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Heritage Link Chairman to lead on Engaging Places

Heritage Link's Chairman, Anthea Case, has been appointed by the Minister for Culture to chair the National Partnerships and Strategy Board for the Engaging Places project. Also a Commissioner for CABE, Anthea's appointment confirms the Government's education initiative will have a strong focus on the historic environment. It also recognises Heritage Link's long standing support to the project. Don Henson, leader of Heritage Link's Education Task Group is Chairman of the Yorkshire and Humberside Advisory Panel.

The establishment of the Board as a national partnership of heritage and education organisations is a major step forward for Engaging Places. Over the next 3 years it will develop a network for schools and educators providing local support and resources. From September 2008 schools will be able to access an online resource to help them teach children and young people why buildings and places matter.

Linking with the *Find Your Talent* programme, which is trialling different ways of offering children and young people a range of high quality cultural experiences for five hours a week, in and out of school; Engaging Places builds on research with schools and is designed to offer teachers practical, curriculum linked ways to unlock the educational potential of the built environment. Culture Minister Margaret Hodge welcomed the appointment and commented 'Every single one of us encounters the built environment every day as we walk to the shops or travel to work or school. It is important that we begin to see buildings or public spaces not just as concrete or bricks and mortar but as the key to unlocking a community's history or identity.'

For further information on Engaging Places see <http://www.culture.gov.uk/> [Back](#)

Draft Legislative Programme: Government consultation, deadline 6 August

The Heritage Protection Bill is included in the Draft Legislative programme *Preparing Britain for the Future* set out by the Prime Minister on 14 May. This is only the second time the Government has set out its legislation proposals for public comment and consultation before the final programme is published in the Queen's Speech towards the end of the year. Comments are invited on the draft legislative programme as a whole, and also on specific policy issues and individual bills.

During the consultation period the Leader of the House of Commons and other Cabinet Ministers will be taking part in interactive online question and answer sessions (web chats). Details of these will be published on the website. A summary leaflet is also available on the website, or in paper copy on request. Copies of the leaflet will also be available in public libraries.

Comments can be sent by post or responses can be made online at www.commonleader.gov.uk/draftprogramme [Back](#)

Draft Heritage Protection Bill and Cultural Property Bill rolled into one

The Heritage Protection Bill is included in the Draft Legislative programme although the Prime Minister didn't mention heritage in his statement and there is no formal guarantee that it will be introduced during the next parliamentary session. Publication in draft does however indicate the Government's intention to legislate in a particular area as soon as time allows.

The Heritage Protection Bill and the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill have been published separately in draft for pre-legislative scrutiny but will appear as one Bill.

The full programme can be found at <http://www.official-documents.gov.uk/document/cm73/7372/7372.pdf> [Back](#)

Heritage Protection Bill

The main elements of the Bill set out on p37 of *Preparing Britain for the Future: Reform of the heritage protection system in England and Wales* includes:

- replacing the separate listing, scheduling and registering arrangements with a single system for national registration of terrestrial heritage assets;
- streamlining the associated consent processes with a new heritage asset consent replacing listed building consent and scheduled monument consent and merging conservation area consent with planning permission;
- transferring responsibility for registering land-based heritage assets in England from the Government to English Heritage;
- creating a new statutory framework enabling voluntary management arrangements for owners of complex historic sites;
- placing local authorities under a duty to maintain or have access to an Historic Environment Record;
- broadening the range of marine historic assets that can be protected, bringing greater flexibility to the marine heritage licensing system, introducing a statutory duty on the Receiver of Wreck to pass on information on marine historic assets to heritage bodies;
- repealing the requirement for the Government to use parts of Osborne House for the benefit of members of the armed forces and civil service, giving English Heritage greater flexibility in managing the House and grounds and repealing the requirement for the Government to approve new statues in the Greater London area.

The main benefits of the bill are given as: a more open, accountable and transparent heritage protection system, providing more opportunities for public involvement and community engagement in understanding, preserving and managing our heritage; informed stewardship of the historic environment at local level with publicly available records of the historic environment and a single online national Heritage Register; reduction of bureaucratic and administrative burdens for owners and local authorities by streamlining consent procedures and introducing voluntary management agreements to facilitate long-term management of complex heritage sites.

In addition to the proposals in the Bill, the Government will work with English Heritage to produce draft guidance on elements of the heritage protection system and historic environment services'.

