**Heritage and Conservation Seminar – 5 February 2020**

**Current issues in heritage and conservation: challenges and opportunities**

**University of Stirling, Pathfoot Building, Lecture Theatre A96**

Sponsored by the Centre for Environment, Heritage and Policy at the University of Stirling, this free half-day seminar is targeted at Stirling MSc Environment, Heritage and Policy students and staff, BA Heritage and Tourism, and PhD students, but unfilled places are open to wider audiences / a reserve list. **Booking a place by 27 January is essential.**

Leading practitioners will explore current issues in heritage and conservation, supported by concrete examples. Each 20-minute presentation will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. The aim is to encapsulate:

* different types of heritage (cultural and natural landscapes, buildings, monuments, intangible, collections)
* different aspects of heritage work (knowledge and understanding, understanding value, managing change, protection and conservation, engagement and enjoyment)
* different types of organisations (central and local government; heritage bodies; umbrella organisations, etc.)
* strategic and coal-face activities.

Attendees will have the opportunity to mingle in an informal environment over a break and wine reception. Biographies of speakers follow.

**Programme**

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| 14:00-14:15 hrs | Welcome from **Siân Jones**, Director of the Centre for Environment, Heritage and Policy, Professor of Environmental History and Heritage, University of Stirling |
| 14:15-14:45 hrs | **Dr Kevin Grant** (Historic Environment Scotland)‘*Several difficulties’ - identifying best practice for human remains in Scottish archaeology* |
| 14:45-15:15 hrs | **Jill Harden** (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)*Promoting aspects of the historic environment within the RSPB* |
| 15:15-15:45 hrs | **Dr Chris Dalglish** (Director of Inherit)*Rights, empowerment and landscape* |
| 15:45-16:15 hrs | Tea break in Crush Hall  |
| 16:15-16:45 hrs | **Joann Russell** (Historic Environment Scotland)*From castles to standing stones: Challenges and opportunities in managing the properties in care of the Scottish Ministers* |
| 16:45-17:00 hrs | **Final questions and reflections on papers from practitioners** |
| 17:00-18:00 hrs | **Student open discussion** about employability and how to improve CVs with **Michael Terwey** (Head of Heritage Services and Consultancy at the National Trust for Scotland), facilitated by **Elaine Watson** Employability and Skills Officer, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Stirling |
| 18:00-19:00 hrs | Wine reception in Pathfoot Building Dining Room |

**How to book**

* Please book online at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/heritage-and-conservation-seminar-tickets-89973606479>. For catering/budgeting purposes, we ask that you specify in advance whether or not you will be able to attend our reception following the seminar. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let us know.
* After 26 January, any unfilled places will be opened to reserve lists and wider audiences.
* **For queries about bookings**, please contact Lauren Stringer lvs00002@students.stir.ac.uk

**For visitors**

* How to get to Stirling University: <https://www.stir.ac.uk/about/getting-here/>. Buying yourself lunch beforehand: https://www.stir.ac.uk/student-life/campus-facilities/eating-drinking/.

**For other queries (but not bookings – see above)** please contact Dr Sally Foster, Lecturer in Heritage and Conservation, s.m.foster@stir.ac.uk Tel. 01786 467500.

**Biographies of speakers**

**Chris Dalglish**

Chris is a Director of Inherit, which is the short name for the York Archaeological Trust’s Institute for Heritage & Sustainable Human Development (www.inherit-institute.org). The Trust is a heritage charity with offices in England and Scotland; we work across the UK and abroad. Chris joined the Trust in 2017 to help establish Inherit. He has worked in heritage for 20 years, previously for government, in the private sector and in academia. His main interests are rural heritage and rural development; justice and ethics, and; land rights, community empowerment and the ways decisions are made about landscapes.

Inherit helps to empower people – through heritage – to achieve the development their communities and places need. We do this by undertaking purposeful research, advocating policy change and delivering practical community development programmes, always in collaboration with others. We work with and for people who are facing significant social, economic and environmental challenges, and who may be marginalised or otherwise disempowered in their lives. We see heritage is a means of achieving humanitarian and environmental goals – it can enable people to bring about positive change for their communities and places. Currently, we are working in Scotland and the wider UK, elsewhere in Europe and in the Middle East and North Africa.

**Kevin Grant**

Kevin Grant studied post-medieval archaeology at the University of Glasgow, where he was awarded a PhD in 2016. Kevin has professional experience in conservation and curatorial roles, having worked as a community archaeologist for the Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland (RCAHMS), for the National Trust for Scotland as St Kilda Archaeologist from 2013 to 2016, and as a Casework Officer for Historic Environment Scotland. His current role is Archaeology Manager in the Archaeology and World Heritage Team in HES, where he leads on publications, legacy projects, and community archaeology. He continues to publish research on landscape archaeologies of the post-medieval Highlands and Islands of Scotland.

**Jill Harden**

Jill was appointed as the first RSPB Reserves Archaeologist for Scotland and Northern Ireland 6 years ago. The charity manages over 72,000 hectares via 75 reserves in Scotland, each with their own distinctive archaeology and history which needs protection, conservation and interpretation.  Over the years she has been employed by voluntary and state organisations such as Archaeology Scotland, the National Trust for Scotland and National Museums Scotland, gaining knowledge and experience in field archaeology, the museum sector and interpretation, as well as working as a historic environment consultant across the north of the country. Jill has had fantastic opportunities to undertake archaeological fieldwork on many of the islands of the north-west, with studies of St Kilda, Canna, the group around Mingulay and North Rona. She is a member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists and an Associate Member of the Museums Association.

**Joann Russell**

Joann Russell is Head of Estates at Historic Environment Scotland, responsible for the conservation and maintenance of the 336 properties in the care of Scottish Ministers. She is a conservation architect with a particular interest in how digital data linkages can improve strategic investment and management decisions for the historic built environment. Other areas of expertise include assessing and mitigating the impacts of Climate Change on the historic built environment, managing visitor safety in the historic built environment and working with communities to explore the challenges and opportunities presented by the built heritage.

**Michael Terwey**

After studying at the universities of York and St Andrews, Michael has worked in a number of different museums and heritage organisations over his twenty-year career. Starting as an Assistant Curator of Social History at Wilberforce House Museum in Hull, he then moved to Tyne and Wear Museums to work on the Tyne Galleries at Discovery Museum in Newcastle. On completion of this project he spent two years at Historic Scotland as an Interpretation Officer working on projects as diverse as the Heart of Neolithic Orkney World Heritage Site and Stanley Mills, before moving to London and the National Maritime Museum to lead the development of the Atlantic Worlds gallery. After this Michael spent ten years at the National Science and Media Museum in Bradford before taking up his current position as Head of Heritage Services and Consultancy at the National Trust for Scotland. Michael is also a former chair of the Social History Curators Group and an Associate Member of the Museums Association.