

## ICOMOS-UK one day conference

### Embedding a Rights-Based Approach into Heritage Conservation

Join us for a one-day conference exploring current issues in heritage conservation, management and interpretation including decolonisation and rights-based approaches. The conference will be held in hybrid format (in person and remote).

**Delegates will be offered a special post-conference guided tour of the magnificent Painted Hall of the Old Royal Naval College**

There are a number of student-rate tickets available for local community members and community groups. Please contact [admin@icomos-uk.org](mailto:admin@icomos-uk.org) for more details.

#### About the event

Demonstrating a participatory approach that identifies a range of stakeholders is now a necessary element for World Heritage site nominations and a Rights-Based Approach (RBA) is encouraged for the management of all existing sites.

This conference is aimed at exploring the features of a RBA and its application within the UK context. This goes beyond nomination and into the day-to-day management of our World Heritage sites. It will explore the need to reveal the shared histories and heritage of our unique culturally diverse nation. It should also reinforce the longer-term sustainability of World Heritage sites and the communities who inhabit and support them.

An RBA approach asserts the importance of considering a diversity of opinions. A plurality of voices can contribute to a better understanding of World Heritage sites and heritage in general, making them more accessible and relevant to today's society. Such an approach can

also make a positive contribution to the narrative around the legacies of Decolonisation and heritage diversity.

All World Heritage sites, and heritage sites more generally, face innumerable challenges. These can only be overcome by empowering communities and other stakeholders to actively engage with processes of interpretation, stewarding and safeguarding of these sites.

A Rights-Based Approach Tool is being developed by ICOMOS which will set out best practice for heritage management. It will provide guidance for practitioners for ensuring that communities and stakeholders are given access to influence all aspects and stages of heritage management.

This conference will help UK heritage professionals and communities understand the key concepts of an RBA, and how they might be utilised and embedded in day-to-day operations.

## **Programme & Confirmed Speakers**

Speakers will be in person, with opportunities for informal discussion throughout the day. In-person tickets include lunch and an evening reception.

### Keynote session

**Professor Dan Hicks**, Professor of Contemporary Archaeology at University of Oxford, Curator at Pitt Rivers Museum, and Fellow of St Cross College, Oxford, Speaking on the topic, *'Decolonisation of World Heritage Sites: Presenting UK's Colonial legacies in World Heritage Sites'*

**Bénédicte Selfslagh**, Member, Policy Task Team: Our Common Dignity-Rights Based Approaches, ICOMOS International, speaking on the topic, *'A Rights Based Approach to ensure inclusion and community involvement in World Heritage Sites Management'*

**Phil Foxwood**, World Heritage Lead, Department for Culture, Media & Sport

### Panel 1: Empowerment of communities: sustaining heritage through community involvement

With speakers

**Dr Paul Mullan**, Director, Northern Ireland, Heritage Fund

**Professor Julia Aglionby**, Professor of Practice, University of Cumbria, Executive Director of the Foundation for Common Land, Chair of the Uplands Alliance

**Caitlin Osborne**, Heritage Consultant, TDR Heritage

Panel 2: Decolonising Heritage at local levels: Re-presenting colonial legacies

With speakers

**Sir Geoffrey Palmer**, Professor Emeritus, School of Life Sciences, Heriot-Watt University

**Dr Kathryn Roberts**, Cadw

**Dr Errol Francis**, Artistic Director and CEO, Culture&

Break out /Discussion groups with a plenary on recommendations to take forward will conclude the day.

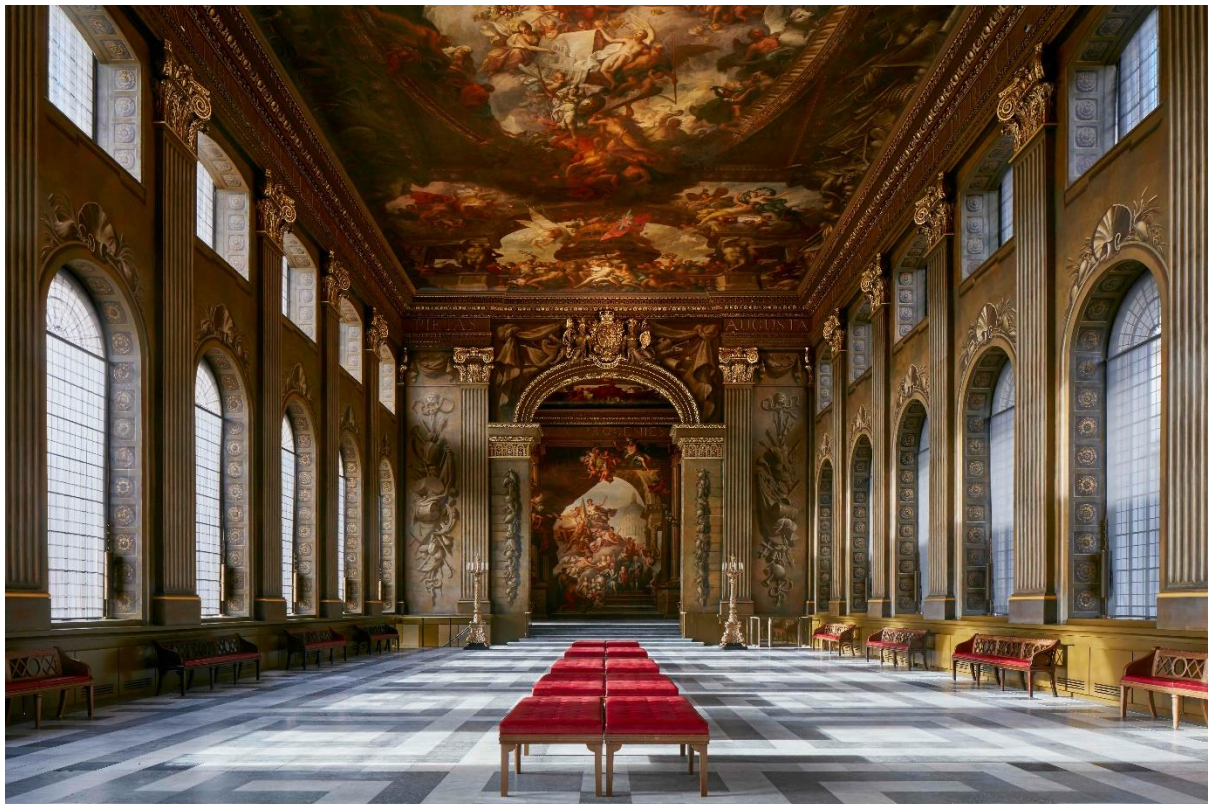
Evening Reception: The conference will close with an evening reception in the historic venue of the World Heritage Site in Greenwich

Tickets for the in-person event are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/embedding-a-rights-based-approach-into-uk-world-heritage-sites-tickets-576126900067?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

Online tickets are here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-link-embedding-a-rights-based-approach-into-heritage-conservation-tickets-585950743447>



The Painted Hall, Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich