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Launch of Engaging Places

A new initiative has been launched that aims to help every school exploit the 'world's biggest teaching resource'. Engaging Places will champion teaching and learning throughout the built environment. It includes the launch of a major new online teaching resource, www.engagingplaces.org.uk. This will be the most comprehensive guide ever created to help schools teach by using the buildings and places around them.

Research has shown that teachers view buildings and spaces as an important educational resource, and want better access, information and support to exploit it.

Schools will be able to use Engaging Places to access a nationwide directory of organisations and venues, including architecture centres, museums and historic buildings. They will be able to search for high quality resources and materials and will also be able to access case studies from fellow teachers.

Engaging Places has been designed to help deliver the new secondary school curriculum which is being introduced for Key Stage 3. It supports initiatives including 'Learning outside the classroom' and 'Find your talent'. It will benefit pupils by showing them how their rapidly changing environment affects them and how they can influence it. The initiative led by Heritage Link's Chair, Anthea Case has been funded by the Government and is managed by CABE and English Heritage. [Back](#)

EH report on new research asks what users want from an integrated list of assets

English Heritage has published a report commissioned from external consultants Jura, into the user requirements for access to the new integrated List of Heritage Assets (referred to in the report by its former title of the Register). The report highlights the need to provide access to the Register both independently and alongside other resources as part of the Heritage Gateway www.heritagegateway.org.uk. It also suggests a variety of text and map based searching options to meet the requirements of a range of users.

English Heritage reported 'We are grateful to all those members of IHBC who contributed to this research either by attending a focus group or completing the online questionnaire. The user requirements highlighted by this research will inform a specification being developed by English Heritage for the delivery of the new List via the internet. Internet delivery of the List information is not dependent upon the HPR legislation as it will involve updating and integrating our systems, and the dissemination of the data they contain.' To view the report visit http://www.ihbc.org.uk/news/docs/EH_new_list_09.pdf
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UK Tourism awaits response to 'wish list'

VisitBritain had until 19 January to draw up a priority list of key areas on which government could take effective action to support tourism during the economic downturn. The national tourism agency's stakeholder event on February 11 will be the first opportunity for the industry to hear the minister's response as well as launch the VisitBritain strategy and the full version of the British Tourism Framework Review.

The action came following Prime Minister Gordon Brown's appearance at a National Tourism Summit in Liverpool, at which he expressed his intent to support the tourism industry. The event also heard Culture Secretary Andy Burnham promise to consider the need for greater public investment and acknowledge that the visitor economy is 'important for the people of this country because it provides jobs'.

Burnham acknowledged that there was a feeling that the government does not 'give enough attention and enough focus to this important industry', continuing that he wanted to address that issue head on and give the clearest possible signal that the government wanted to work with the industry over the course of the year to ensure that it gets through these difficult times.

Gordon Brown joined Burnham and Follett in recognising tourism as a growth industry, according to VisitBritain. The audience of public and private-sector tourism, hospitality and cultural organisations included the Historic Houses Association, British Hospitality Association, Tourism Alliance, Tourism for All, Holiday Cottages Group, Hoseasons, Liverpool John Lennon Airport, the Museum, Libraries and Archives Council, Radisson Edwardian Hotels, Travelodge and the UK Film Council as well as regional development agencies, the Local Government Association and Sport England. [Back](#)

For more information visit www.visitbritain.com

Government's decision on Heathrow: HL Member Reactions

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

CPRE has condemned the Government decision in favour of expansion at Heathrow.

'This decision makes a mockery of Ministers' justification of recent controversial planning reforms, which they suggested would improve local democracy and help tackle climate change. Today's approval of the third runway makes the new national debate on aviation redundant.' said Andrea Davies, CPRE's senior campaigner. For more information visit www.cpre.org.uk

The National Trust

The National Trust has warned that the tranquillity of its properties across west London and Berkshire was under direct threat following the Government's decision to support the expansion of Heathrow airport and remove existing safeguards. Fiona Reynolds, Director-General at the National Trust said 'This decision is a direct threat to the tranquillity and possibility of escape from an increasingly hectic and urbanised environment that millions of people seek from parks, countryside, and other open spaces. More flights from a much larger airport will significantly damage their quality of life.'

The expansion of Heathrow airport would mean that some of the most precious green spaces across large areas of London and the South East would suffer from serious noise pollution and a loss of tranquillity. Aircraft noise from Heathrow already has a major impact at Osterley Park on the fringes of west London. The park is a highly valued and much used public open space in the densely populated borough of Hounslow, enjoyed by over 500,000 people a year. For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.uk

SPAB

The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) has condemned the government's decision to permit a third runway at Heathrow. The SPAB has confirmed that it will put at risk two Norman churches, one of the finest mediaeval barns in the country, a former mediaeval hallhouse at Sipson, and

many other listed buildings. Even where outright demolition is not proposed, many buildings would be far too close to the runway and be permanently blighted.

