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Diary Date: Heritage Link North East Event, 13 March

Heritage Link will continue its series of popular events in Newcastle on 13 March. Held in partnership with the North East Civic Trust invited speakers are: Sir Alan Beith; Carol Pyrah, English Heritage and Angela Dove (Heritage Link Diversity Project Co-ordinator, 2006-8).

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Heritage Link's Response to the Mayor's 'Cultural Metropolis' consultation

Heritage Link (HL) has welcomed the London Mayor's initiative in presenting a regional cultural strategy for consultation. HL believes that in the current economic climate it is even more important to demonstrate the value of culture to society in social as well as economic terms.

However the consultation document gives mixed messages on the place of heritage within London's cultural provision. Listed last after cultural promotion and tourism 'Heritage (including buildings and other structures of historical or architectural interest)' appears to be a means to an end rather having an intrinsic aesthetic significance. Heritage Link argues that it has both and together with the voluntary heritage organisations is underrepresented in the capital.

To view our response in full go to <http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/2009/02/05/heritage-links-reponse-to-the-london-mayors-cultural-strategy-consultation/> [Back](#)

Heritage Bill Update

It now looks very unlikely that the Heritage Bill will go forward, even if a slot in the legislative programme should appear. Although not formally announced, the Bill Team in DCMS appears to have been disbanded without completing the drafting or Impact Assessment. Furthermore, replying to an oral question in Parliament from the Shadow Culture Minister Ed Vaizey, over rescuing the Heritage Bill, the Minister Barbara Follett did not mention the Bill at all but preferred to focus on the Planning Policy Statement 'I will do absolutely everything I can to ensure that we get that planning policy guidance through.' See <http://www.shadowdcms.co.uk/newsshow.aspx?ref=114> Nevertheless there is still reason for heritage bodies to press for as much beneficial change as can be achieved without primary legislation,

DCMS, CLG and English Heritage are working on the Planning Policy Statement to replace PPG 15 (Planning and the Historic Environment) and PPG16 (Planning and Archaeology). Two workshops have been held prior to the consultation on the draft text and on contents of the guidance which is expected to be announced before Easter alongside the Government's 'vision' statement prepared by DCMS, CLG and DEFRA.

Further news is still awaited on the scope and timetable for other reforms than can be carried out without primary legislation, for example how the Shimizu judgment affecting demolition in Conservation Areas will be reversed or how the thorny issue of interim protection, while buildings are under consideration for listing, will be dealt with.

This month however, we expect the publication of the EH and LGA/IHBC/ALGAO report on local authority resources. English Heritage is also due to publish the Principles for Selection of Listing Buildings. The start of the formal consultation on strategic designation has been proposed for February as well as the start of local authority training and capacity building events. [Back](#)

CMS Committee complains over wasted time

The Culture Media and Sport Select Committee, reporting on its work in 2007-8, criticised the tight timetable for examining the Bill. It notes that the Draft Heritage Protection Bill was laid before Parliament on 2 April 2008, a day before the House adjourned for the Easter Recess and that 'Certain key clauses on conservation areas were not published until the day before the Committee took oral evidence, making it difficult for witnesses to give any detailed assessment.'

'We remind the Government that it is desirable that draft legislation should be published in time to allow select committees adequate time to invite written submissions, take oral evidence and prepare and agree a Report.' The Report continues that the Committee 'was extremely disappointed that having worked hard to meet the Government's timetable for scrutiny of the two draft bills, the Government then decided to drop them from the legislative programme. This decision has caused consternation amongst all those bodies involved in heritage and undermines the whole pre-legislative scrutiny process.'

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<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm200809/cmselect/cmcmcomeds/188/18802.htm> [Back](#)

Planning Act 2008: route map for IPC and consultation on NPS consultees

The Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC) will be established under the Planning Act 2008 as the new authority granting development consent for nationally significant infrastructure projects. The Act also provides for the Government to produce national policy statements (NPSs) to be used as the policy framework for the Commission's decisions. It imposes a requirement on project promoters to consult affected parties and local communities prior to submitting an application, and sets out a new process for examining applications.

