

CONFERENCE



Global Building Conservation

Restore, renew, repurpose: Working together to protect and preserve historical buildings across the globe

25th September 2024





Type of event

Online



CPD Hours

7.5
Formal

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We are delighted to announce the return of the RICS Global Building Conservation Conference, an event that will be invaluable for all professionals operating within the built conservation landscape. This year, the conference looks to the future, showcasing the best efforts to preserve and enhance global heritage sites to safeguard their integrity and utility for future generations.

The agenda will address some of the ways in which both man-made and natural disasters are impacting the legacy of these heritage sites, examining the innovative techniques that conservationists use to respond to their region-specific challenges. These insights will be delivered through sessions that include an examination of climate change and climate protection, post-conflict building restoration, and the opportunities and challenges created by repurposing buildings after a period of disuse.

Hear our global experts bring these and other examples of cutting-edge practice to life, illustrating the challenges they have faced, the lessons they've learned and the remarkable achievements they have made in building conservation. Enrich your own practice with this opportunity for knowledge exchange within the specialty, and come away informed by a breadth of case studies involving different regions and materials.

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Registration

Welcome remarks from RICS and the Conference Chair

Speaker(s): **Duncan Phillips FRICS, Historic Buildings Advisor, *Listed Building Surveys* and Professor of Architectural Conservation, *Centre for Building Conservation Studies***

Keynote - Conserving the irreplaceable: Repair and restoration across the globe

This keynote session will give a valuable overview of the key factors impacting conservationists' abilities to carry out preservation activities across the world, drawing on examples to illustrate some of the challenges and opportunities most prominent for practitioners.

Speaker(s): **John Darlington, Executive Director, *World Monuments Fund***, speaking on the work of the WMF protecting cultural heritage sites across the world.

Break

Adaptation and preparation: The effects of climate change on building conservation

With the help of case studies, this session addresses one of the most central issues impacting all aspects of work across the speciality, looking at how to mitigate the effects of temperature irregularities and extreme weather events, and incorporate the effective use of sustainable materials and processes across the field.

Speaker(s): **Simon Musasizi, Heritage Trust Programme Manager, *Cross-Cultural Foundation of Uganda***, on the CCFU's work conserving the local materials used in the construction of the Semei Kakungulu site in Mbale City, Eastern Uganda, against a backdrop of climate-related challenges.

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Panel - Repurposing and retrofitting historic buildings: Balancing preservation and progress

This panel will focus on the process of finding new utility for buildings that have undergone a period of disuse, examining innovative methods for re-fitting and revitalising buildings for new purposes.

Moderator: **Professor John Edwards, Director, *Edwards Hart***

Speaker(s): Speaker confirmed from the **Tai Kwun revitalisation project**, which is the largest of its kind in Hong Kong, involving the transformation of the former Central Police Station compound into a vibrant centre for arts and culture.

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Short break between sessions

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Building reconstruction and recovery after a conflict

This session will take a look at some of the inspiring efforts being made in conflict zones across the world, to reinvigorate infrastructure after buildings have been damaged or neglected during warfare.

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Screen break

With a presentation from ***Lioneart*, RICS' independent charity for RICS professionals and their families**

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Railway architecture and the role of historic iron structures in restoration

After lunch, join us for this session examining the sophistication of railway preservation strategies in different places around the world. We'll look at the particular difficulties involved with preserving 20th and 19th century materials, as well as new initiatives which celebrate railways as a central element of a region's heritage.

Moderator: **Verity Ramsden, Senior Development Surveyor, *Historic England***

Speaker(s): **Tim Hedley-Jones, Associate Director, *Railway Heritage Trust***, on the work being done to revitalize rail routes and preserve the structural integrity of the UK's railways.

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Networking break

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Practical conservation: Working with concrete

This session will discuss the evolution of mass concrete structures in the late 19th century, and the specific technical challenges involved with achieving successful patch repairs and determining repair methodology for concrete.

Speaker(s): **David Humphreys FRICS, Group Director, *ACP***, on the impacts of transitioning from masonry to reinforced concrete structures in one case study in Ireland.

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Preserving memory through conservation

This session will examine the cultural and symbolic significance of conservation techniques as a tool for protecting the symbolic significance of a particular site and highlighting an area's history. It will explore the role of the conservationist in bringing a building's past into the present for the enrichment of future generations.

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Conference wrap-up

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End of Conference

Delivering confidence

We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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