



## IHBC SCOTLAND BRANCH NEWSLETTER

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### IHBC SCOTLAND EVENTS

Welcome to Issue 14 of the IHBC Scotland Newsletter for Spring 2019.

#### **Contemporary Design in Historic Places – case studies in Dunfermline, Friday 26 April:**

CPD provided by IHBC Scotland Branch and Fife Council at Dunfermline Carnegie Library & Galleries, Abbot Street, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 7NL

The world's first Carnegie Library re-opened in 2017 as also a museum, EAA Building of the Year, holder of the RIAS Andrew Doolan prize. It is a place to inspire debate about the interface of new and old. We shall also learn about the next steps for the medieval Abbot House next door, and the ongoing transformation of a big Dunfermline linen damask factory.

Members will be emailed details in due course. Check the Scotland Branch pages of the IHBC website for the programme shortly.

CPD certification: 5 hours Price: IHBC members (all types) and Fife Council staff: £20 Others £30; students £15 Book with [scotland@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:scotland@ihbc.org.uk)

**Jim and Dave Roadshow:** please contact [Scotland@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@ihbc.org.uk) ASAP if you would like to attend the branch meeting with James Caird, IHBC Chair & David McDonald, IHBC President, who are approaching all branches to talk about governance developments on Wednesday 3 April 2019. [Further details....](#)

**Save the dates:** In addition to the 3rd and 26th April slots above; note also the 4th to 6th July 2019 for the next Annual School in Nottingham. The theme is 'Heritage, Risk & Resilience: confronting conservation calamities'. [Further details....](#)

**Recollections of IHBC's Belfast Annual School:** by Rachel Kacir from Community Engagement Officer, Glasgow City Heritage Trust

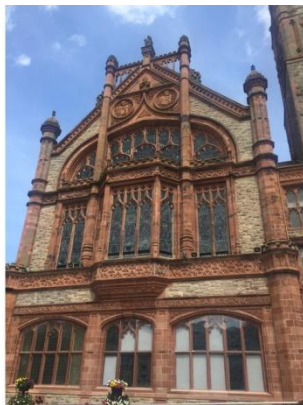
*"I was delighted to be awarded a bursary to enable me to attend the IHBC Annual School in Belfast in June. Although Belfast is my home city, it is one that has been transformed since I left 16 years ago to attend university in Glasgow. Although I*

*have remained in Scotland, my interest in Belfast and Northern Ireland as a whole has endured.*

*For my undergraduate dissertation I researched the history of the political wall murals in Northern Ireland, charting their history from the early 20th century to the present day. At the time there was a debate around the long term future of these murals. Whilst some argued they were symbols of a violent past and should be painted out, others felt this would literally be 'white washing history' and that they should be retained as an important part of local heritage and also because of their potential to attract tourists. Whilst completing my Masters in Museum Studies I had the opportunity to further explore the legacy of the Troubles, this time analysing how museums in Northern Ireland portray them in the context of the lack of a shared narrative.*

*Attending the Annual School provided me with the opportunity to learn more about Belfast's built heritage and how the city has been regenerated in recent years, particularly with regards to contested heritage and shared spaces.*

*The Thursday tour of 'Historic North Belfast' and the Saturday tour of 'Heritage-led regeneration in the north west' were my two highlights of the school. The Thursday tour was led by Shane Quinn of Belfast Buildings Trust and Paula Reynolds of Belfast Charitable Society. It took in everything from an 18th century poorhouse to the largest purpose built Orange Hall in the world!*



*All the buildings visited on the tour are part of the North Belfast Heritage Cluster, which has received £240,000 in funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund's Great Place Scheme. The Great Place North Belfast project will focus on a one-mile stretch from Donegall Street to Crumlin road, an 'interface' area which is part of the most deprived ward in Northern Ireland. The 15 organisations involved in the cluster will work together to create a heritage-led regeneration plan for the area, putting historic buildings back into sustainable use and creating services and employment for the local community.*

*The tour included visits to Carlisle Memorial Church and Carnegie Oldpark amongst others. Carlisle Memorial Church was closed in 1982 and by the mid-1990s had fallen into total disuse. The Belfast Buildings Trust acquired the building in 2011 and emergency stabilisation work was completed in 2012, when a structural survey indicated the roof was near to collapse. In June 2015 Phase 1 Capital Works delivered*