The current timetable for implementing the new regime is set out in the Route Map for the implementation of the Infrastructure Planning Commission:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/planning/planningpolicyimplementation/reformplanning/system/planningbill/> [Back](#)

The three departments responsible for drafting the NPSs are: Department for Transport, Department for Energy and Climate Change and Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. A consultation is also announced on the list of statutory consultees for National Policy Statements. The consultation closes on 20 April.

To download the consultation paper, see

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

IHBC supports decision on conservation 'injustice'

The IHBC, the UK's professional body for historic environment conservation specialists, welcomed the conclusion by England's Local Government Ombudsman that a planning authority's failure to manage its duties in conservation could amount to 'injustice'. Seán O'Reilly, IHBC Director, said: 'Given delays in the new heritage legislation it is a timely reminder that planning authorities must be fair to all interests in our historic places.'

Dr O'Reilly continued: 'The report examines a complex, but not untypical, conservation issue. The IHBC doesn't comment on specific cases, but its grave conclusions provide a crucial base line for modern conservation services. Local authorities can only respect all our interests by giving effective corporate support for substantial conservation services that are fully integrated with the decision-making processes of the planning system. Lacking clear legislation, the Ombudsman's oversight here, as ever, is both invaluable for stakeholders and a cautionary note for councils.'

The Ombudsman's criticism of Darlington Borough identified 'multiple and various failings' in handling a case of conversion and demolition of historic buildings. She concluded that these 'amounted to maladministration causing injustice.' The Ombudsman also urged the authority to 'ensure that all staff involved in dealing with development control decisions are properly trained in the law and its own policies and procedures relating to listed buildings.'

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

APPG Coastal and Marine Inquiry: invitation to submit evidence

The All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) is a group of MPs and Peers, across all parties, who have a shared interest in coastal areas. They meet at least three times during the year, along with other stakeholders, to debate issues of common concern. As Parliamentarians they have a unique insight into government and an inside track on national policy. It is the only body which brings people together at a national level to consider UK policy in coastal areas.

Through the APPG, and CoastNet's wider work, there is anecdotal evidence that there are some rural issues of concern that are peculiar to the coast. How universal are they, and are they sufficiently different from the norm to warrant special attention? Examples include: proportion of holiday homes and associated impacts; isolation from services; poor quality former holiday accommodation now in permanent housing; high vulnerability of 'permanent' holiday park residents in flood risk areas.

To gain a better understanding of these matters the APPG has determined to undertake an inquiry to establish the factual basis regarding whether the coastal rural areas differ from inland rural areas, or from the general situation in the UK, with regard to a range of measures of deprivation and disadvantage.

The deadline to submit evidence will be 30 March. Panel meetings will take place between April and June. The Inquiry will report in October 2009. Evidence will only be accepted in electronic format. To submit visit: <http://cms.coastnet.org.uk/?APPG-submission>. If you have any difficulties please phone CoastNet on 01206 728644 or email admin@coastnet.org.uk [Back](#)

Early Day Motion calls for empty homes to be brought back into use

An Early Day Motion tabled in the House of Commons (and with cross-party support) is calling for a reduction in the rate of VAT on building repairs and improvement work to existing buildings.

This is one of CPRE's longstanding campaign objectives and would bring empty homes back into use - reducing the need for new houses and helping protect the countryside and England's heritage. For more information visit <http://edmi.parliament.uk/EDMi/EDMDetails.aspx?EDMID=36999&SESSION=899> [Back](#)

Museums and VAT

The Museums Association has learned from Justin Whitehouse, a VAT expert and partner at Deloitte, that many museums will be eligible for a refund on VAT that was overpaid or underclaimed before 1 May 1997. Prior to this date HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) introduced a three-year cap for claims, leading to a case last year when publisher Condé Nast and motor trader Fleming successfully argued that the

cap was brought in without warning and did not allow a reasonable transition period in which to make claims before the three-year limit came into force. The House of Lords found in favour of taxpayers in early 2008.

