

Heritage Link Update 117

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Lottery and London to be repaid from sale of Olympic land

The Government has outlined how the National Lottery will be recompensed for the £675m diversion of Lottery Funds announced in March. A revised Memorandum of Understanding between Tessa Jowell and London Mayor Ken Livingstone sets out how both the Lottery and the London Development Agency (LDA) will be paid back using proceeds from the land sale.

The agreement is the formalisation of comments made by Tessa Jowell in March that the National Lottery would be repaid from the financial benefits of increased land values in the Lower Lea Valley after 2012. The potential proceeds from the sale of land and property are to be shared to allow both the Lottery and the LDA to recover all of their investment. In order to allow continuing spend on regeneration and to repay the Lottery good causes, the proceeds will be shared on a staged basis. After the LDA has recovered the initial cost of buying the land, the

Lottery will recover 75 per cent of its additional funding (£506m), while the LDA recovers 25 per cent of its outstanding costs (£125m). In a second stage, each will recover their remaining costs from subsequent sales – with £169m going to the National Lottery and £375m going to the LDA.

Heritage Link welcomed the statement. 'In March we met David Lammy the Minister of Culture and requested an early statement on the pay back option which we considered vital to sustain support for the Olympics and Cultural Olympiad. This confirmation is of course welcome although the reinstated funds will not arrive in time to encourage heritage projects for the Cultural Olympiad. Furthermore the revised Memorandum fails to guarantee that Lottery money will be protected if the Olympics bill rises further.'

Heritage Link Trustees are due to discuss how to use members' collective inspiration to up with a 'big idea' to add a broader heritage dimension to the other bid projects already registered in the Cultural Olympiad (see Update 116).

For the DCMS press release see

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms077_07.htm

For the full MOU see http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Publications/archive_2007/dcmsMOU_07.htm
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LOCOG outlines plans for Cultural Olympiad

London Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (LOCOG) briefed the arts community on its plans for a cultural Olympiad at the Royal Festival Hall on 21st June along similar lines to those set out by Bill Morris, LOCOG Director of Ceremonies, Culture and Education at Heritage Link's London Networking event on 21st June. The Cultural Olympiad will commence in August 2008 following the close of the Beijing Games. Over the four years to London 2012 the key themes will be to celebrate London and the UK, inspire and involve young people and generate a positive legacy. These themes would be delivered through the Mandatory Ceremonies (opening, medals and closing), a series of major projects included within the bid and a UK Cultural Festival from 2008-2012.

He also clarified plans to provide a Games logo for community use. Whilst the logo itself was still under development, it would be aligned to the recently launched brand, although it would not incorporate the rings. It would be used under licence from LOCOG, and would be available for non-profit making sport, environmental and cultural projects which supported the Games' values. It would not however be available to commercial organisations not associated with the Games.

For the full press release see <http://main.london2012.com/en/news/press+room/releases/2007/June/2007-06-21-11-58.htm> [Back](#)

Changes in Westminster: DCMS

James Purnell MP for Hyde and Stalybridge since 2001, the new Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport, is no stranger to DCMS having been Minister for Media and Tourism before his latest appointment as Minister for Pensions Reform. Previous posts included Assistant Government Whip and Parliamentary Private Secretary to Ruth Kelly in the Cabinet Office. Before that he was Head of Corporate Planning at the BBC from 1995-97 and then worked for the Prime Minister Tony Blair as Special Adviser on culture, media, sport and the knowledge economy from 1997-2001. He will have overall responsibility for all Departmental policy, the Comprehensive Spending Review (CSR) and Broadcasting, including digital switchover.

He will be supported by Minister of State, Margaret Hodge MP for Barking and formerly Minister for Industry and the Regions DTI. She will be responsible for the Arts and Creative Industries, Heritage, Architecture, Royal Parks and Royal Estate, Museums & Galleries, Archives & Libraries, Tourism, IT and e-Government, Science and Sustainability, Volunteering and the Voluntary and Community Sector and be Human rights champion

As DCMS Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Gerry Sutcliffe MP for Bradford South and previously in the Home Office, will take over Sport, Gambling, Horseracing and the Tote, the National Lottery, Licensing, Regional Policy and Local Government, Education and Social Policy (including children & young people, obesity, community cohesion) and Better regulation. Tessa Jowell becomes Minister of State for the Olympics and David Lammy, formerly Minister for Culture, moves to the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills. [Back](#)

Changes in Westminster: DCLG

Hazel Blears MP for Salford, the new Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, comes from posts in the Cabinet, Home Office and Department for Health. She has already made a major speech on local

democracy. She is to create a series of pilots giving neighbourhoods choice over key infrastructure projects, transport, leisure facilities and youth services see <http://www.communities.gov.uk/> The new Secretary of State will appear before the Communities and Local Government Committee on 10th July. It will provide an opportunity to explore priorities and aspirations for the Department for Communities and Local Government under new leadership.