*a permanently repaired roof and temporary internal services, meaning that the building could once again be used by the public. At the time of our visit it had just been announced that the Ulster Orchestra were going to be using the church as a rehearsal and performance space.*

*Carnegie Oldpark closed as a library over a decade ago, but has now been bought over and will be restored in a project led by the Northern Ireland Foundation, an independent charity. It is hoped that office rentals in the upstairs of the building will provide a commercial revenue stream, enabling the other parts of the building to be free for educational, arts and social uses. Although in a dilapidated state, remnants of the past were still very much evident as we toured the building, including some library books and a set of disco lights in a community room. We were lucky that an art installation by leading Northern Irish artist Rita Duffy was on display when we visited. 'Arachne's Web' featured large crocheted spiders webs creeping up the stairwell of the building.*

*On Saturday the sun shone gloriously as we boarded the bus and headed to our first stop, the Seamus Heaney Homeplace in Bellaghy. This centre has recently been opened by Mid Ulster District Council and features a moving and very personal interpretive display dedicated to the Nobel prize winning poet. We travelled on to Derry/ Londonderry (known locally as Stroke City!), where Manus Deery from the historic environment division provided an informative tour. We started in Ebrington Barracks, which has a varied military history. It is now operated by the Ilex Urban Regeneration Company and has played host to large scale events, particularly during Derry's time as City of Culture in 2013.*

*We crossed the River Foyle by way of the Peace Bridge, a physical link between the religiously divided East and West areas of the city. We passed through the magnificent Guild Hall before having a walk along the Derry Walls. Our tour finished at the Bishop's Gate Hotel, a Townscape Heritage Initiative project, where a swift drink was imbibed before we boarded the bus and headed back to Belfast."*

Rachel Kacir, Glasgow City Heritage Trust



IHBC delegates group image at the Belfast annual School Tours 2018 as discussed in report courtesy of Rachel Kacir, an IHBC Scotland delegate



**Scotland Branch pre-AGM 2018 activities (photos below):** IHBC visited Dundee's Waterfront before the Scotland Branch AGM, and saw the work underway to convert a listed transit shed at Camperdown Dock into the "Waters Edge" workspace. See photos at the end of the Newsletter courtesy of Ryan Cathro, architect in Nicol Russel studio, Dundee.



IHBC Scotland delegate group images to see the work underway to convert a listed transit shed at Camperdown Dock into the "Waters Edge" workspace, courtesy of Ryan Cathro, architect in Nicol Russel studio, Dundee.

## IHBC SCOTLAND NEWS

**Consultations:** Charles Strang will be contributing the IHBC Scotland responses towards Managing Change – Demolition; and for Tenement Repair.

**The Scottish Listed Property Show** returns for its second outing in Edinburgh on 26th October. Please contact Carla or your Branch if you wish to participate or offer assistance/knowledge or expertise. Details soon.....

**Marsh Awards IHBC Retired category** has been extended to 29 March. A valuable volunteer who has made an outstanding contribution to the community and for the built environment. Please feel free to suggest nominations for your Branch. The

Awards ceremony is part of the Annual School each year. Each award is marked by a certificate, a free residential place at the Annual School (worth about £500), and £500 cash, with cheques written directly to the winners.

**The next Council+ on 2 May 2019:** will provide members, associates and affiliates with the opportunity to focus on their continuing professional development (CPD) and demonstrate and explore how the IHBC is supporting membership accreditation and offer delegates oversight, feedback and review opportunities on the content, programme and plans for MATE sessions. Council+ will introduce the MATE programme, review the programme to date, and see what we can do to improve our support. There will be around 50 places available with travel expenses covered, so please do ensure that everyone who might want to attend is aware of the opportunity. Long-standing Affiliates especially may take this as a prompt to move their upgrade application forward, but for existing Full members Council+ offers an essential forum to make their CPD plans. See the recent NewsBlog for more details on the programme. [Further details....](#)

**IHBC Toolbox** is a usefully growing reference resource to IHBC's latest technical publications, and more, online. [Further details....](#)

**Twitter:** IHBC Scotland now has 1822 followers. Join them! [@Ihbcscotland](#)

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

**Interim report of the Tenement Working Group** can be found via the BEFS website. [Further details....](#)

**Tenement maintenance conference** is coming up in September, perhaps tied to Doors Open Days. Keep posted for details!

**Monuments in Monuments conference about carved stone conservation at half price (£125)!** IHBC invites volunteers to register at the student rate in return for helping to staff an IHBC display stall during the breaks. It takes place in Stirling on 2-4 September. Please notify your interest to [scotland@ihbc.org.uk](mailto:scotland@ihbc.org.uk) before 10 April. If demand is high you might not be chosen, but there will still be time for you to book before Early Bird rates close on 19 April. The Branch can fund a further £50 on behalf of an applicant.