Philip Venning, the SPAB's Secretary said 'Buildings that have been around for 800 years are to be needlessly sacrificed for the short term expansion of an airport that is in the wrong location, to provide more flights precisely when the Government is trying to curb greenhouse gas emissions.' For more information visit www.sbap.org.uk [Back](#)

Volunteering England response to social mobility White Paper 'New Opportunities'

Volunteering England, the national development agency for volunteering, has welcomed the government's 'New Opportunities' White Paper, which examines social mobility at a number of stages in people's lives and highlights volunteering as a way to improve young people's social mobility. However, it believes the White Paper doesn't go far enough to address the social mobility of adults.

Mike Locke, Director of Public Affairs, said: 'We're pleased that the Prime Minister's 'New Opportunities' White Paper focuses on volunteering in encouraging social mobility. We're also happy to see that the paper recognises 'lifelong chances to succeed' and the role volunteering can play in supporting social mobility by opening up new pathways to employment and community involvement. It's also good that the paper confirms the Government's commitment to young people and volunteering and that it has recognised the ways in which volunteering can help. However, we feel the Government could do more to address social mobility and volunteering issues for those over the age of 25, a substantial proportion of the population. For more information visit

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/News/mediacentre/2009+Press+Releases/New+Opportunities.htm>
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MLA survey on Local Area Agreements

The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council is researching the impact of the sector on Local Area Agreements (LAAs) in local government in England and is seeking responses from the Museums Association's members. The study aims to assess the place of the cultural sector in the 2008 LAAs and the contribution of the sector to the outcomes of these. The study will inform a programme that MLA will be putting in place for museums, libraries and archives. It is therefore critically important to gather the views of professionals working in the cultural sector. As one element of this research, MLA is conducting a survey of areas where LAAs were signed off in 2008. In particular, consultants are seeking the views of the Museums Association's members in these areas.

The survey can be completed by visiting: www.dcresearch.co.uk/mla_survey. A summary of the results of the study will be provided to survey respondents in due course. Please note all responses are treated confidentially and no responses will be attributed to a specific individual.

If you have any questions about the survey or about the study in general, contact DC Research via stephen@dcresearch.co.uk or telephone 01228 545722 / 07501 725114 [Back](#)

Gordon Brown support for culture in recession key

The MLA has welcomed Gordon's Brown speech in Liverpool on the tourism industry's role in delivering Britain's great cultural heritage and Andy Burnham's proposal for a permanent British City of Culture prize. Roy Clare, Chief Executive at MLA said: 'The government's recognition that culture is part of the answer to tough economic times is right and very reassuring.'

The 1800 accredited museums, 3500 public libraries and 2000 archive collections across the UK play a vital role in communities. These historic and civic buildings, their collections, and the valuable services they offer are key to the tourism industry but also an important part of everyone's daily lives. They help bridge the social divide and particularly in times of recession are places that offer a sense of well-being - enriching people's lives, informing, educating and helping people acquire new skills and get new jobs.' For more information visit <http://www.mla.gov.uk/news/press/releases/2009/gordon-brown-key> [Back](#)

Scotland: BEFS invited to become national intermediary body

HEACS, the independent adviser on the historic environment to the Scottish Ministers submitted its final Report and recommendations on the infrastructure of the historic environment to the Scottish Ministers just before Christmas. The report characterises the diverse range of organisations that make up the sector, traces the development of the historic environment voluntary sector; analyses the characteristics of effective infrastructure or intermediary bodies; assesses the current infrastructure for the historic environment; and finally considers future infrastructural provision for the sector.

The report highlights the role and importance of the voluntary sector for the historic environment. It concludes there is a pressing need for a bespoke national intermediary body which can champion the historic environment, suggesting that BEFS (Built Environment Forum Scotland and the equivalent of Heritage Link), should be invited to reconstitute itself as the national intermediary body for the historic environment sector in Scotland. An intermediary body would be expected to undertake representation and advocacy, communication and networking, capacity building, and policy and research.

The report can be found at <http://www.heacs.org.uk/documents/2008/heacs-infra-dec08.pdf> Comments would be welcomed and sent to the HEACS Secretariat at heacs@scotland.gsi.gov.uk. [Back](#)

Scotland: two infrastructure reports

As part of the research for the infrastructure report, HEACS commissioned two further studies during 2008. The first from Volunteer Development Scotland (VDS) on Volunteering in the Historic Environment can be found at <http://www.heacs.org.uk/documents/2008/vds.pdf> and the second from the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO), A Comparative Study of the Infrastructure of Voluntary Organisations in Scotland at <http://www.heacs.org.uk/documents/2008/scvo.pdf>

For the first time, the VDS report has quantified and characterised the very significant contribution of volunteers working in the historic environment. From the 233 organisations which participated in the research (26% response rate), it was found that some 12,500 volunteers carry out almost 168,000 hours per month. This equates to an economic value of over £28,000,000 per annum.

Just before Christmas, HEACS submitted its final report and recommendations on the infrastructure of the historic environment in Scotland to Scottish Ministers. The full report is available from <http://www.heacs.org.uk/newsreleases/2008/infrastructure.htm>. [Back](#)

Fees to Discharge Conditions of Listed Building Consent Refuted

In 2008 changes were made to the rules about fees for the discharge of conditions to applications. As a result councils were able to charge a fee for the discharge of conditions attached to planning applications (usually £25 per condition).