Comments on the draft Heritage Protection Bill are invited by 27 June. For more information see http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2008/pub_drafthpb.htm [Back](#)

Cultural Property Bill

The Heritage Protection Bill will also enact in UK law the obligations in the Hague Convention by introducing a legal regime to protect cultural property in the event of armed conflict: making it an offence to attack cultural property protected by the Convention and its Protocols; making it illegal to deal in cultural property illegally exported from an occupied territory and making provision for the forfeiture of illegally exported property and its return at the close of hostilities; introducing the distinctive Convention emblem (a blue shield) introducing the distinctive Convention emblem (a blue shield) to identify protected property and making its misuse an offence.

The benefits of the Cultural Property Bill are listed as enabling the Government to fulfil its commitment to ratify the Hague Convention and its Protocols; sending a strong signal to the international community that the UK takes seriously its obligations under international humanitarian law to respect and safeguard the cultural property of other nations during times of armed conflict.

The consultation on the Cultural Property (Armed Conflicts) Bill has now closed but for more information go to: http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2008/draft_cultprop_armedconflict_bill.htm [Back](#)

Community Empowerment, Housing and Economic Regeneration Bill

The Community empowerment, Housing and Economic Regeneration bill would implement parts of an Empowerment White Paper, due to be published this summer. It would focus on transferring power from government to communities and citizens in England, helping to build vibrant and cohesive communities of empowered, self confident citizens.

To do this, the Government proposes enhancing the traditional role of petitioning in the political system to give improved rights for citizens to get clear information and prompt answers from local councils, 'For example to be able to influence decisions about priorities for local public spending; to spark a debate on local issues; to be able to compel the sale and transfer of derelict properties or a run down park'.

The Government plans to announce by the summer the locations of the New Growth Points programme and provisional allocations to local authorities for the £510m Housing and Planning Delivery Grant. It will continue to identify and release surplus public sector land for housing. The Government is currently consulting on proposed locations for up to ten new Eco-towns, providing up to 100,000 homes and a final list of potential locations will be published later this year.

The Bill would implement key recommendations from the review of sub-national economic development and regeneration intended to strengthen economic performance in regions, cities and localities throughout England.

Subject to the current consultation, it would streamline regional governance, integrate Regional Economic and Spatial Strategies, Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) statutory planning bodies and enable RDAs to delegate their single pot funding to local authorities where appropriate. It would strengthen the role of local authorities in promoting and delivering economic development, including, subject to consultation, implementing a proposed new statutory duty on local authorities to assess local economic conditions.

However, Campaign to Protect Rural England's Ben Stafford warns 'This Bill is a wolf in sheep's clothing – giving local communities more power in some areas and then setting up powerful and unelected bodies to call the shots in others. Regional Development Agencies are unelected, and their primary role is to promote economic growth. By giving these bodies regional planning powers, the Government risks creating a democratic deficit in our planning system, and undermining its own sustainable development goals.' See further comment at <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/497>

The Government is already consulting on the proposals around streamlining regional governance arrangements in England and enhancing the role of local authorities in promoting the economic development of their areas, and looking at enabling interested local authorities to establish statutory sub-regional partnerships.

The consultation document: *Prosperous Places: Taking forward the review of sub-national economic development and regeneration* can be found at <http://www.berr.gov.uk/files/file45468.pdf>. The deadline for response is 20 June. [Back](#)

Guidance produced on Community Governance Reviews

The Government has produced guidance for local authorities on undertaking community governance reviews and electoral arrangements for parish councils. This follows the Local Government Act 2007 which devolved power from the Secretary of State to councils to recommend the creation of new parishes, the establishment of parish councils and changing parish boundaries and electoral arrangements.

www.communities.gov.uk/publications/localgovernment/communitygovernancereviews [Back](#)

Environment Bills

The Climate Change Bill, currently being considered by Parliament, will make Britain the first country in the world to have a legally binding long term framework to both cut carbon dioxide emissions and adapt to climate change. The independent Committee on Climate Change to be established by the Bill will give its advice on the level of the 2050 target and on the first three, five-year carbon budgets.

The Government will then announce the first three carbon budgets alongside Budget 2009. The Government has committed to introducing the Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) – a new mandatory UK wide emissions trading scheme capturing energy use emissions from large non-energy intensive organisations such as supermarkets, hospitals and government departments. The CRC is expected to begin in January 2010. There will be a public consultation in the summer of this year on the options for increasing the use of renewable energy in the UK, in the context of the EU target for 20% of the EU's energy to come from renewable sources by 2020.