Her Ministerial team includes Yvette Cooper, John Healey, Baroness Andrews, Parmjit Dhanda and Iain Wright. Details of their new portfolios will follow shortly. [Back](#)

Other Changes in Westminster

Defra: Hilary Benn MP for Leeds Central takes over as Secretary of State for Environment Food and Rural Affairs with Phil Woolas MP for Oldham East and Saddleworth as the Minister for Climate Change and Sustainable Development. Jonathan Shaw MP for Chatham and Aylesford takes responsibility for the marine and fisheries areas, rural affairs, landscape and local environment quality with an additional new role as Minister for the South East.

Third Sector: The new Minister for the Third Sector is Phil Hope MP for Corby and East Northamptonshire, formerly Minister for Skills at the former Department for Education and Skills since 2005. He has also previously chaired the all party parliamentary group for the voluntary sector. Ed Miliband, former Minister for the Third Sector is now the Minister for the Cabinet Office and will continue to have oversight of third sector policy. David Blunkett has been appointed to lead on the Labour Voluntary Sector Manifesto Group. [Back](#)

Changes in Whitehall

The new Business Council for Britain 'to assist the Government in putting in place the right strategy to promote the long term health of the UK economy' sounds like the driving force in Whitehall. To support the Council, the new Department for Business Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (DBERR) will be responsible for creating the conditions for business success, developing deeper and more effective engagement with business, with the ability to promote the competitiveness agenda across critical areas of Government Policy. The Better Regulation Executive will move to the new department to promote better regulation across the business, public and voluntary sectors.

The Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS) will aim to ensure that Britain is equipped to deliver the Government's long term vision to make Britain one of the best places for science research and innovation. The Department will also oversee the science budget and assume responsibility for ensuring that the UK has the skilled workforce it needs to compete in a global economy.

Speculation that the Department for Culture, Media and Sport might be dismembered, with its responsibilities transferred variously to the Home Office, health and education departments and Treasury was only partly realised although the number of ministers drops from 4 to 3. The Government Olympic Executive will remain within DCMS and will report to Tessa Jowell, the new Minister of State for the Olympics, who will be based in the Cabinet Office and attend Cabinet. Other changes affecting DCMS will be the joint role with the new Department for Children Schools and Families working on the promotion of youth sport. Culture Minister David Lammy moves to the Department of Innovation, Universities and Skills. The new DIUS will be responsible for promoting the wider contribution of young people to their communities.

The Prime Minister's full written statement on the machinery of Government can be found at <http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/Page12181.asp> and the Ministerial appointments at <http://www.pm.gov.uk/output/Page30.asp> [Back](#)

Effective Consultation: Cabinet Office consultation to 28th September

The Cabinet Office has launched an important review of the Government's consultation policy that has been in place since 2001. Now is the chance to air all those grumbles about consultations, to explain your experiences of Government consultations, how consultation exercises could be improved and how Government can ensure that the views of all those who should have a say in future.

The consultation document is in two parts. The first discusses how Government currently consults and how this can be improved upon. It asks questions about what the principles for Government consultations should be and how fulfilment of these principles should be monitored. It also explores the relationship between consultation and impact assessment and discusses how departments should consult. Issues including awareness-raising, Government responses to consultations and consultation fatigue are also addressed.

In the second part three options for consultation policy are presented to address, to varying degrees, some of the issues raised in the first part of the document. They are intended to stimulate discussion and should not be regarded as an exhaustive list. Combinations of various elements from each option might also make for an improved consultation policy.

Enquiries to Ian Ascough on 020 7276 2175 or to Consultation.Policy@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk Responses should be sent in writing to Cabinet Office, 4th Floor, 22 Whitehall, London SW1A 2WH or by email to Consultation.Policy@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk The Government will publish a response to this consultation exercise by 30th November. The consultation can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/regulation/documents/consultation/pdf/effectiveconsultation.pdf>

The consultation is accompanied by an online discussion space which can be accessed via <http://www.consultations.gov.uk> The Cabinet Office will also organise regional events. If you are interested in participating contact Ian Ascough via the address or phone number above. [Back](#)

Coastal access: DEFRA consultation to 11th September

Plans to open up the whole of England's coastline to the public for the first time (Update 108) are now open for public consultation. The consultation seeks views on four options, of which the last is Natural England's favoured approach. These are: using existing rights of way legislation to create a footpath round the coast; extending open access using the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 to give access to types of land which are considered coastal - beaches, dunes, cliffs, etc; voluntary agreements with landowners using existing mechanisms such as those for agri-environment schemes; and drawing up new legislation to allow Natural England to designate a coastal corridor providing a continuous route along which people can enjoy access to the coast.