Museums have until 31 March to apply for the refund. Financial consultant Deloitte, which acted for Condé Nast, said that even small claims can add up to significant amounts, particularly when interest is applied. The HMRC estimates that more than £1bn (excluding interest) is due to be repaid in relation to these claims. For more information visit

http://www.museumsassociation.org/17876&_IXPOS=manews1.1 [Back](#)

Londoners to have their say on Olympic legacy plans

Londoners are being invited to help shape the future of the Olympic Park site through a series of workshops and interactive roadshows starting next week. The London Development Agency (LDA) will reveal the latest legacy plans for the Olympic Park site at 22 events across London.

People can have their say by taking part in activities including interactive games and a large model game over the six week consultation.

Details of the events are available at www.legacynow.co.uk where people can also take part in an online consultation. Feedback may also be given by phone on 020 7593 9000 or email: legacynow@lda.gov.uk [Back](#)

NCVO state that the Government must provide £100Million package

The Government must provide a minimum of £100M to ensure that essential support and services provided by voluntary and community organisations (VCOs) are able to survive in the short term according to the leading sector umbrella organisation. The money would ensure that VCOs could move forward and provide support and services more effectively and to help the sector to be stronger when the country emerges from the recession.

The National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) has said the package would include support in terms of loans and grants; a recession health check; for collaboration and mergers; an innovation fund; community assets fund; new financial instruments; employment support; and a resource to understand the on-going impact of the recession. NCVO will be developing, and publishing separately, a plan setting out the support and services we intend to offer. For further press information please contact Grant Imlach in NCVO's Press Office on 0207 520 2468; grant.imalach@ncvo-vol.org.uk or Louis High on 0207 250 2569; louis.high@ncvo-vol.org.uk. For the full press release visit: <http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/press/releases/?id=12452> [Back](#)

Volunteering England response to social mobility White Paper

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.

For more information visit

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/News/mediacentre/2009+Press+Releases/New+Opportunities.htm> [Back](#)

Voluntary sector marks first anniversary of 'Manifesto for Change'

Volunteering England, together with 100 key figures from the public, private and voluntary sectors have marked the first anniversary of the 'Manifesto for Change' from the Commission on the Future of Volunteering, chaired by Baroness Neuberger, with the news that significant changes are being made to the world of volunteering. Far-reaching changes, along with multimillion pound investment, are helping to make volunteering part of the DNA of our society.

Red tape and unnecessary Criminal Record Bureau checks, along with much needed private sector involvement and Government support, are key areas which have been reviewed by over 100 influential figures spanning the private, public and voluntary sectors to ensure lasting change is delivered to the £45billion volunteering sector.

For more information visit

<http://www.volunteering.org.uk/News/mediacentre/2009+Press+Releases/first+anniversary+of+Manifesto+for+Change.htm> [Back](#)

£2.6 Million offered to 23 cathedrals by English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation

English Heritage has announced that under its joint Cathedrals Grants Scheme with the Wolfson Foundation, £2.6 million is to be awarded for the repair of 23 cathedrals across England. The cathedral grants will be used for a range of projects from the repair of the central spire and tower at Truro Cathedral, to masonry repairs at Lichfield Cathedral and roof repairs to the library of the internationally renowned Canterbury Cathedral.

Grants range from support for comparatively small works to tasks requiring significant sums of money. The maximum single grant is £250,000 which is being given to cathedrals in Truro, Lincoln and London (St Paul's). The scheme is open to both Church of England and Roman Catholic cathedrals and this year Norwich Roman Catholic Cathedral is receiving a grant for £72,000 for roof repairs. These grants help to make up shortfalls that the local community alone cannot provide so that nationally important buildings can be maintained for the benefit of the widest possible public.

In addition English Heritage will be carrying out a range of projects to support cathedrals. A new survey, to be carried out in partnership with Church of England and Roman Catholic cathedrals, has been commissioned, to review the condition of England's cathedral buildings. A visitor survey will be carried out by the Association of English Cathedrals, part funded by English Heritage. This autumn English Heritage will publish a book highlighting the best examples of new works in cathedrals, an invaluable guide to cathedrals seeking to make maximum use of their great, historic buildings. For more information visit <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.15479> [Back](#)

Darwin's home and workplace nominated for World Heritage Site status

Darwin's home and workplace, Darwin's Landscape Laboratory, has been chosen as the UK's 2009 nomination to become a World Heritage Site, Culture Secretary Andy Burnham has announced. 2009 is the bicentenary of Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his seminal work, 'On the Origin of Species'.