The Government also intends to publish draft Flooding and Water Bills for consultation during the next session of Parliament. It will also consult on the proposed definition of zero carbon standards – to meet the Government's target for all new homes to be built to such standards from 2016; and the programme and timetable for zero-carbon non-domestic buildings from 2019.

The Marine and Coastal Access Bill, which has recently been published in draft, would take further steps to ensure the sustainable use of coasts and seas in order to balance demands on the marine environment with conservation. It would introduce a new planning system for the marine area, reduce burdens on business, and make it easier to protect the marine environment. The bill would also create, for the first time, a right of access to walk around the English coast, 'with benefits for recreation and tourism, particularly for small businesses'.

For further information visit <http://www.defra.gov.uk/marine/legislation/index.htm> [Back](#)

Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site consultation, 19 June

Historic Scotland has launched a consultation on the Heart of Neolithic Orkney setting out an overarching vision and long-term aims for the World Heritage Site. For 2008-13, it highlights management issues and sets out a series of objectives to address them.

For further information visit: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/about/consultations/currentconsultations.htm> [Back](#)

Museums Association Publishes Sustainability consultation

The Museums Association has published a sustainability discussion paper, designed to encourage museums to consider their sustainability in terms of social, environmental and economic impact. The discussion paper proposes that not enough is currently being done to promote sustainability in the museums sector, and invites proposals and responses from the sector and beyond. Maurice Davies, the MA's Deputy Director said: 'It is surprising that museums do not think more explicitly about sustainability because one of their core purposes is to preserve things for the future, so they are key players in the sustainability business. Our aim for the next few months is to encourage people in museums to think about sustainability and how it might help them see their current and future work.'

The MA has also organised a series of discussion sessions to promote debate about the issues, and will be touring the country over the summer in order to solicit as wide a range of views as possible.

To download the report and for more information visit <http://www.museumsassociation.org/sustainability> [Back](#)

McMaster Review and Cultural Offer

In the education and skills section p16, the programme notes progress on Sir Brian McMaster's policy review, *Supporting Excellence in the Arts: from Measurement to Judgement* published in January. 'Work has now begun on the further study and implementation of Sir Brian's recommendations.

In addition, a *Find Your Talent* programme of 10 pilots will trial ways of offering young people a range of cultural experiences over five hours a week in and out of school. This will build on what is already included in the curriculum and will offer opportunities beyond the school day. This will inform plans for how a national roll out that would give these opportunities to every child in the country might be possible. [Back](#)

Robin Hood Gardens at risk

English Heritage has advised against the listing of the historic East London tower blocks, Robin Hood Gardens. The 36 year old buildings, designed by Alison and Peter Smithson are considered by many to represent a shining example of modern building. It was intended as an example of the streets in the sky concept - social housing characterised by broad aerial walkways in long concrete blocks. According to Lord Rogers, it has been appallingly neglected and from the beginning has been used as a sink estate.

The Twentieth Century Society is deeply disappointed by the failure of English Heritage to recommend the listing. 'Despite English Heritage's advisory panel agreeing with the huge numbers of campaigners and that the building should be listed, EH has forwarded advice to the Minister, Margaret Hodge, not to list the Estate and thereby leave the way open for the developers to demolish'.

The Society is pleased to have learnt however, that The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE), the Government's advisory body on architecture, has come out strongly in favour of listing. It is now two years since the estate was put forward for listing. The Minister now has all the information required to make the final decision on listing. Given her 'personal' views on revising the criteria for listing twentieth century buildings and the implications for the Heritage Protection Bill, the outcome will be awaited with interest, and not just by those supporting Robin Hood Gardens. For further comment go to http://www.c20society.org.uk/docs/press/080516_robin_hood_gardens.html [Back](#)

Andy Burnham MP Describes Policy Challenges

Culture Secretary, Andy Burnham MP has written an article in The Telegraph (13 April), setting out his main policy challenges, including freeing the arts from targets and measurement, relying more on the critical assessments of artists and cultural organisations, and applying the free entry principle more widely across the cultural sector, particularly the performing arts.

He said 'we need to find a way to apply the principle of free entry more widely across the whole cultural sector, particularly the performing arts. Museums, galleries and heritage sites have increased visitor numbers through free entry and also attracted a younger, more diverse audience. We need to build on that success.'