Deadline for responses to the public consultation is 11th September. See <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/coast-access/index.htm> for full details [Back](#)

National minimum wage and volunteers: DTI consultation to 4th September

In January 2007, the Government announced that it would review the provisions in the National Minimum Wage Act 1998 that relate to voluntary workers. Section 44 of the 1998 Act defines a voluntary worker as someone who works for a certain type of organisation (e.g. charities, voluntary organisations, and statutory bodies) and who receives no monetary payment or benefit in kind, other than reimbursement for expenses incurred, subsistence and/or accommodation as is reasonable in the circumstances of the employment, and any training necessary to carry out the work. Voluntary workers are excluded from qualifying for the national minimum wage by section 44 of the 1998 Act. The consultation closes on 4th September and the documents are available at <http://www.dti.gov.uk/consultations/page39871.html> [Back](#)

Gift Aid: Treasury consultation to 30th September

The Treasury and Office of the Third Sector launched a consultation on 19th June on measures to increase the take-up of the Gift Aid tax relief. Take up of Gift Aid currently stands at around a third of donations, delivering support for charities worth £828m per year. A consultation pack is available from http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/documents/public_spending_reporting/charity_third_sector_finance/psr_charity_thirdsector_giftaid.cfm

Hard copies are available from the consultation team if you cannot access the electronic versions. You can also use the online survey to register your interest in attending a national or regional event. Alternatively, email giftaid-consultation@hm-treasury.gsi.gov.uk with your organisation name and contact details. [Back](#)

Select Committee highlights museum funding fears

The Culture, Media and Sport Select Committee, in its report, *Caring For Our Collections*, published on 25th June has expressed deep concern about the impact on the Heritage sector of the diversion of lottery funds towards the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Committee also expresses concern about the decline in museums' power to keep their collections growing and developing, amid the very high prices now commanded by great works of art. The Committee shares the disappointment of Sir Nicholas Goodison, and many others involved in the museum sector, at the lack of progress on taking forward the recommendations he made in his Review to encourage philanthropy, and calls on the Chief Secretary to the Treasury to give Sir Nicholas the response he is entitled to.

The report highlights the need for better coordination between departments both in relation to museums and - even more so - in relation to archives. The fact that responsibility for the archives sector is spread across several government departments, leading parts of that sector to feel that no one is responsible for it, has undoubtedly increased the difficulties faced by the sector in raising its profile, the committee notes.

Commenting, Committee Chairman John Whittingdale, said 'Museums have done well in recent years due to support from the Lottery and the Renaissance in the Regions programme. It would be a tragedy if the gains made were now put at risk due to funding being cut off. It is essential that the Government both continues to provide support to our museums, galleries and archives from public funds and creates greater incentives to encourage private giving, if we are to preserve and enhance our collections for the enjoyment of future generations.'

For the Press release see

http://www.parliament.uk/parliamentary_committees/culture_media_and_sport/cms220607pn29.cfm

To download the full report visit <http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm/cmcmds.htm> [Back](#)

Dumfries House saved!

Dumfries House, one of the UK's most important 18th century classical houses is saved - at the eleventh hour and 55 minutes. Christie's has announced that the sale of the House's contents, due to be held on 12th and 13th July, will not proceed.

The Prince of Wales stepped in to bring together the group of organisations - The Prince's Charities Foundation, the Scottish government, The Art Fund, the Garfield Weston Foundation, The Monument Trust, the National Heritage Memorial Fund and SAVE Britain's Heritage - to draw up a rescue plan. His own charity, The Prince's Charities Foundation, has borrowed a considerable proportion of the £45m total cost of the project. The offer to buy also included land in the Cumnock area with development potential which will be acquired from John Bute by the Prince's Charities Foundation. It is hoped that the redevelopment of this land by The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment will not only help repay the loan taken out to acquire Dumfries House but will also make an important contribution to the regeneration of the area.

A new independent trust, The Great Steward's Dumfries House Trust, is now being established to organise the presentation and maintenance of the house. It is believed that the public opening of the house possibly next year, together with a related development in the nearby town of Cumnock, will be powerful agents for regeneration.

Scottish Ministers have given their support to the business plan. The Scottish government is contributing £5m through Historic Scotland. The National Heritage Memorial Fund granted £7m.

Such triumph was marred by carping in the Times on 29th March by Godfrey Barker who criticised HLF's spending record on arts acquisitions. HLF's rejoinder published on the Letters Page points out that 'we take a broader approach, not only supporting fine art but also investing in railway engines, such as the Flying Scotsman, landscapes, canals, endangered species and local histories. We do this because this is what people tell us they care about and want to hand to their children'. See

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/debate/letters/article1886916.ece> [Back](#)

New National Churches Trust

The Historic Churches Preservation Trust and the Incorporated Church Building Society are to become the National Churches Trust. The new Trust sets out to position itself as the leading national independent body concerned with the protection and welfare of churches throughout Britain.

HCPT has found that simply giving modest grants to churches in need is not sufficient. New and significant sources of funding need to be identified for the sector and new ways of working need to be developed. The National Churches Trust will be implementing a structured programme of national fundraising initiatives. It will actively promote models where congregations and other community-based providers work successfully in partnership to attract broader support from government, business and the philanthropic community. One example of a new approach to the management and care of church buildings has already been proposed - the Cumbrian Churches Partnership.

The implementation of an enhanced, robust and innovative new grants programme will be an essential element of the new strategy for both donors and beneficiaries. In 2008 and 2009 the annual grants budget will be increased by almost a third. In 2006 the Trust made 297 awards of just over £1.5 million from HCPT and ICBS funds.