However, the decision by South Oxfordshire's decision to start charging fees under the new regulations was refuted by the council's legal department which decided that there's no sound basis for the charge and will therefore be refunding any fees charged. [Back](#)

Heritage-led regeneration hard to measure

An independent report has concluded that Gloucester Heritage Urban Regeneration Company (GHURC)'s success in driving the city's heritage-led regeneration is in danger of not being properly recognised. This is because a lack of national benchmarks make it hard to prove its success to developers and stakeholders. The report prepared by consultancy Alan Baxter & Associates, says that heritage is all too often perceived as a constraint rather than an asset.

Since 2004, the GHURC has championed the city's heritage right through the development process attracting millions in private sector investment. The report says these successes are in danger of being lost because, without direct criteria, heritage-led regeneration is intangible and there are no clear goals to galvanise stakeholders or demonstrate its success to investors.

Chris Oldershaw, Chief Executive of GHURC, said 'The report shows that we are going a long way to achieving our heritage objectives for the city. I also agree that such successes can be hard to measure: developers and investors can take a negative view of heritage-led regeneration because they assume increased costs and can't measure the huge change in perception and increased opportunities that such regeneration presents.'

GHURC is the only urban regeneration company to incorporate the word 'heritage' into its company name. The GHURC 10-year plan is based on the regeneration of seven key sites within the City centre. For further information see <http://www.gloucesterurc.co.uk/> [Back](#)

APPAG Briefing: Marine and Coastal Access Bill

The Archaeology Forum has voiced its strong support the Marine and Coastal Access Bill which will provide a framework for the sustainable management of marine resources and integrated planning and conservation for the marine environment. It includes helpful general provisions for protection of the

marine historic environment. Sustainable development principles underpinning the proposed Marine Policy Statement will include consideration of impact on cultural resources; 'environment' for the purpose of marine licensing is defined to include any site of historic or archaeological interest.

When it was originally envisaged the Marine Bill was designed to complement new the provisions for protecting marine heritage assets in the Heritage Protection Bill, adding a level of protection for individual sites through designation. Now there is no certainty that the Heritage Protection Bill will be taken forward, TAF believes it is essential to ensure there is stronger and more specific consideration of the marine heritage in the Marine and Coastal Access Bill.

There are several areas where the All Party Parliamentary Archaeology Group (APPAG) has indicated that members could support amendments to strengthen the Bill. The Bill is currently being debated at the Committee Stage in the House of Lords. Amendment 33 to Clause 2 of the Bill, which is scheduled to be debated on 21 January, will introduce a specific duty for the Marine Management Organisation to have regard for heritage and marine archaeology. The Forum is urging APPAG members to give their support for this amendment and to further amendments on protecting the marine historic environment as they are tabled. For more information visit <http://www.appag.org.uk/> [Back](#)

NCVO reports on volunteering and the economic downturn

In October, National Council for Voluntary Organisations members were invited to respond to an online survey about how the economic downturn might affect them. Although the response rate was too low to offer definitive findings, the main points were that nearly all respondents thought the economic downturn would have an effect on their organisation in terms of volunteering: 37 per cent a 'big effect'; and 56 per cent a 'little effect'. A third (31 per cent) expected numbers inquiring about volunteering with their organisation to increase 'a lot', and 26 per cent 'a little'. A substantial minority (17 per cent) considered that numbers would decrease. Whilst most expected increased interest in volunteering to gain skills for future employment, some suggested that economic factors would discourage people due to family commitments or a need to take additional paid employment.

Two-thirds (66 per cent) expected a change in the type of people volunteering, for instance: more professional and highly qualified people; more people in the 50+ age-range; fewer retired people as they carried on in full-time employment.

About half the respondents anticipated difficulties due to reductions in funding and donations, and six organisations reported their funding had been reduced in the current financial year. For a copy of the report from the survey, please email mimmi.brostromer@volunteeringengland.org [Back](#)

Heritage Society welcomes research into traditional building craft skills in Ireland

The Ulster Architectural Heritage Society has welcomed the launch of Traditional Building Craft Skills: Assessing the Need, Meeting the Challenge – Skills Needs Analysis of the Built Heritage Sector in Ireland by Sir Reg Empey, Employment and Learning Minister.

