



## **International Workshop**

**23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018, Brussels**

### **World Heritage FOR Sustainable Development: New Networks for Transformation**

As part of an international networking project - 'World Heritage FOR Sustainable Development' - funded by the UK's Arts and Humanities Research Council, the Ironbridge International Institute for Cultural Heritage, University of Birmingham, is holding a two-day workshop to explore creative ways in which World Heritage Sites located in countries receiving Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) can be supported so that they may mobilise their World Heritage Sites to better assist in addressing the Sustainable Development Goals.

The workshop will present the interim findings of the networking project, hear from World Heritage Sites as to how they are engaging with the sustainable development agenda and the challenges they face and importantly, identify ways in which Sites in the developing world can be assisted so as to contribute to wider social and economic development. In line with the policy adopted at the 2015 Bonn Meeting of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (40 COM 5C), it is recognised that a Sustainable Development Perspective should be integrated into the processes of the World Heritage Convention. This opens up new challenges and possibilities for World Heritage Sites which this workshop will explore.

The workshop seeks to generate a dialogue between the World Heritage Sites of Europe and those in the developing world. While there are clear differences in terms of access to resources, systems of governance and management practices, there are also commonalities shared through the status of World Heritage and also importantly, opportunities for developing new supportive networks and ways to engage with one another.

The workshop will focus upon discussion and look for creative approaches to addressing the relationship between World Heritage Sites and Sustainable Development taking into account the challenges of sites in the developing world. We would wish this to be a space for creative thinking and to generate ideas that can be taken forward through policy, research but specifically practice. Ideas we would like to consider include

- Models of governance that will widen the stakeholder communities of World Heritage Sites and engage with the fullest range of the Sustainable Development Goals;
- Requirements for education regarding the potential and possibilities World Heritage Sites can offer the sustainable development agenda;
- Opportunities to develop networks, associations and routes that can build constituencies amongst World Heritage Sites in ODA countries;
- Ways of clustering and theming World Heritage Sites across national boundaries;
- Partnering / twining of Sites between Europe and the developing world.

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Greater Birmingham and West Midlands Brussels Office

Avenue d'Auderghem 22-28,  
(22-28 Oudergemselaan)  
B-1040 Brussels, Belgium

#### **DRAFT PROGRAMME – 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

10.00-10.30	Registration and coffee
10.30-10.45	Welcome
10.45-11.30	Background and Purpose of Workshop
11.30-13.00	Presentations and Discussion
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-17.00	Presentations and Discussion

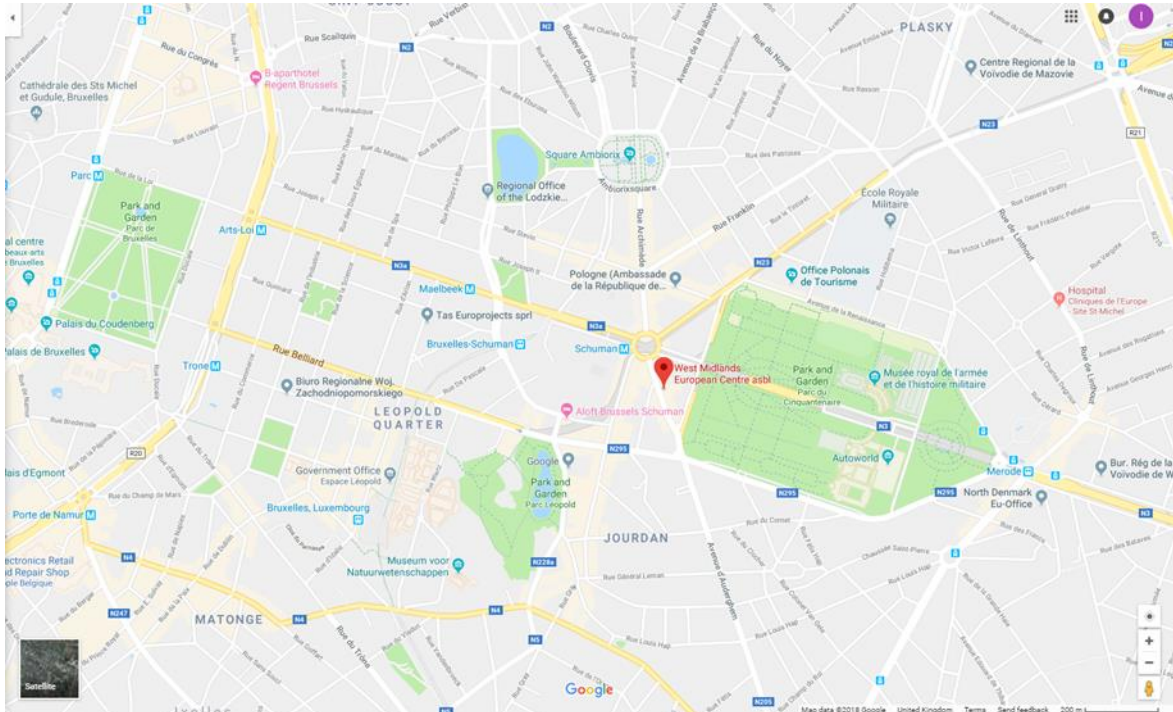
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10.00-10.30	Opening Remarks
10.30-12.30	Presentations and Discussion
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30 – 16.00	Roundtable discussion with coffee
16.00	Closing Remarks

## Venue:

Greater Birmingham and West Midlands Brussels Office Avenue d'Auderghem 22-28 (22-28 Oudergemseleen), B-1040 Brussels, Belgium

The venue is easily accessible by public transport, only within couple of minutes walking distance from Bruxelles-Schuman metro station



## Travel and accommodation arrangements:

**Travel arrangements:** Participants who need to book their tickets to Brussels should get in contact with Dr. Katapidi (email address: [i.katapidi@bham.ac.uk](mailto:i.katapidi@bham.ac.uk)) to agree on their travel arrangements

**Accommodation arrangements:** Participants who need accommodation in Brussels during the time of the workshop can make their own arrangements and they will receive expenses of up to £130/day to cover accommodation, internal travel and subsistence costs. To claim this back they will need to complete a claim form, attaching all the relevant receipts and submit it to Dr. Katapidi at the end of the workshop.