For further information see <http://www.historicchurches.org.uk/> [Back](#)

World Heritage Committee New World Heritage Sites

At the 31st Session of the World Heritage Committee in Christchurch, New Zealand, the following cultural sites were inscribed on the List of World Heritage Sites as being of universal value to mankind: Port of the Moon, Bordeaux, France; Central University City Campus of the Universidad Nacional Autonomy de Mexico (UNAM), Mexico; Gamzigrad-Romuliana, Palace of Galerius, Serbia; Gobustan Rock Art Cultural Landscape, Azerbaijan; Iwami Ginzan Silver Mine and its Cultural Landscape, Japan; Kaiping Diaolou and Villages, China; Lavaux, Vineyard Terraces, Switzerland; Mehmed Pasa Sokolovic Bridge in Visegrad, Bosnia and Herzegovina; Old Town of Corfu, Greece; Parthian Fortresses of Nisa, Turkmenistan; Red Fort Complex, Shahjahanabad, India; Richtersveld Cultural and Botanical Landscape, South Africa; Rideau Canal, Canada; Samarra Archaeological City, Iraq; Sydney Opera House, Australia; and Twyfelfontein or /Ui-//aes, Namibia. The ecosystem and Relict Cultural Landscape of Lope-Okanda, Gabon has become a Mixed site by inscription under cultural criteria. For details and images of all new inscriptions see <http://whc.unesco.org/en/newproperties/> [Back](#)

UK World Heritage

At the same meeting, the World Heritage Committee concluded that the outstanding universal value of Liverpool's Maritime Mercantile City World Heritage Site is not threatened by the impact of new development although a further report is requested next year. The Committee has welcomed the offer by the UK Government to use Liverpool as a case study for the development of UNESCO's overall approach to urban sites and in support of a subsequent UNESCO recommendation on the Conservation of the Historic Urban Landscape. Further details can be found at http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/dcms076_07.htm

Similarly, the Tower of London and Westminster World Heritage Sites which had been threatened with World Heritage in Danger listing following concerns by the World Heritage Committee about the impact of new developments have escaped censure. The World Heritage Committee will not place London's Tower and Westminster World Heritage Sites on the List of World Heritage in Danger but has instead asked for a further report next year.

For full details see

http://www.culture.gov.uk/Reference_library/Press_notices/archive_2007/unesco_worldheritagesites_dcms073_07.htm [Back](#)

Edinburgh World Heritage Site Monitoring Report Published

The Monitoring Report assessing the state of conservation within the Old and New Towns of Edinburgh World Heritage Site, has been published by Edinburgh World Heritage. The report records that the World Heritage Site (WHS) is generally in good condition, notes the continuing economic buoyancy of the city centre, and calls for the key values of the WHS to be at the heart of all future development proposals.

Most of the World Heritage Site lies within seven designated Conservation Areas and contains a total of 1,676 listed buildings. The Report points out however that there is no specific policy to protect the key historic values of the WHS in the new Edinburgh Local Plan. Rising population and employment indicate a healthy growing economy. There is clear pressure for development with a total of 15 major planning applications (defined as covering an area equal to or greater than one hectare) approved over the period 2004-6.

Five historic buildings are identified as 'at risk'. The cost and volume of statutory notice repairs (where the condition of a building may pose a danger to public safety) is increasing, with an estimated cost of £10 million per annum. The EWH Conservation Funding Programme is in place to help fund work, with an annual budget of around £1.2 million.

Director of Edinburgh World Heritage Zoe Clark said 'We are very pleased to publish this Report which has so many positive messages for the World Heritage Site. The Site is in generally good condition, but we have to be ever careful that it does not become a victim of its own success'. The Monitoring Report can be downloaded from <http://www.ewht.org.uk/Edinburgh-World-Heritage-Site-Monitoring-Report-.aspx> [Back](#)

Measuring the Capital of Culture

The first report to assess the impact of Liverpool's status as European Capital of Culture 2008 has revealed widespread benefits to the city's economy, employment rates and cultural sector.

The report, produced by academics at the University of Liverpool, shows the city is attracting a high percentage of new visitors - 41% of tourists have never visited Liverpool before, compared with an average figure of 26% for other destinations, and visitor expenditure is in excess of £400 million.

The report is part of the *Impacts 08* research programme - launched to evaluate the influence of Liverpool becoming European Capital of Culture from its bid stages to 2008 and beyond. The project was set up by the University of Liverpool in collaboration with Liverpool John Moores University, as a means of establishing a benchmark model to evaluate the effects of major events such as the Olympics on cities and surrounding areas.

Commissioned by Liverpool City Council, the *Impacts 08* programme involves longitudinal analysis of the social, economic, cultural and physical aspects of the city. The academic team has collected quantitative data as well as qualitative information via interviews with local residents and senior figures in key public and private sector organisations. The core messages and benchmark indicators of the *Impacts 08* report are available at www.impact08.net [Back](#)

HLF funds *Imagine a Nation*

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has earmarked, through a Stage 1 pass, funding of £1.1million for *Imagine a Nation*, an programme of exhibitions, events and educational activities led by Tyne & Wear Museums (TWM), which will explore collections of British art that show what it means to be British in the 21st century. It will include a special presentation at Tate Britain during the London 2012 Olympics.