This important piece of research is the first to have focused on traditional building skills on an all-Ireland basis and it provides a thorough baseline study on the built heritage sector. The Action Plans, which have been carefully developed with key players, aim to plug identified skills gaps. Speaking before the launch, Andrew McClelland, Heritage Projects Officer for the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society, said 'We warmly welcome this timely, comprehensive report and are delighted to have been able to play an active role in its development over several years. Not only does the report highlight the importance of and potential wrapped up in our historic buildings and traditional craft skills, but it also maps out the crucial steps that should be taken to improve the training infrastructure in Ireland. In a time of economic uncertainty, particularly in the construction industry, focusing on much needed training provision and value-added craft skills can promote a swifter recovery'. For more information contact info@uahs.org.uk [Back](#)

National Trust bequeathed Kenyan Poets House

The remarkable home of Khadambi Asalache, a Kenyan born poet, writer and artist, has been left to the National Trust. The National Trust has concluded that the house is a great work of art and an important part of the UK's built heritage. It is a place that presents an opportunity to celebrate artistic endeavour and to tell Khadambi Asalache's story, one which encapsulates many themes associated with the UK's diverse cultural heritage.

The house is also being seen as particularly important for London and should funding be secured the Trust hopes to establish a community and education centre nearby in order that the local community and others can fully benefit from access to this extraordinary place. Ian Wilson, the National Trust's London area manager, said its artistry told the multi-cultural story 'of coming to a new place, making a life for yourself but hanging on to your heritage'.

The Trust has already allotted £1m towards the project, but it has warned the house could be lost to the nation if it could not raise a further £2m to £4m. For more information about the house, visit http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-global/w-news/w-latest_news/w-khamdambi_alalache.htm [Back](#)

£4.4million of New Year cheer for UK's parks

Four historic parks in Berkshire, Carlisle, North Yorkshire and County Antrim have been awarded around £4.4million in grants from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund (BIG). This money from the joint Parks for People programme will help to regenerate these popular open spaces, returning them to their former glory.

Carlisle's prominent Chance family gave Chances Park to the city in 1944, but these landscaped gardens and parkland around the Morton Manor date back to the late 1700s. The parkland forms the grounds to the Grade II listed Morton Manor House and a number of features from the original layout remain including the ha-ha and many trees. The £869,000 grant will fund the reinstatement of original features such as iron railings and the ha-ha, pathways and lighting will also be improved. A performance area will be created and a new avenue of trees will be planted. For more information visit www.hlf.org.uk [Back](#)

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Historic Royal Palaces appoints new Trustee

Historic Royal Palaces has announced that Sophie Andreae has been appointed as a Trustee. Her term of appointment will run from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2011. Sophie Andreae is an experienced historic buildings professional, who currently holds a series of posts including Trustee of the Greenwich Foundation, Council Member of the National Trust, and Member of St Paul's Cathedral Fabric Advisory Committee. Prior to this, she served as Secretary and Chairman of SAVE Britain's Heritage (1976-1984 and 1984-1988 respectively), and Head of the London Division of English Heritage (1988-1993), before taking up post as a Royal Fine Arts Commissioner (1996-1999).

Sophie succeeds Bridget Cherry who stepped down as Trustee of Historic Royal Palaces after two, 3-year terms in December 2008. For more information on Historic Royal Palaces please contact the Press Office on 020 3166 6166 or e-mail vikki.wood@hrp.org.uk [Back](#)

New Chairman of the Theatres Trust Appointed

The Theatres Trust has announced the appointment of Rob Dickins CBE as Chairman effective as from 1 February 2009. Following his formal invitation from Barbara Follett, Minister for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism and Minister for the East of England, Rob Dickins CBE said, 'I'm delighted to be appointed as Chair of The Theatres Trust. I aim to build on the strong foundations of my predecessor, Rupert Rhymes OBE, and continue to drive the Trust's essential work forward in these challenging times... I look forward to calling on the help and understanding of those working in the theatre, private owners, impresarios, civic leaders and Government to secure a meaningful future for our remarkable theatres, their heritage and their place in our lives.'

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

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Involving young volunteers in heritage and conservation, January

A free seminar, about involving young people aged 16 – 25 as volunteers, is offered to people or organisations working in heritage & conservation. Following a two year project involving more than 1200 youth volunteers aged 16 - 25 in the South West, The National Trust and English Heritage are holding a seminars which will cover the following areas: Young People – who are they?; understanding the stereotypes and the challenges you may encounter with existing staff and volunteers in involving youth audiences; context; understanding the Youth volunteering charity 'v', v-funded projects and 'v'involved teams and what opportunities these represents to the heritage and conservation sectors and working effectively with young volunteers.

The first seminar will be on the 15 January at Killerton House near Exeter and the second on the 20 January at the National Monuments Record Centre in Swindon.

Places are limited, so book early by contacting Valerie Perry:

Telephone: 01985 843633 or email: valerie.perry@nationaltrust.org.uk [Back](#)

UK Association of Preservation Trusts (APT) Midlands Area, 30 January

The meeting is primarily for UK APT members operating in the Midlands, but is also open to others with a current or potential project involving the repair and re-use of an historic building. Area meetings provide an opportunity for APT members working on projects to rescue an historic building to share challenges and ideas with other groups and with support agencies.