To read the article visit

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/arts/main.jhtml?xml=/arts/2008/04/13/btarts213.xml> [Back](#)

May Elections result in loss of Heritage Champions

Recent local elections held on 1 May have led to the loss of a number of Heritage Champions. If your authority is one of those that no longer has a Heritage Champion then you might be interested to hear about a recent publication *Your Heritage Needs You*. It outlines the benefits to authorities of filling this role. Hard copies of this publication can be obtained through either your English Heritage Regional Office or by emailing champions@english-heritage-org.uk [Back](#)

National Trust Chairman Comments cleared by Commission

The National Trust has been exonerated by the Charity Commission over complaints that comments on green spaces made by its chairman, Sir William Proby, were too political. Proby spoke out last November at the Trust's AGM over the government's plans to build on green belt land. He said he felt the planning process was being driven by "narrow economic objectives" and there was little evidence government was listening to protests against new developments.

Members of the Commission's large charities division met the Trust in February to discuss whether Proby's comments were in line with the charity's purposes. It concluded that they were and in a statement on the issue the Commission has come down firmly on the side of the Trust, citing the case as a 'good example of the kind of activity in which charities may engage in furthering their charitable purposes'.

It said it understood Proby's comments had been made to 'invite the views of the charity's members and the general public', and that it was satisfied that such an approach fitted with the Trust's charitable purposes. A spokesman from the Trust said Proby's speech was 'entirely in line with the Trust's charitable mission' and the vast majority of its supporters had warmly applauded the chairman's comments. 'This does not mean the Trust is 'going political' but we will always be actively involved in issues around the environment, conservation and the countryside.'

Following the AGM last year, the Trust conducted a widespread consultation with its supporters and other stakeholders on the issue of green spaces and is currently analysing the results before the trustees discuss the issue at a meeting in June.

For further information visit http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-chl/w-countryside_environment/w-green_places.htm [Back](#)

Civil Society Central to the Future of our Countryside

David Cameron MP has spoken of his vision for the future of the English countryside. In a speech delivered at the annual lecture organised by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) David Cameron said:

'The beauty of our landscape; the particular culture and traditions that rural life sustains, these are national treasures, to be cherished and protected for everyone's benefit. I know there are many serious problems facing rural communities today, and I know what effective advocates CPRE are when it comes to solving those problems. But I believe there's something bigger that connects the problems faced by rural communities with the problems we face in our towns and cities. It's not about this policy or that policy. It's about an attitude – a philosophy of government if you like.'

The annual lecture is part of a 12-month consultation on the future of the countryside in 2026, which will be CPRE's centenary year. Shaun Spiers, Chief Executive of CPRE, commented:

'At the start of our national debate on the future of the countryside we heard David Miliband, then Environment Secretary, outline his vision for land use. Listening to David Cameron give his first major speech about the countryside, it was refreshing to hear his pledge to put people and communities first and that we should trust local communities to shape decisions affecting them... But this isn't a vision that should be left only to politicians. It should be debated by everyone. Town and country need each other to prosper and we believe we can all take action to ensure a beautiful and working countryside that we are proud to pass on to future generations.'

To view full press release go to: <http://www.cpre.org.uk/news/view/494> [Back](#)

Regeneration Boost for Scottish Historic Communities

Culture Minister Linda Fabiani has announced that historic communities across Scotland are set to benefit from £8 million. The Minister launched Historic Scotland's latest round of Conservation Area Regeneration Schemes (CARS) funding for local authorities. The grants are intended to restore important buildings and supporting projects that enhance the understanding of an area's heritage. For more information see http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/news_search_results.htm/news_article.htm?articleid=18228 [Back](#)

Historic Programme to benefit Scotland's rural communities

The Scottish Government has announced a historic programme to deliver environmental, social and economic benefits to Scotland's rural communities. *Rural Development Contracts - Rural Priorities* is an integrated funding mechanism that aims to deliver targeted environmental, social and economic benefits. Regional priorities have been established across five themes including adaptations to mitigate climate change and thriving rural communities.

For more information see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/04/04174031> [Back](#)

Community Assets programme announces shortlist of schemes

The Community Assets programme has announced the shortlist of schemes to reach final assessment. The programme, which is funded by the Office of the Third Sector and delivered by the Big Lottery Fund, is a programme to enable third sector organisations to have greater control over the assets they use, such as community buildings.

The shortlisted organisations to receive 'in principle' grant offers will now have up to six months to develop detailed plans for spending their grant and present them to BIG for a non competitive assessment.

The projects will refurbish and renovate derelict buildings and expand existing community centres to create multi-use community facilities offering new activities for local groups. The refurbishments will mean new décor for dilapidated buildings, better disabled access, new cafes and kitchens, more flexible use of spaces and greater accessibility to the whole community. Some projects aim to be exemplars for energy efficiency.

The successful applicants are planning for financial sustainability through rents, contracts for delivery of services, and partnerships with local authorities that are demonstrating their commitment to community spaces by offering peppercorn rents, ranging from £1 per year for 125 years.

Phil Hope, Minister for the Third Sector, said: 'I am pleased that the Community Assets programme has proven to be so popular across the country. The projects that have reached this stage of the application process are, without exception, of an extremely high standard and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them well in the remaining stages. All the successful projects work at the hearts of their communities providing varied and imaginative services. I am glad that the Community Assets programme will provide them with the funds to develop a high quality asset that will have long term benefits. These assets will benefit the organisation and the communities they serve and I look forward to visiting some of them in the future.'

For more information visit

http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/third_sector/community_action/community_assets.aspx [Back](#)

UNESCO Cultural Heritage Database

UNESCO has launched a new online database of cultural heritage laws around the world. Relevant statutes are available for consultation in their original languages and in their official English-language translations.

To date, 757 legislative measures, from 113 UNESCO Member States, have been published on the UNESCO Cultural Heritage Laws Database, which has been created to aid international efforts to stem looting, theft and illicit trafficking in cultural property. UNESCO hopes that the database will 'make it harder for traffickers to claim to be ignorant of the law and thus of the illegal nature of what they are doing'.

www.unesco.org/culture/natlaws [Back](#)

Park Plans worth £32 million to be developed

A number of parks across the UK are set to share in more than £32million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund. Every completed park project will be expected to aim for the *Green Flag* – demonstrating quality standards of care and upkeep.

Coinciding with this major investment is the return of the *Postcards from the Park* photography competition. HLF and BIG have once again joined forces with GreenSpace, the parks charity, to launch this year's contest, which will encourage people to capture images showing what they love most about the UK's public parks.

Dame Liz Forgan, Chair of the Heritage Lottery Fund, said:

'Parks play such an important role for local communities, bringing people together and providing a much needed breathing space in built up areas. Money from the Heritage Lottery Fund has played a vital part in the renaissance of our historic parks over the last 14 years, and these latest awards mean thousands more people will have a park that they can feel safe in, enjoy and be really proud of.'

Sir Clive Booth, Chair of the Big Lottery Fund, added:

'Healthy living continues to be on the top of the agenda and our parks play a vital role in improving wellbeing, the environment and community life. Our continued investment in 'Parks for People' will ensure that communities will benefit from this funding all year round from spring gardens in bloom to snowmen in winter and the transformation will last for future generations to enjoy for years to come.'

For related press releases visit

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/MediaCentre/Archive/Parks+for+People.htm> [Back](#)

Protection for Cultural Objects Loaned from Abroad for Exhibition

The Protection of Cultural Objects on Loan (Publication and Provision of Information) Regulations 2008 were made on 23 April. The Regulations relate to the provisions in the Courts, Tribunals and Enforcement Act 2007, providing protection from court orders for seizure or forfeiture for objects that are lent from abroad for temporary public exhibitions in the UK. It is not mandatory for borrowing institutions to seek protection for exhibits: however, if they choose to do so, the Regulations set out the information about the lender, the object and its provenance that the borrowing institution must publish as one of the conditions of the protection. The Regulations also specify the additional information that must be given to persons who have believe they have a claim for possession of an object.

The legislation covers objects brought into the UK by for a temporary public exhibition by an approved museum or gallery. DCMS and the Devolved Administrations are inviting applications for approval from museums and galleries. To achieve approved status, institutions will need to produce satisfactory evidence of robust due diligence procedures as well as compliance with international standards and the Department's guidance - *Combating Illicit Trade, Due Diligence Guidelines For Museums, Libraries And Archives On Collecting And Borrowing Cultural Material*.

A letter has been sent to Directors inviting them to apply for the Secretary of State's approval under the Act.

Details will also be available shortly at www.culture.gov.uk

The Regulations can be found at: www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2008/uksi_20081159_en_1 [Back](#)

Big Lottery Fund launches grants round

The Big Lottery Fund has launched the second round of its Basis grant stream, which is aimed a supporting third sector infrastructure. The lottery distributor says £50m is available to "fill the gaps" after the heavily over-subscribed first round of funding, in which £101m was awarded to 206 projects.