Newcastle's Laing Art Gallery will curate an exhibition on the life and work of Northumberland-born 19th century artist, John Martin. Martin's huge oil paintings, often of apocalyptic scenes, can be related to modern issues including globalisation and fear of terrorism. London's Tate Britain will host an exhibition of watercolour painting which will be explored from a multicultural perspective. An exhibition on families in Norwich will explore the way they have changed along with the regional, cultural, ethnic and economic diversity of Britain over the last 500 years. Sheffield's *Restless Times* exhibition will explore art during the first half of the 20th century, a time of great political, social and international upheaval.

The four partner museums and galleries are currently visited by more than a million people each year and *Imagine a Nation* will allow them to engage with an estimated 400 works of art. A further 5.8million people are expected to visit the dedicated website, accessing an estimated 80,000 works of art with the opportunity to create their own online exhibition. For more detail visit http://www.museumsassociation.org/14075&_IXPOS_=_manews1.1 [Back](#)

Rural communities report

The Carnegie Commission for Rural Communities has delivered its final report *A Charter for Rural Communities* (21st June) which includes the Commission's Ideas for Action. The Commission sees central and local government, landowners, the Social Investment Bank, the Lottery distributors, Third Sector agencies, trusts and local communities working together to deliver these actions.

Their ideas include a major expansion in community ownership of local assets; an enhanced role for parish and community councils; a Centre for Excellence supporting rural community development policy and practice on the ground; encouragement and assistance for local communities to develop and manage their own services and to engage in community planning.

The Commission has since 2004 examined and promoted ways in which rural communities across the UK and Ireland can be empowered to shape and influence change and work to ensure that rural priorities are fully recognised by decision makers.

A copy of the report and press release can be downloaded from <http://rural.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/publications> Hard copies are also available and can be ordered, free of charge, by emailing your full postal details to kirsty@carnegieuk.org [Back](#)

National Aerials Agreement

The Archbishops' Council and telecommunications equipment installer QS4 confirmed on 18th June the arrangements for churches which have entered into licences under the National Aerials Agreement [NAA] after it reached the end of its planned five year term on 30th May 2007. Both parties are satisfied that no further formal agreement is needed, but parishes which have entered into licences under the NAA will continue to benefit from the safeguards it provides.

The NAA, signed in 2002, set up agreed processes and good practice to be followed by mobile phone companies offering mobile phone base stations to churches. The NAA provided a set of practical processes for parishes to

follow, taking account of church legislation and pastoral issues, if they wished to consider hosting a mobile phone base station. Any decision to enter into an agreement to place an aerial on church property (whether with QS4 or another agent working on behalf of a mobile telephone operator) has always been taken by the individual parish, following local planning, consultation, and faculty approval. The licences already entered into, or where a resolution has been taken by the PCC to proceed with QS4 subject to faculty, will proceed as planned.

For parishes which require support in future, QS4 have agreed to continue to use an equivalent set of standard process protocols and legal forms. These provide interested parishes at the early stages of the process with a clear understanding of the form of contractual agreement they will be required to enter into with QS4 and advise on best practice issues connected with the possible installation of telecommunications equipment in church buildings. Further information can be found at <http://www.aerials.cofe.anglican.org/> [Back](#)

Architecture of the Modern Movement: Stockholm Declaration Adopted

At Europa Nostra's annual congress in The Hague on 28th June participants in the Forum *Add Modernism!* adopted a declaration calling on 'all European Institutions and Governments to apply the same rules, standards and funding structures to the protection and enhancement of architecture of the Modern Movement as are applied to all other architectural heritage'. For the full text of the Stockholm Declaration, see http://www.europanostra.org/downloads/documents/EN_stockholm_declaration_070607.pdf [Back](#)

The event which took place as part of the Europa Nostra Annual Congress in Stockholm (5th - 8th June), attracted 300 experts in the field of cultural heritage protection and conservation, as well as architects and historians especially interested in the architecture of the Modern Movement. The Forum was jointly organised with Europa Nostra Sweden, the Swedish Association of Architects and DOCOMOMO International.

For the programme and major speeches at the Forum *Add Modernism!* visit <http://www.europanostra.org/stockholmcongress/forum.html> [Back](#)

DCMS promoting cultural relations with China

DCMS is looking at how the impact of the cultural sector's international work can be maximised with reference to cultural diplomacy and development.

Through the *Connection through Culture* initiative the Department is working with the British Council and the Foreign Office to improve collaboration between UK and Chinese cultural organisations. *Connections* offers information, support from specialist in-country staff who can act as brokers for developing projects and finding partners. There are networking events around significant cultural events in both countries and a limited number of small grants to enable members of cultural organisations to visit their counterparts. To access further support and for information sign up on the website www.britishcouncil.org/cn/ctc [Back](#)

EU Structural Funds in the UK report

Euclid, the EU's Cultural Contact Point in the UK, has produced 3 new publications. These include *Culture Delivers*, a 72 page report that documents over 1200 cultural projects supported by the Structural Funds across the UK in the period from 2000-2006, with an investment of over £400m. The report provides extensive evidence of the role of culture in economic and social development and regeneration. To purchase a copy at £30 follow links from <http://www.euclid.info/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=11> [Back](#)

Guide to funding in the East Midlands for community based projects

This East Midlands Funding Index provides a basic insight into funding opportunities for community based projects with a simple 3 step process to obtaining funding devised to help users work through the contents of the website.

The Index is developed in partnership between Regeneration East Midlands, which promotes the regeneration of rural and urban environments in the East Midlands and the East Midlands Funders' Forum, which is an information, training and support network primarily for funders and also provides information and training on acquiring funding.

See <http://www.fundersindex.co.uk/> or for a paper based copy contact Kumi Asano at Regeneration East Midlands on 0870 2404459. [Back](#)

BURA awards for community inspired regeneration 2007 opens for entries

The BURA Awards for Community Inspired Regeneration celebrate outstanding grass roots regeneration projects throughout the UK. Environmental, social, educational or physically regenerative (buildings) projects, among others, are equally encouraged to enter.

Nominations for projects or schemes of any size and type will be considered providing they can demonstrate a track record of success in being inspired by the community; being accountable and responsive to local stakeholders; being viable and sustainable in the longer term; addressing local needs identified by the local community; and contributing to the raising of community spirit and improve the quality of life for local people.

To see the assessment criteria, entry guidance notes and to submit an entry visit <http://firsthand.bura.org.uk> Deadline 3rd August to submit your entries online. [Back](#)

ASC national careers drive

The Academy for Sustainable Communities (ASC) has launched a national careers drive to target skills shortages across the sustainable communities sector. The *Ask: What If?* campaign raises questions about the way we live in our communities and encourages young people to consider a career in one of 33 professions, including planning, housing, community development, social work, economic development and environmental management.

The careers programme involves an interactive, social networking website that provides detailed, factual information about each job, the skills required, courses, entry levels and salaries. There is an 'ask the expert' section where ASC's team of ambassadors, recruited from the various professions, respond online to queries about working in the sector and give a flavour of their role through video diaries and profiles. Young people can also discuss community-based issues and share information, as well as posting messages, photos and videos about their most loved and most hated places.

ASC launched the drive at the London Graduate Recruitment Fair on 19th June and is promoting the new *Ask what if?* website <http://www.askwhatif.co.uk/home/> through a national marketing campaign aimed at popular youth and career websites such as Habbo, s-cool.co.uk, Prospects and NUS Online.

More background information can be found at <http://www.ascskills.co.uk/pages/news-and-events/news/article?news.news.id=b22c791c-0d82-477c-a4aa-628057bdda35> [Back](#)

Churches offer Skills Training to Young Archaeologists' Club Leaders

Historic churches in the care of The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) will be the venue for innovative training initiatives over the next few months. The Trust, working in conjunction with the Council for British Archaeology, is providing four regional Skills Training Days for Branch leaders of the Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC).

Mick Aston from Channel 4's popular archaeology programme *Time Team*, a Supporter of the CCT and an enthusiastic friend of the Young Archaeologists' Club said 'This collaboration is a marvellous initiative. Anything that helps get young people interested in historic church buildings is a wonderful idea. I'm fully behind The Churches Conservation Trust and YAC in making this possible'.

The 40 adult volunteers from 23 different YAC Branches will be taught a range of interpretative and survey skills during the practical training sessions, which will enable them to design hands-on activities for their YAC Branch members at local churches. The training will focus on surveying churchyards and recording gravestones; interpreting the signs of change within a church building; conservation issues; and accessing and using local documentary sources.

The first training day was held at the Trust's Holy Trinity church in York on 19th May. The next training sessions are being held at St Swithun's, Worcester (7th July), St Peter's, Cambridge (4th August) and North Stoke, Sussex (6th October). [Back](#)

Leeds Metropolitan University: new Masters in Heritage Planning

From September 2007 the School of the Built Environment at Leeds Metropolitan University will be offering a full (one year) and part-time (two years) Master's award in Heritage Planning. Modules available to be taken during the course include: Understanding and interpreting the historic environment; Development and design of the historic environment; Planning and managing the historic environment; Sustainable communities and Policy implementation and appraisal. There is also a European field visit.

The course is aimed at professionals working in the historic environment and conservation fields and those who wish to develop their knowledge and competencies in the heritage and conservation sector. It is multidisciplinary in approach emphasising the need to develop a critical insight and understanding of the role of the historic environment in planning for sustainable communities. On completion of the course, students will achieve specialist recognition by the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). For those with an accredited undergraduate qualification in Planning, this course will enable progression to full membership of the RTPI.

