

ICOMOS-UK Cultural Tourism Committee Seminar

York Spaces

Perspectives on developing the 'spirit of spaces' in
historic places for cultural tourists

Thursday 28th September 2006 – St. William's College, York



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York Spaces is the first of two seminars organised by the ICOMOS-UK Cultural Tourism Committee exploring links between the tangible and intangible heritage in terms of the association of people to the spaces and places they experience as visitors. The part played by cultural expression* and community participation in creating meaning and memories for cultural tourists is investigated.

The second seminar *Stories - At the Heart of Heritage Diversity* will take place in Glasgow in February 2007.

The York Spaces Seminar explores internal and external spaces. It addresses the ways in which visitors to heritage tourism attractions utilize space, at different levels of scale and from different perspectives. Speakers include Professor Myra Shackley – looking at the interior space of York Minster; Janet Barnes, Chief Executive of York Museums Trust – examining the relationships between York Art Gallery, York St Mary's and St Mary's Abbey Precinct and Steve Cinderby, Stockholm Environment Institute, University of York, discussing InSITU

(Inclusive and Sustainable Infrastructure for Tourism and Urban Regeneration) - a new research project to support practitioners - especially designers, planners and heritage providers – who are working to improve historic streetscapes and public spaces with the active participation of local communities.

The day will finish with a guided walk through tourist York directed by John Oxley, City of York Archaeologist, to enable participants to see how the different sites and attractions discussed by the presenters are spatially related and experienced by the visitor within the urban cultural tourism landscape of the city.

*Cultural expressions are defined by UNESCO as 'those expressions that result from the creativity of individuals, groups and societies, and that have cultural content that refer to the symbolic meaning, artistic dimension and cultural values originating from or expressing cultural identities.'
Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, October 2005



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The seminar will take place in the House of Laymen, St. William's College, 5 College Street, York YO1 7JF
Tickets are priced at £45 for non-members, £40 for ICOMOS-UK members and £35 for students.
This includes lunch and tea/coffee.

Programme:

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| 10.30 | Registration and tea /coffee |
| 11.00 | Welcome and Introduction by Sue Millar, Chair ICOMOS-UK Cultural Tourism Committee |
| 11.15 | Utilising Sacred Space within York Minster; Conflicts of Interest? Myra Shackley, Professor of Culture Resource Management. Head of the Centre for Tourism and Visitor Management, Nottingham Trent University. |
| 11.45 | The development of York Art Gallery, York St. Mary's and St. Mary's Abbey Precinct, York Castle Museum within the Cultural Life of York. Janet Barnes, Chief Executive of York Museums Trust. |
| 12.30 | Lunch |
| 13.30 | Widening Participation in the Design of York's Public Spaces. Steve Cinderby, Deputy Director of the Stockholm Environment Institute, University of York; Dr. John Forrester, Stockholm Environment Institute, University of York; Steve Shaw, London Metropolitan University |
| 14.00 | Discussion chaired by Steve Shaw, Director of the Transport Research and Consultancy Centre, London Metropolitan University |
| 14.45 | Walkabout in York with John Oxley, City of York Archaeologist |
| 16.30 | Depart |

Booking Form

I would like _____ tickets for York Spaces on 28th September 2006 and enclose a cheque for £ _____
(£45, £40 or £35 per head)

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