

Nordic World Heritage Conference 2019

Social sustainability in focus when the annual Nordic World Heritage Conference is held in Stockholm next week

The Nordic World Heritage Conference, which this year is being held in Stockholm on September 2-4, is now approaching. Each year, the Nordic World Heritage Association (NWhA) organizes a World Heritage Conference in one of the Nordic countries. This year it is Sweden's turn to host the conference, in Stockholm.

More than 140 World Heritage delegates throughout the Nordic countries (including Greenland) gather around the theme *World Heritage and Social Sustainability* for a few intensive days. The conference is addressed to those who in different ways work with World Heritage sites in the Nordic countries.

Three of Sweden's World Heritage Sites are located in Stockholm; the Royal Domain of Drottningholm, the Woodland Cemetery and Birka and Hovgården. During the days, the participants will get a chance to visit all three; on Sunday, September 1st, on a pre-tour to Birka and Hovgården, Tuesday the 3rd will be at Drottningholm and on the third and last day the participants will visit the Woodland Cemetery.

This year's Nordic World Heritage Conference was soon fully booked. A total of 140 people from Sweden, Norway, Finland, Denmark, Norway and Greenland are coming to Stockholm for an interesting program. A number of lecturers with different perspectives on World Heritage and social sustainability will participate.

- It is important for us who work together with World Heritage Sites around the Nordic region, to meet and exchange experiences, says Lena Landström, who is a board member of the Nordic World Heritage Association (NWhA).

- With this year's keynote speakers the upcoming work year will get a boost in sustainability issues, which is extremely important in the time we are living in now.

A World Heritage is an environment that is unique and that has significance for all of humanity. It is our common memory. For the country where the World Heritage Site is located, it means a responsibility that is committed to preserving and safe guarding the world heritage for future generations. Today, work is underway to develop a National World Heritage Strategy, by the Swedish National Heritage Board, which raises the issues surrounding the World Heritage Sites in Sweden even more. Today there are 1121 World Heritage Sites in 167 countries.

The media is welcome to attend all days and interview all lecturers by appointment.
Dates: September 2 - 4 (September 1st Pre-tour Birka and Hovgården)
Location: Clarion Hotel (Ringvägen) in Stockholm.

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