For full details see www.leedsmet.ac.uk/as/benv or contact the course administrator on 0113 812 1978 or email: beenquiries@leedsmet.ac.uk [Back](#)

Volunteering opportunities

Assistant to the Director of Development, The Churches Conservation Trust

Volunteer wanted for The Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) for 2-3 days a week to late September, to work in its Central London office. Applicants should thrive on being organised and getting things done, enjoy working with people and be interested in developing existing administration, IT, customer service and telephone skills. Advanced Word and Outlook knowledge including mail merge is especially necessary.

Membership Secretary and Administration Coordinator, The Churches Tourism Association (CTA)

The CTA is seeking a volunteer for c.1 day p/w. Applicants will have good interpersonal, administrative and telephone skills with working knowledge of Excel, Word and Outlook, and an interest in the work of the CTA. The post will work on developing CTA membership, managing the Excel membership database, securing renewals, banking funds through the Treasurer and assisting the Secretary with a range of day to day administration.

Both posts carry reimbursement of specified expenses up to the value of £5.00 per day. Interested applicants should contact Colin Shearer: 020 7213 0660, cshearer@tcct.org.uk [Back](#)

PEOPLE

Queen's Birthday Honours

Readers remonstrate that the list of heritage worthies in Heritage Link Update 116 was incomplete. James Simpson, one of Scotland's premier historic buildings architects, was awarded an OBE and Elaine Griffiths, Chairman of the Monastery and St Francis Gorton Trust who rescued St Francis Gorton, received an MBE. Apologies to both. [Back](#)

Sir Neil Cossons: champion for the gritty end

English Heritage Chairman Sir Neil Cossons steps down after 5 challenging years amid tributes in a farewell reception on 26th June. Stephen Jordan, Managing Director of London & Continental Railways, noted his key role in the rebirth of St Pancras Station as 'the glue that brought together the disparate elements to give a common cause'. Simon Thurley, Chief Executive of English Heritage, after an entertaining account of train journeys with Sir Neil, cited the early chairing of the *Power of Place* Report as the bedrock of his later achievements. Under his chairmanship English Heritage had come a long way. Staff had enjoyed his wisdom, expertise and humanity.

Sir Neil unveiled a maquette of the statue of Sir John Betjeman which is to be placed in St Pancras Station before unwrapping his own goody bags - a welsh slate signed by the roofers of St Pancras and his very own Blue Plaque inscribed to 'Sir Neil Cossons English Heritage Chairman 2001-2007' and underneath 'Heritage Hero'. A fitting tribute indeed to one who, as Simon said, is appreciated as 'one of us. An expert in understanding our heritage'.

Sir Neil completes his terms of office at the end of July when Lord (Sandy) Bruce-Lockhart formally becomes Chairman. [Back](#)

EVENTS

10 years of the War Memorials Trust: 16th July

The War Memorials Trust is celebrating its 10th Anniversary this year. The Trust works for the protection and conservation of an estimated 65000 war memorials in the UK. The charity will hold a service at 4pm on 16th July in the Guards Chapel in St James' London, itself a war memorial with the participation of the Chapel Choir and the Band of the Irish Guards. The service is ticketed and tickets can be requested from 020 7259 0403 or info@warmemorials.org (please include a postal address). [Back](#)

European Day of Jewish Culture and Heritage: 2nd September

Two weeks of events celebrating Jewish heritage in Britain and across Europe will launch on 2nd September. Many important historic synagogues will open their doors (several during the Civic Trust's Heritage Open Days from 6th-9th September), though a wealth of walks, concerts, arts events, exhibitions and talks are also planned in a number of cities. All are welcome.

For more information about past and coming celebrations, see

<http://www.jewishheritage.org/jh/edjc.php?lang=1&e=2007> For programme information contact B'nai B'rith UK, office@bbuk.org Tel 0207 4468660. [Back](#)

The Scottish Lime Centre: Masterclass Programme 2007

A new programme of Building Conservation training and masterclasses covering technical, philosophical, aesthetic and practical issues related to specific conservation and building materials issues has now been launched at the Scottish Lime Centre, beginning on 8th August. For the full timetable and to book places online see www.scotlime.org [Back](#)

Conference: The Archaeology of Slavery, Merseyside, 3rd November

British Archaeology North-West in association with National Museums Liverpool presents a one-day conference on 3rd November at Merseyside Maritime Museum. A range of distinguished speakers from Britain and abroad will explore the mindsets behind the practice of slavery and its material remains, from prehistoric times to the nineteenth century.

Non-members welcome. Details will be posted on the CBA NW website (www.britarch.ac.uk/cbanw) and will appear in British Archaeology Magazine.

SITUATIONS VACANT

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

Bath Preservation Trust: Chief Executive

This is a new appointment reflecting the Trustees' commitment to expanding the work of the Trust, engaged in conservation, preservation and education as well as supporting appropriate and high quality developments for the World Heritage Site.

The successful candidate will have management experience and marketing skills as well as the ability to represent the organisation at all levels. A background in not-for-profit organisations would be an advantage as would experience of fundraising and a track record of successful campaigning in the heritage sector. Although this is a full-time role there may be an opportunity to offer it on a part-time basis in order to attract the highest calibre candidates.