Darwin's Landscape Laboratory, situated in the London Borough of Bromley, comprises Charles Darwin's house, experimental garden and the seven kilometres of countryside immediately around his property. It was used for Darwin's important scientific investigations for forty years after his round-the-world voyage on HMS Beagle in the 1830s. It was here that Darwin developed and demonstrated his theory of evolution by natural selection through the study of plants and animals in natural settings and under human management. For more information visit www.culture.gov.uk [Back](#)

Obama: A powerful library champion

The MLA, and its Chief Executive Roy Clare, has welcomed Barack Obama into office, taking the opportunity to point to his lesser known record as someone who shares a drive and enthusiasm for public libraries. With the MLA embarking on a library campaign to highlight the vital role of libraries and their changing face – modern libraries for modern users - it's good to know this view is shared by a man who has been elected to the most powerful office in the world.

In a key speech at a library conference in his home city of Chicago in 2005, Obama described librarians as guardians of truth and knowledge, and thanked them for their role as champions of privacy, literacy, independent thinking, and most of all reading. 'The library represents a window to a larger world, the place where we've always come to discover big ideas and profound concepts that help move ... the human story forward' he said. As part of the new library campaign the MLA will be looking for 'library champions' to highlight the importance of this cause, it seems they will be following in important footsteps. For the full press release visit http://www.mla.gov.uk/news/comment/obama_libraries [Back](#)

English Heritage: Our Place Survey results

Our Place is the interactive website resulting from the EH conference, 'Your Place or Mine' in 2007.

Before Christmas the Our Place team sent out a survey. The general consensus was that Our Place is a good idea, and something that can help people working in the sector. The most popular parts of the site were the projects and events pages. All respondents were keen to see more and varied resources available; especially more detailed case studies, including mistakes people have made. However, many of respondents found getting into the groups hard, and felt shy of initiating conversations.

For more information about Our Place visit <http://www.ourplacenetwork.org.uk/> [Back](#)

The Civic Trust Annual Review 2008

The Civic Trust has launched its Annual Review of Activities 2008, which highlights the successes of the Trust and its members. From the Civic Trust Awards scheme to Heritage Open Days, the Civic Trust and its members have worked hard to create and celebrate better places for people.

To find out more about the Civic Trust's work, achievements and the work of their members visit <http://www.civictrust.org.uk/documents/CivicTrustAnnualReview2008.pdf> [Back](#)

New online materials teach children to respect public parks

A range of new on-line materials for schools that encourage children of all ages to appreciate and respect their local parks are now available free from Parks & Gardens UK (www.parksandgardens.ac.uk). Parks & Gardens UK, launched in 2008, holds thousands of records for historic parks and gardens, and the people who designed, maintained and owned them. The web site features a wealth of educational materials, news and features about parks and gardens across the United Kingdom.

Teachers can adapt the ideas in the materials for use with any age group. They can also be used at home by parents and carers, and by groups such as Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Girl Guides. The materials are supported by a range of activity sheets and a gallery of images covering all aspects of parks. For more information contact info@parksandgardens.ac.uk [Back](#)

The Charity Awards

Measured on ten Hallmarks of Excellence, entry to The Charity Awards 2009 is free to all charities throughout the UK. Nominations are invited under ten broad areas of charitable activity, covering the full range of the voluntary sector including amongst others: Arts, culture and heritage; Children and youth; Disability; Education and training; Grantmaking and Research, advice and support

To mark your charity's achievements visit www.charityawards.co.uk for more information The deadline for entries is 9 March. [Back](#)

PEOPLE

The National Trust for Scotland appoints new Chief Executive

The National Trust for Scotland has appointed Kate Mavor as its new chief executive. Mavor, who starts in March, is currently chief executive of youth volunteering charity, ProjectScotland. She has also been chief executive of Language Line, the UK community interpreting service for the public sector.