"This second round of Basis is taking a much more targeted approach to ensure funding is used specifically to meet identified needs with third sector infrastructure support," said Sanjay Dighe, chair of the fund's England Committee.

In contrast to the first round of funding, the fund will solicit applications from named organisations. It has asked for an application from the NCVO, Navca and the Public Law Project to improve

awareness of the Compact. Other priorities require bidders to form partnerships and, in some cases, specify which organisations can apply.

The fund's regional staff will hold a series of stakeholder events to fully brief interested organisations on the opportunities. The deadline for applications is 27 August. For more information visit <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/index/newsroom-uk.htm> [Back](#)

English Heritage: Historic Environment Traineeships

English Heritage is launching a new Historic Environment Traineeship Scheme for historic environment practitioners.

A small number of two-year professional work placements will be available under the Scheme which will provide work-experience training in the application of professional skills in a planning and development context. Placements will be provided, supervised and administered by English Heritage.

The placements are designed for individuals with the appropriate academic background who wish to pursue a career in historic environment management, but will also be open to those with relevant experience wishing to extend or change the direction of their career.

The programme is designed to enhance the depth of specialist knowledge and the breadth of interdisciplinary awareness. Trainees will receive high quality training from English Heritage in a range of historic environment management activities. Work units may also include secondment or work-shadowing to another relevant organisation. In the second year, trainees will undertake a project the content of which will be agreed by English Heritage.

For further information please send an email with your contact details to train@english-heritage.org.uk

The Grange in Ramsgate wins European Union Cultural Heritage Prize

The winners of the 2008 *European Union Prize for Cultural Heritage / Europa Nostra Awards* have been announced. The prizes serve to recognise exceptional conservation, research and education efforts and are each worth €10,000. The prizes are awarded jointly by the European Commission and Europa Nostra, the pan-European Federation for Cultural Heritage.

The Grange in Ramsgate, has been awarded a medal in Category 1 – *Conservation*. The Grange is the house which the influential architect Augustus Welby Northmore Pugin (1812-52) built for himself and his family. In 1997, The Landmark Trust acquired the buildings and, after thorough research, restored it with its furnishings, to a state appropriate to the 1840s when the Pugin family were in residence, noting the unique significance in architectural history of The Grange's designer and first resident.

The Awards Scheme aims to promote high standards and high-quality skills in conservation practice, and to stimulate the trans-frontier exchanges in the area of heritage. By spreading the 'Power of Example', the Prize also aims to encourage further efforts and projects related to heritage throughout Europe.

Prizes will be presented at the European Heritage Awards Ceremony on 12 June 2008 in Durham Cathedral in the United Kingdom.

For press release visit <http://www.europanostra.org/awards2008.html> [Back](#)

Arts Fund winner announced

The Lightbox museum and gallery in Woking has been awarded The Art Fund Prize for museums and galleries. A genuine example of grassroots action – the museum was initiated by local people. The Lightbox mixes local history, the visual arts and inspiring architecture. Situated in the centre of Woking, it has become the creative hub of Surrey, bringing a sense of excitement to the local community.

For more information visit <http://www.thelightbox.org.uk> [Back](#)

British Archaeological Awards

Entries are now being sought for the Best Archaeological TV /Radio Programme category and the Best Archaeological ICT Project of the prestigious British Archaeological Awards. Radio is being included alongside television this year for the first time. The Broadcast Award is sponsored by Channel 4. The ICT Award will be presented to the best website, online publication/service, CD-Rom or multimedia package/installation on any aspect of archaeology. Entries must be British-produced and have been developed between May 2006 and May 2008.

Programmes or ICT projects may be nominated by using the standard BAA nomination form. Votes for nominations should be sent as soon as possible, by 31 May to: Mrs Sarah Howell, The British Archaeological Awards, c/o The Robert Kiln Charitable Trust, 15a Bull Plain, Hertford SG14 1DX, email: robertkilntrust@btconnect.com. For further information visit <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/awards/index.html> [Back](#)

PEOPLE

DCMS seeking English Heritage Commissioner

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport is seeking to appoint a new Commissioner to the governing Board of English Heritage. English Heritage is governed by a Board comprising the Chairman and up to 16 Commissioners. It has two statutory Advisory Committees, five Business Committees and a number of non-executive Panels to advise staff. The Chairman and the Commissioners are responsible for deciding the strategic direction of English Heritage and for delivering its targets.

