

Intangible Cultural Heritage in the UK: promoting and safeguarding our diverse living cultures

An ICOMOS-UK Conference

Saturday 20 September 2014
09.30—16.30

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Storytelling, performing arts, social practices, rituals and festive events, knowledge and practices concerning nature and the universe, and traditional crafts knowledge and skills are a key part of the UK's traditions and cultural heritage. They have also provided us with a means of living and a way of life, while informing us of our history and shaping our identities.

These intangible cultural practices are not static, like buildings and artefacts—instead they continue to evolve as they are passed down from one generation to the next.

This brings with it a risk that some may not survive, raising questions of what we value in our intangible cultural heritage, and whether and how we should take steps to document and safeguard it.

ICOMOS-UK presents **the first-ever conference** to focus exclusively on Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) in the UK, combining theoretical contexts with practical examples. The primary aim of the conference is to raise awareness about the different types of ICH, both rural and urban, as practised by the UK's culturally diverse groups of people.

The conference will also explore some of the key issues and challenges relating to the safeguarding and transmission of traditions or living cultural expressions to future generations.

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Morning session

09.30	<i>Registration and coffee</i>	
10.10	Welcome from ICOMOS-UK and the Museum of London Clara Arokiasamy, Chair of ICOMOS-UK ICH, and Sharon Ament, Director, Museum of London	
10.25	Keynote address: Telling Tales: Chaucer's Tales for the 21st Century Poet and author Patience Agbabi	
10.55	Our Intangible Cultural Heritage in the UK: What is it? Clara Arokiasamy, Chair of ICOMOS-UK ICH	
11.15	The Way Forward for Mapping and Safeguarding ICH: The Scottish experience Dr. Anna Leask, Intangible Cultural Heritage Team, Edinburgh Napier University	
11.35	<i>Coffee</i>	
11.55	Living Spaces: Anthropological reflections on sites of intangible cultural heritage Professor Tom Selwyn, School of Oriental and African Studies, London	14.45 15.15 15.35
12.15	Heritage Crafts in the UK Robin Wood, Chair, Heritage Crafts Association	
12.35	Preserving a Way of Life: Intangible Cultural Heritage, Archives and Birmingham's Black and Asian Communities Izzy Mohammed, Audience Engagement Coordinator, Library of Birmingham	15.55 16.15 16.30
13.05	<i>Lunch</i>	

Afternoon session

14.00	Panel sessions (concurrent)
	Panel Presentation 1
	A: Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Music Gallery at the Horniman Museum, London Margaret Birley, Keeper of Musical Instruments, The Horniman Museum & Gardens
	B: The Full English: Making archives relevant Steve Roud, and Katy Spicer, Chief Executive, English Folk Dance and Song Society
	C: The Folk and their Lore Dr Caroline Oates, Librarian, The Folklore Society
	Panel Presentation 2
	A: From Commercial Copping to Celtic Revivalism: Re-imagining Britain's woodland heritage Dr David Edwards, Project Leader, Forestry Commission
	B: Traditional Festivals Celebrated by Diaspora Communities Tola Dabiri, Cultural Heritage Independent Advisor & Consultant
	C: The Art and Craft of Storytelling Tom Goodale, Society for Storytelling
	Panel discussion
	<i>Coffee</i>
	A Lasting Difference for Heritage and People: Celebrating HLF's support for intangible heritage projects Carole Souter, Chief Executive, Heritage Lottery Fund
	Concluding remarks Dr David Thackray, President, ICOMOS-UK
	Close Optional tour of Museum of London Docklands

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