**PKHT Architectural Conservation CPD** – A series of 6 lunchtime CPD seminars are planned on the theme of 'Principles and Best Practice for Traditional and Historic Buildings'. We have selected 2 as listed below occurring in Spring. Select a date at [Further details....](#)

**GCHT Events:** which include an exhibition, or the usual digest of ongoing lectures can be perused on the trust's events calendar. [Further details....](#)

**ECA Masterclasses:** Please note a Special offer of £5 has been arranged for IHBC members. Show proof at the door for eligibility; with one more event this semester to run. [Further details....](#) or as listed below.

**Dundee Conservation Masterclasses:** There remains one lecture in the current Winter 2019 series on 2 April on Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes. [Further details....](#)

[Note: Summary links to forthcoming events by others. These links may be broken at the whim of the host website.]

**Our Past, Our Future: Young People & Heritage**

**Wednesday 27 March 2019** (12.30pm to 1.30pm)

**Perth** (Dewars Centre Glover Street Perth PH2 0TH)

SCT Annual one day conference. [Further details....](#)

**Rediscovering lost Mackintosh for the V&A Dundee**

**Thursday 28 March 2019** (5.30pm to 7pm)

**Edinburgh** (Adam Hs Lecture Theatre, UoE, 3 Chambers St., Edinburgh EH1 1HR)

ECA Evening Masterclass. [Further details....](#)

**Maintaining Traditional Buildings**

**Friday 29 March 2019** (9.30am to 4.30pm)

**Fife** (SLCT, Charlestown Workshops, 2 Rocks Road, Charlestown, Fife KY11 3EN)

Day seminar by SLCT. [Further details....](#)

**Stained Glass**

**Wednesday 3 April 2019 (10am to 4.30pm)**

**Stirling** (The Engine Shed, Forthside Way, Stirling FK8 1QZ)

One day technical seminar. [Further details....](#)

**Conservation Of Surface Finishes**

**Thursday to Friday 4-12 April 2019** (10am to 4pm)

**Stirling** (Forth Valley College, Drip Road, Stirling FK8 1RD)

8-day course and site visits. [Further details....](#)

**Town Centre Conf : Resources for Small Scale Conservation & Development**

**Wednesday 10 April 2019** (10am to 4pm)

**Ayr** (Ayr Town Hall, New Bridge Street, Ayr KA7 1JX)

One day conference. [Further details....](#)

**Conservation Theory & Practice**

**Wednesday 24 April 2019** (12.30pm to 1.30pm)

**Perth** (The Fair Maid's House 15-19 North Port Perth PH1 5LU)

PKHT Lunchtime CPD seminar. [Further details....](#)

**Micro-grouting of the Burns Monument**

**Wednesday 24 April 2019** (7pm to 8.30pm)

**Aberdeen** (Room - N204, Sir Ian Wood Building, Garthdee Road, Aberdeen AB10 7GJ)

ACHT Evening Lecture. [Further Details...](#)

**Historic plaster care and conservation**

**Wednesday 8 May 2019** (7pm to 8.30pm)

**Aberdeen** (Room - N204, Sir Ian Wood Building, Garthdee Road, Aberdeen AB10 7GJ)

ACHT Evening Lecture.. [Further Details...](#)

**Thermal improvement of traditional and historic buildings**

**Wednesday 22 May 2019** (from 6.30pm)

**Aberdeen** (Room - N204, Sir Ian Wood Building, Garthdee Road, Aberdeen AB10 7GJ)

ACHT Evening Lecture . [Further Details...](#)

**The Repair and Maintenance of Traditional Roofs**

**Wednesday 29 May 2019**

**Perth** (The Fair Maid's House 15-19 North Port Perth PH1 5LU)

PKHT Lunchtime CPD seminar. [Further details....](#)

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