



The Institute of Conservation Archaeology Group  
and Uffington Heritage Watch invite you to

## **Archaeology & Conservation: the Political Landscape**

A one-day workshop on heritage legislation and planning policy

**10am to 5pm Tuesday, 10 November 2015**

**Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Broad Street, Uffington, Oxfordshire, SN7 7RA**

The introduction of a new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in 2012 changed how Local Authority decisions on archaeology and conservation are made in England. Advocacy for clear, consistent, robust regulations to care for heritage is a pressing issue in this time of funding cuts at both a local and national level, when heritage can so easily be dismissed as being of low economic priority. In order to advocate for better decision-making, heritage professionals and interested members of the public need to be aware of the current policies and practices that directly impact on conservation of archaeological heritage.

In this workshop we will look at what the Florence Convention (the European Landscape Convention, ratified in 2007), the Valletta Convention (ratified in 2001), the Localism Act 2011 and the NPPF all mean to us in practice. The NPPF should protect heritage, but damage caused by unsustainable development is a cross-party and cross-sector concern that was raised in the recent elections.

The aims of the workshop are to learn about the current legislation, look at how it can be used in practice and discuss future developments. The outline for the day is:

- Introduction to the Council of Europe cultural heritage conventions (Valletta, Florence, Faro)
- "Sustainability" and the Localism Act 2011

Lunch and fieldtrip to White Horse Hill

- Heritage & historic environment in the NPPF 2012
- The Heritage Protection Bill (in draft since 2008), and the current DCMS Culture 'white paper' consultation

### **Booking**

Book on Eventbrite by 3 November 2015: <https://heritage-legislation-workshop.eventbrite.co.uk>

Please note that Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall has plenty of car parking, but there is no regular public transportation to Uffington. Transport to/from Swindon railway station will be available.

### **Fees**

Members of ICON or UHW: £10

Non-ICON/UHW members: £20

Fees include lunch, fieldtrip to White Horse Hill and CPD certificate (if requested)

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