Commissioners have corporate responsibility for ensuring that the organisation complies with any statutory or administrative requirements for the use of public funds. This is a four year role with the appointed expected to start in September 2008.

An application pack for this post can be obtained from Sean Kenny, Public Engagement and Recognition Unit, Department for Culture, Media and Sport, 2-4 Cockspur Street, London, SW1Y 5DH. Tel: 020 7211 2304. Email: Sean.Kenny@culture.gsi.gov.uk [Back](#)

New Chair of the Environment Agency

Lord Smith of Finsbury formerly Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has been appointed as the new Chair of the Environment Agency. He replaces Sir John Harman, who stands down at the end of June after eight years.

Lord Smith, currently Chair of the independent Advertising Standards Authority and former Cabinet Minister, will in future be responsible for ensuring that the Environment Agency is able to deliver its objectives in key areas such as flood defence and the protection of the environment. Lord Smith is expected to take up his position from 14 July.

Lord Smith said: 'I have been committed to raising the profile of environmental issues for more than twenty years, during which time the environment has risen to become one of the top priorities for Government and the public. I am looking forward to leading the Environment Agency at a challenging time as it takes practical steps both to protect the environment and adapt to climate change.' For press release visit <http://www.defra.gov.uk/news/2008/080508d.htm> [Back](#)

EVENTS

Volunteers Week 2008, 1-7 June

Volunteers' Week is the UK's annual celebration of the work of volunteers. During the Week events are held across the country to recognise, reward and recruit volunteers.

Everyone is invited to join this national celebration of volunteering. The Volunteers Week website provides a range of tools and resources to help you celebrate Volunteers' Week and volunteer contributions.

For more information visit www.volunteersweek.org.uk [Back](#)

Who Do We Think We Are? 23-28 June

This event is a new DCSF-funded initiative designed to help primary and secondary pupils explore identity, diversity and citizenship at local, national and global scales. It supports lessons in citizenship, geography, history and religious education, as well as the wider curriculum. The event

will explore the following themes: school and community; relationships, belonging and faith; history and settlement and Britishness', national identity/values and the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Who Do We Think We Are? is managed by the Historical Association, the Royal Geographical Society with IBG and citizenship consultant Paula Kitching. For further information go to <http://www.wdwtwa.org.uk> [Back](#)

Business Development for Archaeologists & Heritage Professionals, 24 September

The University of Leicester's School of Archaeology & Ancient History is holding this course in order to provide senior managers and directors of archaeology/heritage organisations with the skills to help them successfully steer through a rapidly approaching market recession.

It aims to highlight the commercial skills and techniques used by other businesses to create new foundations which will boost them when market conditions improve – and which can produce more stable commercial trading patterns. For further information contact 0116 252 2772 or email archdl@le.ac.uk [Back](#)

Attractions and events as catalysts for regeneration and social change, 24-25 September

The aim of this conference is to bring together researchers who share interests in the role of tourist attractions and events in place making and shaping destinations. This event maybe relevant to professionals in the field including consultants, developers and local authorities.

The visitor economy is becoming increasingly competitive as destinations chase tourist spend. This is increasingly so in the context of 'regional capitals' which play a pivotal role in the regional economy, and 'third cities' whose visitor economy is often over-shadowed by the larger regional neighbours.

Although tourism is seen as an integral part of regional development in these cities, they often compete for visitor expenditure in an environment of shrinking marketing investment and a volatile economic marketplace. Destinations have sought to differentiate their appeal on the basis of culture and heritage and/or events and festivals and seek to deliver 'a total visitor experience'.

For further information and a booking email Ann Lavin at: ttri@nottingham.ac.uk [Back](#)

Heritage Champions Conference 2008

The 2008 Heritage Champions Conference will take place in London on 23 October.

Further details about the event will be available nearer the time.

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SITUATIONS VACANT

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.

HLF: Head of Historic Environment Conservation

HLF is recruiting a new Head of Historic Environment Conservation. The successful candidate will provide staff, decision takers and applicants with expert advice and guidance on all aspects of conserving the historic environment and be a dynamic advocate for the transformational effect of Lottery funding.

Applicants will have a high level of professional knowledge of conservation principles and practice in the historic environment, experience of advising on, or managing, conservation projects and experience of developing policy/strategy and guidance for the historic environment. They will demonstrate excellent strategic thinking and communication skills and the ability to work collaboratively to achieve agreed goals. Secondments will be considered. Salary range £42,218 - £57,380.