The meeting will be from 10.30am (arrival from 10.00am) until 4pm, beginning with a panel of speakers: Dr Anthony Streeten, English Heritage East Midlands Regional Director; Ian Lush, Chief Executive of the Architectural Heritage Fund; Gary Hunt, Board member, East Midlands Development Agency (emda); and Ian Edwards, Rural Partnerships Team Leader, Advantage West Midlands (AWM). The day will include learning about the trials, tribulations and successes of The Arkwright Society's long-running project at Cromford Mill, including a guided tour and hearing about their current project to rescue Cromford railway station, and will also feature the first in a regular series of "good practice guides" for Building Preservation Trust projects: on this occasion a short presentation by Allan Morrison, Principal Historic Buildings Officer at Derbyshire County Council, focussing on the regulatory framework and secrets of making friends with your local authority.

Full details and booking forms are available from David Trevis-Smith (tel: 0121 288 2007 or email: david@dts-solutions.co.uk). [Back](#)

LGA/English Heritage Conference, 3 February

This conference aims to showcase best practice case studies and demonstrate where the historic environment has made a positive contribution to growth and regeneration, to the benefit of local people and the places in which they live. Speakers will include Dr Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of English Heritage and Barbara Follett MP, Minister for Culture, Creative Industries & Tourism.

For full details go to www.lga.gov.uk/lga/events/display-event.do?id=1084030 [Back](#)

ASCHB AGM and Conference, 4 February

The Association for Studies in the Conservation of Historic Buildings (ASCHB) will be holding its annual general meeting and conference at The Art Workers Guild, 6 Queen Square, London.

Chaired by Roger Evans, President of ASCHB, the conference 'Continuity and Change' will feature speakers including: Dr Christopher Young, Head of World Heritage and International Policy, English Heritage; John Neale, Historic Buildings Inspector, English Heritage, Rosemarie MacQueen, Director of Planning and City Development, Westminster City Council, Bishop Graeme Knowles of St Paul's Cathedral and Martin Stancliffe, Surveyor to the Fabric of St Paul's Cathedral. For more information visit <http://www.aschb.org.uk/conferences.htm> [Back](#)

RICS Energy Savings and Heritage Buildings, 10 February

On the occasion of the 4th European Sustainable Energy Week, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) has organised 'The Contribution of Heritage Buildings to Energy Savings' conference in Brussels.

This is a half-day conference on the challenges and the potential of turning European historically and culturally important buildings into beacons of energy saving. Confirmed keynote speakers include HRH The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Member of RICS and Karl Kellner, Advisor to the Director, General Directorate for Energy and Transport, European Commission. Participation in these workshops is limited only to 150 attendees on a first-come first-served basis. Free registration is now open at the European Commission Sustainable Energy website: www.eusew.eu [Back](#)

Environmental Assessment and the Cultural Heritage, 18 - 19 February

This course aims to inform participants about the principles of environmental assessment and its role in managing how the cultural heritage is affected by development, both at strategic and project level. The principles and good practice standards that the course will cover have much wider application than just formal environmental assessment processes. It should appeal to anyone with a background or interest

in planning and/or heritage conservation, operating in commercial, national agency, local authority, independent and university environments.

For further details and booking instructions at: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/x7263 [Back](#)

Save Exhibition, 16 February – 6 March

As Liverpool emerges from its year in the limelight as European Capital of Culture, a new exhibition, mounted by SAVE Britain's Heritage, takes a look at the state of the city's architectural heritage.

The new exhibition will highlight the importance, as well as the vulnerability, of Liverpool's architectural heritage - drawing attention to the number of historic buildings still at risk in the city, as well as celebrating recent successes. Contemporary and historic photographs will be accompanied by commentary from leading historians, conservation experts and residents of Liverpool.

For further information and for images, contact Robert Hradsky:
robert.hradsky@savebritainsheritage.org [Back](#)

Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge: Training events, February – March 2009

The Learning Outside the Classroom Manifesto was launched in November 2006 to achieve the goal of creating more and better quality learning outside the classroom (LOtC) experiences for young people.

To that end DCSF and the Manifesto Partnership have developed a series of measures to support users (schools, families etc) and providers (museums, historic houses, churches, temples, outdoor activity centres, theatres etc) in achieving this goal. A key measure is the Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge which will be awarded to providers that offer and facilitate good quality learning experiences at their sites. The Quality Badge will go live at the end of January 2009. To find out more, please visit www.lotcqualitybadge.org.uk.

In order to support providers in the heritage, sacred space and built environment sectors in getting the Quality Badge, GEM has been contracted by DCSF to deliver a training programme before the end of March 2009. The aim of the programme is to improve awareness and understanding of the badge scheme and in so doing improve the chances of making a successful application.

Eighteen one day events will be run through England in February and March 2009. For further information and/or to register for one of these events, email Ian Blackwell, Project Co-ordinator at: ianw.blackwell@btinternet.com [Back](#)

Heritage education with youngsters, 6-12 April (France)

A different view on heritage education with youngsters is offered by a five day European in-service training course on heritage education. It is aimed at both teachers in secondary education and educational guides or officers who want to enter heritage education and are looking for tools to get started or who already have experience with heritage education and want to stretch their thinking. The course aims to engage its participants actively to experience heritage by means of art based methodologies.