Shonaig Macpherson, chair of the Trust, said: 'As an experienced chief executive with an impressive track record and strong public service ethos, I am sure Kate will provide the Trust with strong strategic leadership as we continue in our drive to ensure that the charity is the modern, responsive organisation it needs to be to thrive in the 21st century.' For more information visit www.nts.org.uk [Back](#)

New Chief Executive of the Heritage Education Trust

The newly appointed Chief Executive of the Heritage Education Trust is Tracy Borman, formerly Learning Director at English Heritage and currently interim Head of Interpretation for Historic Royal Palaces.

She is also a renowned historical biographer and heritage journalist. Tracy takes over from Gareth Fitzpatrick, who had directed the Trust for the past ten years, with generous support from the Duke of Buccleuch. For more information go to: www.heritageeducationtrust.org.uk [Back](#)

EVENTS

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](#)

Long Life, Low Energy: Retrofitting Sustainability, 10 February

New London Architecture (NLA) is hosting an essential half-day conference and networking lunch in association with Westminster City Council and Westminster Property Owners Association that brings together some of the leading players in the sector to explore the technical issues of achieving better sustainability in the existing building stock.

The conference will outline new planning policy being developed by Westminster City Council as well as presenting a series of technical case studies examining the issues involved. It will feature policy makers, Westminster's leading landowners and developers, designers, engineers, cost consultants and sustainability experts. Limited places are still available to attend.

For more information visit <http://www.newlondonarchitecture.org> or call 020 7636 4044 [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, 13 February

The exhibition 'Triumph, Disaster and Decay: The Save Survey of Liverpool's Heritage' at the RIBA Gallery will run from 16 February to 6 March, Monday to Friday (9am–5pm) with a special opening on Saturday 21 February (11am–5pm). For more information contact Denise Neilson on 020 7253 3500 or email administrator@savebritainsheritage.org [Back](#)

CBA Winter Meeting, 23 February

The CBA's annual Winter General Meeting will cover the relationship between archaeology and music, with a range of presentations covering many different aspects of this wide-ranging topic.

The programme for the day school will include amongst others, presentations on: Music and Silbury Hill (Sarah May, English Heritage); the archaeology of folk music - The Singing Landscape (Yvette Staelens, University of Bournemouth) and the Liverpool soundscape (Sarah Cohen, Institute of Popular Music, University of Liverpool). The event will be held in the National Centre for Early Music in York (www.ncem.co.uk). Further details, including an updated programme, are available at www.britarch.ac.uk/cba/wgm [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, 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](#)

Landscape Character Network Workshop, 18 March

The European Landscape Convention, which came into force in the UK in 2007, defines a landscape as an area whose character is the result of the action and interaction of natural and/or human factors. Landscapes continue to change; and people's perceptions change all the time too. The Convention highlights the need to identify and assess landscapes. To do this requires an understanding of how landscapes have changed throughout history. This understanding is needed to inform work with local communities or developers to shape continuing landscape change.

This workshop will cover recent developments in characterisation techniques for landscapes in country, town and at sea. It will include presentations by people shaping policies for historic landscape and applying the latest techniques to their work. It will also look ahead to future landscape change. There will be opportunities to pose questions to the speakers and for open discussion. Speakers will include: Peter Herring, English Heritage; Andy Wigley, Shropshire County Council; Lesley Mitchell / Karl Lunn, Greater Manchester Archaeology Unit; Graham Fairclough, English Heritage and Vicky Hunns, Natural England. This event is open to all. Numbers attending the workshop will be limited to around 60 and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis on receipt of payment. Cost of registration is £139.00 (plus VAT). To register visit <http://landscapecharacter.org.uk/historic-future>. [Back](#)

UK Association of Preservation Trusts (APT) Midlands Area meeting, 20 March

UK Association of Preservation Trusts (APT) Midlands Area meeting to be held on 20 March (combined with a seminar being organised by the West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust) at Bantock House, Finchfield Road, Wolverhampton WV3 9LQ.

The seminar theme will be successful building conservation projects and will be from 10.30am (arrival from 10.00am) until 4.30pm, with Anne Jenkins, Heritage Lottery Fund Head of Region, West Midlands, amongst the line-up of speakers.