For more information and for details of how to apply, visit www.hlf.org.uk Closing date is today, 23 May [Back](#)

HLF: Development Manager (based in Birmingham)

HLF is also recruiting a new Development Manager to be based in Birmingham. Reporting to the Regional Manager the successful candidate will contribute to the development of the work of the whole team in the West Midlands, in particular the planning and implementing of outreach strategies with a view to developing good quality applications, particularly in geographical cold spots and amongst under-represented or targeted communities. Salary range £25,883 - £35,640.

For more information and for details of how to apply, visit www.hlf.org.uk Closing date 6 June. [Back](#)

War Memorials Trust: Conservation Officer

War Memorials Trust works to protect and conserve all war memorials within the UK. The charity seeks a Conservation Officer with initiative, enthusiasm and experience to manage the work of coordinating and developing the Trust's conservation, advisory and grant-making activities.

The successful candidate will have knowledge of the conservation of the historic environment, relevant legislation and the technical issues involved in the care and repair of war memorials, be able to provide advice and guidance to custodians and members of the public on all aspects of war memorials and their care and act as an advocate for war memorials' protection and appreciation.

The full-time post is London based but requires some travel around the UK. The starting salary will be circa £26,000 p/a. For further details and a job description please contact the Trust Manager on 020 7259 0403, frances@warmemorials.org or visit www.warmemorials.org. Please quote ref CO08/HL. The closing date for applications is 2 June. Anticipated interview date is 12 June. [Back](#)

England's Past for Everyone (two posts)

England's Past for Everyone (EPE), a Heritage Lottery funded project run by the Victoria County History (VCH) at the Institute of Historical Research is seeking to fill two posts.

Web Manager

The EPE is seeking an individual with a wide-ranging knowledge of relevant web technologies, experience in the provision of e-learning resources and proven ability to manage people and projects to schedule for this role. The successful candidate will be responsible for managing the maintenance and development of widely accessible websites. This is a fixed term position for 2 years. The salary range is £29,600 to £35,914 per annum. [Back](#)

Education and Skills Manager

The EPE is also looking for an organised, effective and highly motivated manager for an extensive learning programme, coordinating the education, volunteer and outreach components of county projects. Their responsibilities will include creating and commissioning online resources in partnership with schools for key stages 1-3, and helping set up a training programme for staff and volunteers. They will also develop strategies to ensure the future of the learning programme and increase participation and diversity, taking into account the results of evaluation. This is a fixed term contract until February 2010. The salary range is £29,600 to £35,914 per annum.

The closing date for both applications is 4 June. Interviews to be held 17-19 June. For further information go to <http://www.london.ac.uk/802.html> [Back](#)

Historic Royal Palaces: Head of Media and Public Relations

HRP are recruiting a Head of Media and Public Relations. The successful candidate will be an exceptional communications professional; they will have experience in developing an organisation's positioning and be confident to develop new approaches promoting the work of the palaces, specialist departments and the charity that runs them.

Managing a team of four, with frequent work at other palaces, the brief is to build the profile of one of the UK's most successful heritage charities. Salary £50,000, plus benefits. The closing date for applications is 9 June. To find out more visit www.hrp.org.uk [Back](#)

English Heritage: Education Manager

English Heritage is seeking to appoint an innovative Education Manager to manage the programme across the East and West Midlands. Reporting to the Head of Education, they will deliver an education programme for the regions that support organisational objectives. The successful

candidate will also ensure the continued successful development and evaluation of the Discovery Visits and volunteering programme at selected sites.

With a background in heritage education and/or teaching experience, and experience of working with volunteers would be an advantage. They will have a degree in History, or equivalent, and preferably an educational qualification in teaching, further and higher education or youth work. A passion for history and for the historic environment is essential, together with a creative flair for developing innovative education programmes is also essential. Salary £29,263.

The closing date for applications is 2 June. Interview dates 16 & 17 June. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/job [Back](#)

Woodland Trust: Head of Public Relations

The Woodland Trust is seeking a natural communicator. The successful candidate will utilising their extensive experience as a senior PR professional they will lead a talented team of 5 direct reports, and a virtual team of 5 further staff. The post holder will build strong relationships with the media and deliver coverage that will inspire the public. They will also input strategic analysis of the news agenda into our decision making and your proactive approach will ensure the PR programme plays a vital role in pushing our ambitious plans forward.

This post is based in Grantham and its salary is £40k- £45k. The closing date for applications is 30 May. For more information visit <http://www.naturalleaders.co.uk> [Back](#)

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