements 2008

Full-time posts (9 months). These training placements, supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund, will begin on April 14th 2008. Among the placements available are - in Devon - Coastal Heritage Trainee, Torbay Coast and Countryside Trust; Marine Heritage Education Trainee, Living Coasts; Marine Heritage Trainee, Sharpham Outdoors Trust; Marine Heritage Environmental Education Trainee, Marine Biological Association; and in Sheffield: Woodland Heritage Skills Trainee, Sheffield City Council/The Working Woodlands Trust; Heritage Education Trainee, Sheffield Wildlife Trust/The Green Estate Company; Heritage Conservation Skills Trainee; and Heritage Biodiversity Skills Trainee, Sheffield Wildlife Trust.

Childcare allowances are available. For all details see <http://www.projectlemur.org/about.html>
Applications by 29th January.

English Heritage Professional Placements in Conservation (EPPIC): seven posts

Seven professional work placements (fixed term for 12 months) are available under the English Heritage EPPIC scheme. Placements are provided and supervised by English Heritage and administered by the IFA.

Opportunities are available in Archaeological Investigation x1, based in York; Aerial Survey and Investigation x 1 based in York or Swindon (funded by HLF); Human Osteoarchaeology and Stratigraphic Analysis x1 based at Fort Cumberland, Portsmouth; Architectural Investigation x2, based in York and London; Survey of London Architectural Historian x1, based in London; Coastal and Marine Archaeological Investigation x1, based in Salisbury. Applicants should ideally have a relevant degree (or equivalent experience) with 6-18 months post-graduate work experience in UK historic environment practice. English Heritage and the Institute of Field Archaeologists value diversity and seek to enhance diversity within the historic environment professions.

Salary £15,354. Start date for all posts: 7th April. Closing date 9am, 8th February. Interviews 18th February to 4th March. For further details and application information, visit www.archaeologists.net and follow the link to the IFA News page. Direct any queries to admin@archaeologists.net

Tees Valley Arts: Heritage Officer, 2 year post

Tees Valley Arts (www.teesvalleyarts.org.uk) is an agency for Arts Development and Cultural Education based in Middlesbrough and serving the North East. The post holder will travel within the region to develop partnerships that will result in high quality innovative projects that add value to the education, community outreach and tourism profile for the region's natural, built and industrial heritage.

Salary: £21,412-£22,845. Contact Anne Marie Wilson for details and an application pack: annemariwilson@teesvalleyarts.org.uk, tel 01642 264651. Closing date 8th February.

Museum of Garden History: PA to the Director

This is an exciting opportunity to join a new team of staff transforming this central London Museum. Applicants will have an enthusiasm for Museums or gardens and experience of fund-raising or development.

Salary: £26,000 pro rata, 4/5 days per week. For a job description and how to apply see www.museumgardenhistory.org/whoswho or email heather@museumgardenhistory.org Closing date: 28th January 2008

York Minster: Two Posts

1. Operations and Visitor Services, c. £32,000 pa
2. Marketing and Events Manager, c. £35,000 pa

Applicants for the first post must have experience of operations within a charitable or tourism based organisation at a senior level. For the second position experience of marketing and communications at a senior level is sought, to include development of web based communications in line with plans for the Minster's strategy. Applicants should be ready to take on a managerial role in a complex, multidimensional organisation.

Please request application materials from jobs@yorkminster.org Closing dates 15th February.

The National Trust: Gardens and Parks Adviser (North and West)

Based at Attingham Park, the post requires extensive travel throughout Wales and the North and West of England to provide advice on management, maintenance and conservation of parks and gardens, working with property and other staff to deliver high standards of conservation balanced with access.

The focus of this post is horticulture, advising on technical and practical standards, plant collections, planting appropriate to historic periods, conservation planning and research. Applications should show extensive practical experience of managing historic gardens as a Head Gardener and a relevant higher horticultural qualification. A knowledge of, or qualification in, the history of gardens and parks and their conservation would be beneficial.

Salary: £34,722 - £39,062 pa. Full details at www.ntjobs.org.uk or email recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk quoting reference CT0911. Closing date: 28th January.

The Jewish Museum, London: Education Officer, part time

The Education Officer will work within a team to develop the Museum's education and learning programme for primary and secondary schools, as well as informal activities and some work with adult groups. He/ She will have particular responsibility for Holocaust education and will contribute to programmes relating to Judaism and Jewish History. Applicants should have excellent teaching and communication skills together with a good understanding of the Holocaust and of Jewish history and religion.

Salary: £22,000-£25,000 pro rata (16-24 hrs/ wk). Contact 020 8371 7373 or email admin@jewishmuseum.org.uk for details. Closing date 4th February.

Heritage Lottery Fund: Development Officers, London Office

Two posts available, one in the London team and one for South East of England. A key aspect of both roles is to stimulate and support good quality applications from areas of low uptake and under-represented groups. The officers will also support the planning, implementation and evaluation of HLF's outreach strategies and promote the HLF's work within each respective region.

Salary: £23,298 - £26,280. For full details and to apply online, visit <http://www.hlf.org.uk> or telephone 020 7649 6037 for an application pack (minicom users 020 7406 5790). Closing date 30th January with interviews on 13th/ 14th February.

Heritage Lottery Fund: Policy Advisers - Participation and Learning

Two posts are available in the London office to develop policy and practice in participation and learning. A demonstrable record of achievement and experience in developing policy and/or strategy is sought in at least one of the following fields, in a cultural context: audience development, cultural diversity, inclusion, volunteering and heritage skills. Dynamic self-starters with excellent communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively to achieve agreed goals should apply.

Salary: £28,908 - £38,380. Apply on line through www.hlf.org.uk or telephone 020 7649 6037 for an application pack (minicom users 020 7406 5790). Closing date 6th February with interviews 18th/ 19th February.

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