The course content has been developed by De Veerman (The Ferryman), a Flemish arts educational project organisation. Starting from a theoretical introduction on what heritage and heritage education is, it will go on to look at the Abbey of St-Jean d'Angély and the surrounding area and cities by means of observation and exploration exercises, active workshops and guided visits. Specialised knowledge of heritage themes and/or art disciplines is not required. Every day, time will be given to the participants for discussion of their own experiences and to exchange ideas.

The course is organised by GO! onderwijs van de Vlaamse Gemeenschap (Belgium) and is the result of the European Comenius 2.1 project HEREDUC – HERitage EDUCation. For more information visit www.hereduc.net [Back](#)

Historic Gardens, Parks and Designed Landscapes, 16 - 17 April

Recent research (including Heritage at Risk, 2008) has shown that many of England's historic gardens, parks and designed landscapes, both urban and rural are at risk from development pressures and decline. This situation has arisen due to a deficit of skills needed for effective management and maintenance, and under-investment. This course aims to examine and understand these threats and

challenges whilst identifying and evaluating strategies and solutions for protecting, conserving and managing sites.

For further details and booking instructions at: www.conted.ox.ac.uk/x7269 [Back](#)

ARIS Course, 2 September - 2 October 2009

Applications are now open for the ARIS 2009 course on 'Architectural Records, Inventories and Information Systems for Conservation', to be held in Rome, Italy.

The deadline for applications is 16 February 2009. For more information visit the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) website:

http://www.iccrom.org/eng/01train_en/announce_en/2009_09aris_en.shtml [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. [Back](#)

UK Association of Preservation Trusts: Director

The UK Association of Preservation Trusts (APT) is looking to appoint a Director to represent, publicise and articulate the works being achieved by Building Preservation Trusts and promote the potential for an expansion of activity. The Director will become the 'face' and 'voice' of APT for member Trusts working across the UK and for regional and national partnership organisations in the fields of heritage, conservation and regeneration.

The Director post may be based in London at the offices of the Architectural Heritage Fund in Charing Cross Road WC2, within the offices of a member BPT in the regions, or home based. Ability to attend meetings in London is however required.

The salary for this role is £35-40k pro rata, dependent on experience and job location. The post is offered on a permanent contract, on a part time basis - 30 hours per week. The closing date for applications is 9 February. For full details visit: www.ukapt.org.uk [Back](#)

MLA: Regional Manager (various)

The chief purposes of these positions are to be a highly visible presence for the MLA within their region, developing and maintaining effective stakeholder engagement and strong partnerships in order that the MLA's objectives are achieved at a regional and local level; and to be an effective member of the MLA's national field team, bringing a sound understanding of their region to planning, programme development and project implementation in order to achieve a synthesis between MLA strategic objectives and the meeting of local needs.

The closing date for applications is 29 January. These roles will be based either at home or co-located with a stakeholder within one of the MLA's nine regions. The salary for these posts will be in the region of £50,000 pa. For more information visit <http://www.mla.gov.uk/> [Back](#)

English Heritage: Head of Regional Partnerships

English Heritage has an opportunity for an outstanding conservation professional. Working in Holborn, the post holder will influence major players across London's political, cultural and development sectors through advocacy and partnership working. They will also work alongside the Regional Director to help manage a well-respected team of 45 heritage specialists.

The successful candidate will need a flair for building strategic relationships; excellent communication skills and an ability to manage the media; exceptional leadership skills, management ability and motivational qualities; a good understanding and experience of the planning system and track record of successfully managing complex or contentious casework in at least one area of the historic environment.

The closing date for applications is 28 January. The salary for this role is £45-50,000 pa. To apply, please visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

English Heritage: Business Manager (Manchester)

The post holder will provide support to the team which delivers advice to Local Planning Authorities on proposed developments in historic places across the North West and grant aid to historic places in need

of financial assistance. They will monitor and report on performance, advise on where improvements can be made and liaise with colleagues in other regions and nationally.

With a proven track record in managing performance, candidates will have a high level of IT literacy and practical knowledge of financial procedures and business processes, preferably within the heritage sector. They must be able to challenge systems and procedures, contribute to national/regional improvements in business processes and engage with and motivate staff.

The salary for this role is c. £25,000 pa (fixed term contract until 31 January 2009). The deadline for applications is 19 January. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

English Heritage: Head of Research Policy (Freshwater/Wetlands)

The post holder will take the lead role within English Heritage in providing policy and strategic advice on English Heritage's interests in the freshwater (groundwater and fluvial) and wetland historic environment. This will include updating and implementing English Heritage's relevant strategies for the freshwater and wetland historic environment, and defining English Heritage's role in, and contribution to research on the subject at a national level.

They will liaise with other agencies and NGOs and build strong working relationships across English Heritage, to ensure that our responses to national initiatives and international directives related to the freshwater and wetland historic environment are consistent, effective and focused on our key priorities. The post holder will need to have good knowledge and wide experience in the historic environment sector, and a strong understanding of the policies and issues affecting the freshwater and wetland historic environment. Excellent skills in collecting, analysing and organising information and in writing, as well as the ability to work with multi-disciplinary groups to deliver results on time, are also essential.