Full details and tickets are available from Mike Youe (tel: 07710 175386 or email: mvyoue@yahoo.com). [Back](#)

Missing Out? Socioeconomic Status and Heritage Participation, 23 March

English Heritage will be hosting a conference to examine how to broaden the appeal of what heritage offers, particularly to family groups. The conference will bring together heritage organisations, commentators, researchers and community groups to investigate how appealing the (heritage offer – an odd phrase & jargon!) is to families, launching new research findings from English Heritage and exploring new ways to empower everyone to pass down a passion for England's heritage to future generations.

The Taking Part survey has revealed that people who visited heritage sites as children are more likely to do so as adults. A day of workshops and seminars will address questions such as: how do we broaden audiences to existing heritage sites? What can we learn from outside the sector? do we need better representation of working people's history, or a more engaging general offer? And how do different groups most enjoy engaging with the past, and does the sector recognise their approach?

Places are free but must be reserved in advance. Missing Out? is taking place on at the London School of Economics New Academic Building at 54 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, WC2A 3LJ. If you are interested in attending, please contact missing-out@english-heritage.org.uk or ring 020 7973 3253. [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](#)

Danson House Symposium, 15 May

A one day symposium on international Huguenot merchant networks, featuring the Boyd family, is being co-sponsored by Bexley Heritage Trust, The Huguenot Society of Great Britain & Ireland and The Huguenot Society of South Carolina. It will take place in the unique setting of Danson House, Bexleyheath, on 15 May, from 10 am (registration from 9.30 am) and will be chaired by Prof John Miller, Queen Mary College, University of London and Huguenot Society Fellow. Speakers are Prof Louis Cullen, formerly of Trinity College Dublin, Prof David Hancock, University of Michigan, Prof Bertrand van Ruymbeke, Université de Paris VIII, Cheves Leland and Dianne Ressinger, of The Huguenot Society of South Carolina, Daniel McGill of Ballycastle HRG and Vivien Costello, Huguenot Society Fellow.

The symposium fee of £35 will include refreshments, lunch and a guided tour of the house. An additional three course dinner in the Library of Danson House, is offered for symposium attendees, at £40 per person, and also includes a Georgian cocktail, served in the Salon, wine and coffee. Please note that places for the symposium and even more so for the dinner are limited and bookings will be treated on a first come first served basis. For further details and to book a place please contact Janet Hearn-Gillham by telephone 01322 526574 or email. janet.hearn-gillham@bexleyheritagetrust.org.uk [Back](#)

Past Forward! 20 May 2009

A national conference to celebrate and promote Scotland's rich historic environment will take place on 20 May in Dynamic Earth, Edinburgh. The conference is organised by the Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland (HEACS). The opening address will be given by Linda Fabiani MSP, Minister for Europe, External Affairs and Culture, and other speakers will include Liz Burns, Chair of HEACS, and Shonaig Macpherson, Chair of the National Trust for Scotland.

Some of the key bodies and voluntary groups in the historic environment will showcase their work and outline their vision for the future, and there will be exhibitions about some of the exciting projects taking place. The day will conclude with an open forum focusing on the challenges and opportunities for our historic environment in the years ahead.

All are welcome. Attendance is free and a buffet lunch will be served. Prior booking is essential. For further information or to request a booking form, please contact Pat Stables at HEACS Secretariat, Longmore House, Salisbury Place, Edinburgh EH9 1SH; phone 0131-6688817; email patricia.stables@scotland.gsi.gov.uk. [Back](#)

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North East Civic Trust: Community Heritage Officer

This post has been created as a part of a £525,000 project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, English Heritage and Blyth Valley Borough Council to repair and redevelop Blyth Battery wartime coastal defence structures as a visitor attraction and education facility.

The post holder will be expected to develop and deliver a year round education programme at Blyth Battery Visitor Centre and provide support to the Friends of Blyth Battery in the development and operation of Blyth Battery as a visitor centre through volunteer recruitment/coordination, event management and coordination of a volunteer training programme. Candidates should have experience of education programmes and in working with community groups, as well as an interest in 20th century history.