Salary £30,000. Full job specification available at www.bath-preservation-trust.org.uk Closing date 2nd July.

Institute for the Public Understanding of the Past, University of York: Research Assistant

Two posts are available on a major project, funded by the AHRC Knowledge Transfer Fellowship Scheme on the commissioning, production, content, and audience reception of bicentenary events commemorating the abolition of the slave trade in the UK. Applicants should have expertise in qualitative data gathering and analysis and skills in web publishing. Candidates for the posts should hold a PhD or have substantial relevant research experience.

The posts are available for a period of 22 months from 1st August. Starting salary £26,666 pa. For further particulars and details of how to apply, see <http://www.york.ac.uk/admin/persnl/jobs/> (Ref: AR07261.) Informal inquiries to Dr Laurajane Smith, ls18@york.ac.uk or Professor Helen Weinstein, hw525@york.ac.uk Closing date noon, 12th July.

Heritage Lottery Fund: PA to Director of Policy and Research

Providing PA support to the Director of Policy and Research, this is an opportunity to play an integral part in an organisation delivering funding to a range of projects encompassing all aspects of Britain's rich heritage. The HLF welcomes a workforce as diverse as the many different communities that have shaped the country's heritage. Leadership and co-ordination of a small departmental administration team, combined with an innovative and proactive approach to work, is essential.

For more information and to apply online visit www.hlf.org.uk or telephone 020 7649 6037. Minicom users contact 0207406 5790. Alternative formats available on request.

Salary £23,298 - £26,280. Closing date for applications 16th July. Interviews 3rd August.

IFA Workplace Learning Bursary: Assistant Training and Publications Officer, Nautical Archaeology
Applications are invited for a 12 month (full time) HLF funded, IFA Work Place Learning Bursary with the Nautical Archaeology Society at its office in Portsmouth, which will have a start date of August/ September 2007.

This is an opportunity to gain meaningful maritime archaeology experience and practical skills including desk based research, underwater and inter-tidal fieldwork, post fieldwork analysis, interpretation, report and article writing, as well as training and publishing.

Salary £14,270 plus pension. For full job description and application information contact Susie Hammond at NAS at susie@nasportsmouth.org.uk tel 023 9281 8419. Closing date 27th July.

English Heritage: 3 posts

1. Historic Areas and Buildings Adviser, East Midlands (Ref: D/10/07)

The post will be active in establishing good practice for management of the historic environment, advising on proposals for regeneration and enhancement of significant historic sites under the reformed planning system.

Applicants must be able to contribute to multi-disciplinary teamwork with specialist knowledge of urban design and conservation and a proven track record in managing the historic environment. Expertise in the preservation and enhancement of conservation areas and other heritage assets will be expected.

2. Historic Buildings Adviser, East Midlands (Ref: D/09/07)

The successful candidate will be active in establishing good practice for management of the historic environment, providing pre-application and statutory advice on proposals affecting the region's most significant historic assets.

Applicants must be able to contribute to multi-disciplinary teamwork with specialist knowledge of architectural history. A proven track record in managing the historic environment and specialist knowledge of secular and ecclesiastical architecture of all periods will be essential.

3. Regional Policy Advisers: Cambridge (Ref: F/27/07), Northampton (Ref: D/08/07)

Promoting the contribution of heritage to regional agendas by establishing and maintaining effective networks and relationships at all levels, the successful applicants will manage the regional Heritage Forum and support the Historic Environment Champions. Involvement in local government improvement in preparation for Heritage Protection Reform will belong to the posts' duties. Experience within the historic environment or wider cultural sector, astute political awareness and a proven track record in strategy and policy development are essential.

All of the above posts offer a salary of up to £37,000 pa. Closing date for all posts listed 1st August.

Email midlands.recruit@english-heritage.org.uk for an application pack or telephone 01223 582700 quoting the relevant reference (textphone 0800 0150516). No CVs.

The National Trust: 2 posts

1. Senior Policy and Campaigns Officer (Communities & Development): Based London

Focusing on the social contribution of the Trust's work, this is a leading role in promoting and enhancing the benefits it brings to people's lives and building support. Applicants should be natural and persuasive communicators with the credibility to form productive relationships with senior-ranking decision makers and opinion-formers. Those with impressive records of campaigning and policy lobbying as well as knowledge of social and community issues are encouraged to apply. Reference CT0760. Salary £27,403 - £30,829 pa (plus £4,465 London weighting)

2. Regional Policy Manager: South East (Flexible Bucks/Surrey location)

A strong team player with first hand experience of policy development, analytical, organisational and planning skills will occupy this post shaping the region's future by developing and supporting external policy, advocacy and campaigns.

A relevant policy related degree and/or experience of lobbying and campaigning, ideally in the voluntary sector, are required. Reference ST0945. Salary £27,403

Full details for these positions and application packs are online at www.ntjobs.org.uk or email recruitmentenquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk quoting the correct reference above. Closing dates 11th July.

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