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Prospectus 2017-18

The National Heritage Science Forum (NHSF) brings together the leading organisations that create and use heritage science research. Members work together to build the community of heritage science in the UK and demonstrate its public benefit.

The Forum achieves this by:

- Strengthening the infrastructure to support future research
- Widening the scope of partnerships with other fields of research
- Opening up heritage science research so that more people engage with and contribute to the research agenda.



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In 2017 and 2018, the Forum will:

- Lead a **refresh of the National Heritage Science Strategy**. NHSF will work with the sector to:
 - Identify priority areas for future research
 - Align the Strategy to wider national initiatives, in order to demonstrate more clearly the impact that heritage science has on society
- Strengthen **relationships with key sector bodies** such as UK Research and Innovation and the Research Councils
- Build **stronger links with industry** to benefit heritage science research and innovation. NHSF will align with the Government's Industrial Strategy goals by bringing together industry, heritage and academic partners to identify where collaboration has enhanced the impact of heritage science research, how greater value can be achieved by working together and what mechanisms are needed to facilitate a growth in collaborative working.
- Continue to **support open access** to heritage science research, by:
 - Providing Gold Open Access publication funding for member organisations
 - Developing the Forum's partnership with Wikimedia UK, to give more people the skills, knowledge and confidence to play an active role in increasing the online presence of heritage science
 - Investigating ways to improve access to heritage science data
- **Strengthen future infrastructure** for heritage science research, by:
 - Exploring current barriers to becoming a heritage scientist
 - Understanding the career paths of heritage scientists better

Above all, NHSF aims to work with the sector to achieve a positive outcome for heritage science post-Brexit. Priority areas are: international mobility of labour, access to EU skills and infrastructure, maintaining international research collaboration opportunities and securing strong funding streams, including through participation in EU Horizon 2020 Framework Programme 9 and its successors.

Join the Forum

NHSF members benefit from being part of a community of heritage and academic organisations engaged with heritage science research. The Forum provides a platform for sharing information and collaborating to shape the heritage science research landscape. It supports efficiencies by facilitating access to shared resources and it helps practice make better use of research by sharing research priorities and developments. It uses the collective strengths of its members to influence policy and speak on behalf of the community.

Full membership

For organisations engaged in heritage science research or using the outputs of heritage science. Examples include museums, universities, heritage organisations and professional bodies.

Rate: **£3000 per annum** (membership year runs 1 May to 30 April)

Associate membership

For organisations that support the aims of NHSF and are active in the field of heritage science but are not producers of heritage science research. Examples include strategic and policy bodies and organisations that represent allied fields of activity.

Rate: **£2000 per annum** (membership year runs 1 May to 30 April)

For full information on membership benefits and how to join visit:
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