The salary for this role is likely to be in the range of £38,000 - £45,000 pa (one year contract/secondment). The closing date for applications is 20 February. For further information and to apply for this role, please visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

English Heritage: Head of Research Policy (Places of Worship)

The post holder will take the lead role within English Heritage in continuing the development of the research policy and strategy for Places of Worship, and for defining English Heritage's role in, and contribution to, research on the subject at a national level. This will include providing effective support for key English Heritage initiatives (Inspired! Heritage at Risk, and Heritage Protection Reform) to ensure, wherever practicable, that these are underpinned by the relevant advice and research related to Places of Worship.

They will co-ordinate the 'Taking Stock' programme and the development of a sustainable toolkit/template, which will support dioceses in developing strategies to care for their historic environment and work to extend the methodology to other denominations. They will liaise externally with the Places of Worship sector and build strong working relationships across English Heritage, to ensure that its research strategy and agenda for Places of Worship responds to sector and corporate needs. The post holder will need to have good knowledge and wide experience in the historic environment sector, a strong understanding of the policies and issues effecting Places of Worship, and a substantial track record/or research and publication in Places of Worship subjects. Excellent skills in collecting, analysing and organising information and in writing, as well as the ability to work with multi-disciplinary groups to deliver results on time, are also essential.

The salary for this role is likely to be in the range of £38,000 - £45,000 pa (two year contract/secondment). The closing date for applications is 20 February. For further information and to apply for this role, please visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

English Heritage: Keeper of the Wellington Collection

Apsley House was the London home of the first Duke of Wellington and remains the London residence of the present Duke and his family. Its association with the first Duke and its outstanding collections make it a major historic property.

The post of Keeper is a new appointment made by English Heritage which manages the house on behalf of the nation and the Apsley House Committee which oversees its long term development. It offers a unique opportunity to manage every aspect of the conservation and maintenance, day to day operation, and long term development of a high profile property and collection.

Candidates should have a strong experience of both curatorial and operational management of a major historic property or museum. The closing date for applications is 26 January. Applicants should send their CV with a covering letter to Sir Hayden Phillips, Chairman, Apsley House Committee, Apsley House, 149 Piccadilly, London, W1J 7NT. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

Natural England: Historic Environment Delivery

The role will be accountable for the delivery; support and reporting of Historic Environment spend under the RDPE programme and providing specialist knowledge, technical advice and expertise on Historic Environment issues across Natural England's delivery remit. (3.2 08/09 Delivery Agreement).

This will include liaison with sector partners and stakeholders and developing and implementing training and development programmes for Natural England staff. In addition, the role will include the functional co-ordination of Natural England's network of Regional Historic Environment Advisors and a close working relationship with the Senior HE Specialist in the Policy Team.

The salary for this role is from £29,000 - £37,000 pa. The closing date for applications is 27 January. For more information visit <http://www.naturalengland.co.uk/about/vacancies/rcrc1196.htm> [Back](#)

Cadw: Various Roles

Cadw is the Welsh Assembly Government's historic environment service. It is a division of the Rural Affairs and Heritage Department and works to the Minister for Heritage. We are seeking to appoint three posts within the Inspectorate of Ancient Monuments and Historic Buildings.

Assistant Inspector of Archaeology

The post-holder will be responsible for providing general archaeological and heritage management support within one of the Inspectorate regions. In addition the post holder will provide support for work and policy relating to the maritime and coastal archaeology of Wales.

Based in Nantgarw (near Cardiff) the salary for this role is £25,000 - £32,100 pa.

Assistant Inspector of Historic Buildings

The post involves a wide range of duties relating to the Built Historic Environment of Wales. The post will focus on designation and other issues relating to historic buildings.

Based in Nantgarw (near Cardiff) the salary for this role is £25,000 - £32,100 pa.

Field Monument Warden (North Wales)

The post includes responsibility for undertaking site visits to scheduled ancient monuments to monitor their condition and to provide management advice to owners. Based at home, part-time the salary for this role is £19,300 - £24,500 (pro rata).

All applicants should have a relevant honours degree or relevant postgraduate qualification with recent and relevant experience in the management of the historic environment. The closing date for applications is 6 February. For information and to apply, visit www.wales.gov.uk/recruitment or email hr-helpdesk@wales.gsi.gov.uk or fax a request to 029 2082 5715. [Back](#)

Forestry Commission: Programme Manager (Wyre Forest, near Bewdley, Worcestershire)

A major £4 million three year landscape programme has just begun in the Wyre Forest in the West Midlands, part funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). The post holder will have the drive and ambition to run this scheme and make an impact. Experience of managing and delivering diverse projects within the constraints of quality, deadlines and budgets is essential, along with a good knowledge of managing resources including staff and finance. The post holder will also hold a professional qualification, degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline or membership of a professional organisation.