The role is funded for 3 years for 20 hours a week with a salary of £23,500 pa (pro rata). The deadline for applications is 9 February. For more information visit www.nect.org.uk [Back](#)

English Heritage: Project Manager

English Heritage is looking for a skilled individual to take on this key role as part of the Wrest Park Redevelopment Project. With a solid project management background, the post holder will manage the development of detailed plans for the Project and incorporate these into a Round 2 Heritage Lottery Fund application by early 2010.

Skilled at working in partnership with a range of individuals, consultants and organisations, the successful candidate will have experience of preparing significant funding applications and a genuine

commitment to improving access to Britain's Historic Environment. PRINCE qualification or similar would be advantageous but is not essential.

Based at Wrest Park the salary for this role is £29,500 - £33,000 pa. The deadline for applications is 20 February. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

English Heritage: Audience Development Manager

English Heritage protects and provides advice on this country's unique legacy of historic buildings, landscapes and archaeological sites. This role involves actively engaging new audiences at Wrest Park through the organisation of outreach projects and event days, and developing meaningful relationships with three key target groups.

The successful candidate will be skilled at working in active partnership with a wide range of individuals and organisations, and have experience of a number of community engagement initiatives in either an arts, museum, heritage or educational setting.

Based at Wrest Park, the salary for this role is £25,000 - £26,500 pa (12 month contract initially). The deadline for applications is 20 February. For more information visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/jobs [Back](#)

Cadwgan Building Preservation Trust: Various Project Development Officer

This role is for the Trust's project at Cardigan Castle to oversee, co-ordinate and support the tasks leading to the preparation of a Heritage Lottery Fund Round 2 application.

Administration assistant

The post holder will help run the office, assist the project development officer, liaise with the public and help promote the castle project. The ability to speak and write in Welsh is essential for this post.

Initially the posts will run for a 12 month period, subject to further funding. The closing date for both posts is 25 February. For application packs and full job descriptions contact Cadwgan Chair, Jann Tucker, Penffynnon, Aberporth, SA43 1JA. [Back](#)

English Heritage: Group Finance and Planning Manager

The post holder will provide advice, guidance and support on the financial and operational implications of organizational strategies. They will ensure that the Research and Standards Group's complex financial position is accurately reported and reliable systems of controls are in place.

Candidates will be a part qualified accountant or have relevant experience of financial management. They will have analytical, problem solving and project management skills as well as the ability to think laterally, creatively and imaginatively. The successful candidate will also be able to build effective working relationships.

The salary for this role is in the regions of £30,000 - £39,000 pa. The deadline for applications is 16 February. For more information visit www.michaelpage.co.uk [Back](#)

York Minister Revealed: Project Director

The Dean and Chapter of York seek an exceptional person to meet a unique challenge. The Project Director for York Minister Revealed is a pivotal role in a project whose purpose is to reveal the full splendour and character of York Minister through conservation, education, access and training. The Project Director's principal task is the implementation and direction of the York Minister Revealed Project, on time and within budget.

The successful candidate will be able to demonstrate: experience of delivering large capital projects in the historic environment; a commitment to audience development; involvement in education and interpretation programmes within a capital project; ability to control contracts and budgets rigorously; leadership and management of successful teams; negotiation skills and good communication skills.

The deadline for applications is 5 February. For more information contact Laura Cookson, Church House, Ogleforth, York, YO1 7JN (telephone 01904 557200/email: info@yorkminister.org). [Back](#)

YHA: Volunteer Coordinator

The Youth Hostel Association is seeking a Volunteer Coordinator to recruit high numbers of quality volunteers. The post holder will travel the country, promote the programme and assess potential candidates. Once selected, they will drive forward the volunteer training programme and support the volunteers.

Organised, practical and equipped with a can-do attitude, the post holder will be someone who's worked within a youth or educational setting before. They'll know how to engage with all kinds of people. A degree level education plus a full driving license is essential.

The salary for this role is £23,634 - £28,334 pa. The deadline for applications is 9 February. For more information email: jobs@yha.org.uk [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.

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](#)

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](#)

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