The salary for this role is £26,560 pa. This is a three year fixed term appointment with the possibility of extension or conversion to permanency. The closing date for applications is 26 January. To apply visit <http://www.forestry.gov.uk/vacancies> [Back](#)

The Victorian Society: Conservation Adviser

The Victorian Society is seeking to recruit a new Conservation Adviser [consistency]. The successful applicant will be educated to degree level or equivalent, have knowledge of Victorian and Edwardian architecture, and excellent written and oral communication skills. Knowledge of the planning system would also be an advantage. Travel throughout England and Wales involved. This is a three year contract subject to performance and funding.

Based in London the salary for this role is £20,000 pa (plus pension). The closing date for applications is 26 January. For details and application form visit www.victoriansociety.org.uk; telephone 020 8747 5890. [Back](#)

Brent Council: London 2012 Manager

Brent Council is looking to appoint a manager with significant project management skills, who can work under their own initiative and with a range of partners and stakeholders to co-ordinate the successful delivery of their action plan.

The salary for this role may be up to £46,359 pa. The closing date for applications is 30 January. For more information visit www.brent.gov.uk/jobs [Back](#)

The Battlefields Trust: Development Officer

The Battlefields Trust is a heritage charity - working with English Heritage (EH) - dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and presentation of battlefield sites in Britain as educational and heritage resources. The Trust is seeking a new full-time post designed to help the Trust and EH to preserve and promote particular battlefields 'at risk' from unsympathetic development. The key tool and function of the post will be to develop a scheme of 'battlefield custodians' across the country. For the right person, this job is a great opportunity to develop their business, management, influencing, membership and marketing skills, while working at the heart of the heritage sector.

The ideal candidate will be able to work in a self-directed manner and be able to travel widely (with overnight stays) in England. They will be developing networks and acting as the eyes and ears, advocate and ambassador for the Trust. They will be working to research, plan and deliver strategies to attract and retain a diverse range of members and contacts.

The salary for this role is c. £30,000pa (depending upon experience). The deadline for applications has been extended to the 12 February. For more information e-mail Peter Burley at national.coordinator@battlefieldstrust.com for more information and an application form. [Back](#)

CTFC: Historic Church Buildings Support Officer

Cumbria has hundreds of historic places of worship. Most of the buildings are managed by volunteers. Some groups need assistance to secure this heritage for the future. The Churches Fund For Cumbria is seeking a self-motivated person with strong inter-personal skills to work strategically with church and community groups to organise funding, repairs and maintenance for priority buildings. Candidates could be from a range of backgrounds but will need a passion for heritage and the ability to organise projects.

The salary for this role is £25 000 - £30 000 (3 year contract). The closing date for applications is 3 February. For more information visit www.ctfc.org.uk [Back](#)

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary in Human osteoarchaeology

Applications are invited for an HLF-funded IFA Workplace Learning Bursary based at the School of Geography, Archaeology and Palaeoecology, Queen's University Belfast. The post is designed to provide the successful candidate with training in the osteological and palaeopathological analysis of a collection of archaeological human skeletons.

Applicants should have archaeological experience at PIFA level and will have successfully completed a taught masters in osteoarchaeology, palaeopathology or a related subject. They should have had practical experience of working with collections of archaeological human remains and be able to demonstrate an understanding of Irish Medieval archaeology. Experience of contributing to specialist report writing or post excavation assessment or analysis would be desirable. The salary for this role is £16,547 pa. The deadline for applications is 30 January. For more information visit <http://www.qub.ac.uk/schools/gap/> [Back](#)

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary in Communicating Archaeology

Applications are invited for an HLF-funded IFA Workplace Learning Bursary placement at the Council for British Archaeology based in either in York or London. The post is designed to provide the holder with a range of skills and experience which relate to different elements of communicating archaeology to various audiences, including the profession (encompassing the active voluntary sector) and the public.

Applicants should have archaeological experience at AIFA level and should be able to demonstrate a good general knowledge of UK archaeology, its challenges, issues and latest developments. It is essential that applicants are passionate about conveying archaeological news. Some previous experience of writing, editing or broadcasting archaeology to a variety of audiences would be desirable.

The closing date for applications is 9 February. The salary for this role is £17,000 pa. For more information contact danhull@britarch.ac.uk or visit the CBA website www.britarch.ac.uk/cba/jobs [Back](#)

Royal Gunpowder Mills: Various Marketing Manager

The Royal Gunpowder Mills is looking for a new Marketing Manager who will be responsible for developing and managing the PR, Marketing and Fundraising functions of the Royal Gunpowder Mills. This is a key role designed to raise the profile and increasing visitors & support for this important heritage visitor attraction. The salary for this role is up to £26,000 pa (full-time).

Manager of the Historic Small Arms Collection/Exhibition

The Royal Gunpowder Mills is recruiting a new post to manage, care, conserve, develop and promote this small arms/military history collection/exhibition, as part of the heritage attraction. The salary for this role will be up to £20,000 (full-time or part-time on pro rata basis).

Both jobs located in 170 acre historic landscape in Waltham Abbey, Essex. The deadline for applications is 30 January. For more information visit www.royalgunpowdermills.com [Back](#)

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