

Annual School 2026 Newcastle-upon-Tyne

Adaptive Reuse

Day School: Friday, 19 June 2026

Neville Hall, The Common Room, Newcastle NE1 1SE

EXHIBITION SPACE NOW AVAILABLE

THE CONFERENCE

This year's school will explore the highly complex and increasingly relevant theme of adaptive reuse, examining how context, significance, and fabric shape the ways in which we understand, value, and protect the historic environment. It will consider how thoughtful reuse can enable sustainable, well-informed change, supporting places to evolve and remain relevant while respecting their heritage, now and long into the future.

WHO IS ATTENDING

The IHBC is the professional body for building conservation practitioners and historic environment experts working in the UK and beyond. The Institute exists to establish, develop and maintain the highest standards of conservation practice, to support the effective protection and enhancement of the historic environment, and to promote heritage-led regeneration and access to the historic environment for all.

Members work mainly in local authorities and other publicly funded bodies like English Heritage, but also in private practice and UK conservation organisations. The Delegates for this conference have a wide variety of backgrounds which will include surveyors, planners, architects, conservation officers, urban designers, structural engineers, heritage managers, archaeologists, project managers, construction and engineering professionals, policy makers, specifiers, innovators, landscapers and historians to name but a few. All of whom are involved in the care and conservation of the historic environment.

The Annual School will be hosted in partnership with IHBC North Branch and will attract delegates from right across the UK. It will also appeal greatly to those in the local Newcastle catchment area. We expect well over 100 delegates all of whom will have a significant influence on the use and choice of materials and services in both the public and private sectors.

The School welcomes people working in national and local government and related bodies, private practice, education, academia, charities and other voluntary bodies.

THE OPPORTUNITY

This conference will be of particular interest to companies/professionals who would like to promote to and create closer relationships with our highly influential delegates.

THE EXHIBITION

Exhibitors will be reserving floor space only and must bring their own free-standing display panels. Tables can be provided as is access to a power socket if required. We only have 11 exhibitor spaces available at present so booking early is advisable.

The excellent location of the exhibition stands in the catering and breakout spaces just outside the Wood Hall where talks will be held together with three refreshment breaks will provide good exposure of your display.

THE VENUE

The Common Room, Neville Hall, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 1SE. The stunning Grade II* listed Wood Memorial Hall at The Common Room was built between 1869-72.

Ideally located just a short 3-minute walk from Newcastle train station. The main entrance is at the front of the building and there is also a loading bay on Orchard Street to the side for the building. The Common Room has no public parking onsite. However there is on-street parking nearby which is free for Blue Badge holders. The closest car parks can be found at: Central Station Long Stay Car Park, NE1 5DL, Stephenson Quarter Car Park, NE1 3PH.

See overleaf for the Conference Programme and Exhibition Floor Plan

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Please Note: Programme is indicative only. Exact timings, speakers and titles may be subject to change without notice*

8.30 Registration and coffee

Session 1 Adaptive Reuse: Is anything impossible?

Areas of Competence: Management

- 9:10 Introductions for delegates from the Chair David McDonald
 9:20 Welcome Address: **Dr Anna Keay OBE**, The Landmark Trust
 9:30 **Henrietta Billings** SAVE Britain's Heritage
 Topic: Opportunities and Benefits for Adaptive Reuse
 9.55 **Prof. John Pendlebury**, Newcastle University
Prof. Francesca Lanz, Northumbria University
 Topic: What is Adaptive Reuse?
 10:20 **Alexandra Fairclough**, Bolton Council and IHBC
 Topic: Adaptive Reuse: A legislative & policy overview

10.45 Break 10.45 (45 mins)

Session 2 Adaptive reuse: Challenges and Opportunities

Areas of competence and Competences: Intervention

- 11:30 **Adrian Browning** The Church Commissioners for England &
Clare Chapman The Church Commissioners for England
 Topic: New Uses for Old Churches: a paradigm for Adaptive Reuse
 11.50 **Rebecca Burrows** Donald Insall Associates
 Topic: Adaptive Reuse and the digital Planning Agenda
 12.10 **Steve Emery** Heritage Fire
 Topic: Fire Safety and Regulations: Challenges and Opportunities
 12.30 Panel Discussion and Q&A

12.45 Lunch & Exhibitors (1 hr 30 mins)

Session 3 Case Studies in the round

Areas of competence and Competences: Professional & Evaluation

- 14:15 Welcome from the Afternoon Chair
 14:20 **Martin Hulse** Tyne & Wear Building Preservation Trust, Heritage Trust Network
 Topic: Adaptive Reuse from a Building Preservation Trust Perspective
 14:40 **James Woolgrove** Shire Homes
 Topic: Safety First: Health, Safety and Adaptive Reuse
 15:00 **Thomas Betts & Bryan Harris** Durham County Council
 Topic: Giving Rise to Raby: A Local Government Approach to Adaptive Reuse
 15:20 Panel Discussions and Q&A
 15:35 **Summary of the day**
 Timothy David Crawshaw, RTPi (Friend of the School)
 15:45 **Introducing Annual School 2027** IHBC South West Branch
 15:50 **Principal Sponsor Presentation**
 16.00 Close of Day School

16.10 Break & Networking (until 17.30)

Session 4 CPD Study Tours

(pre-booked in person delegates only - Tours to end at The Common Room by 17.30)

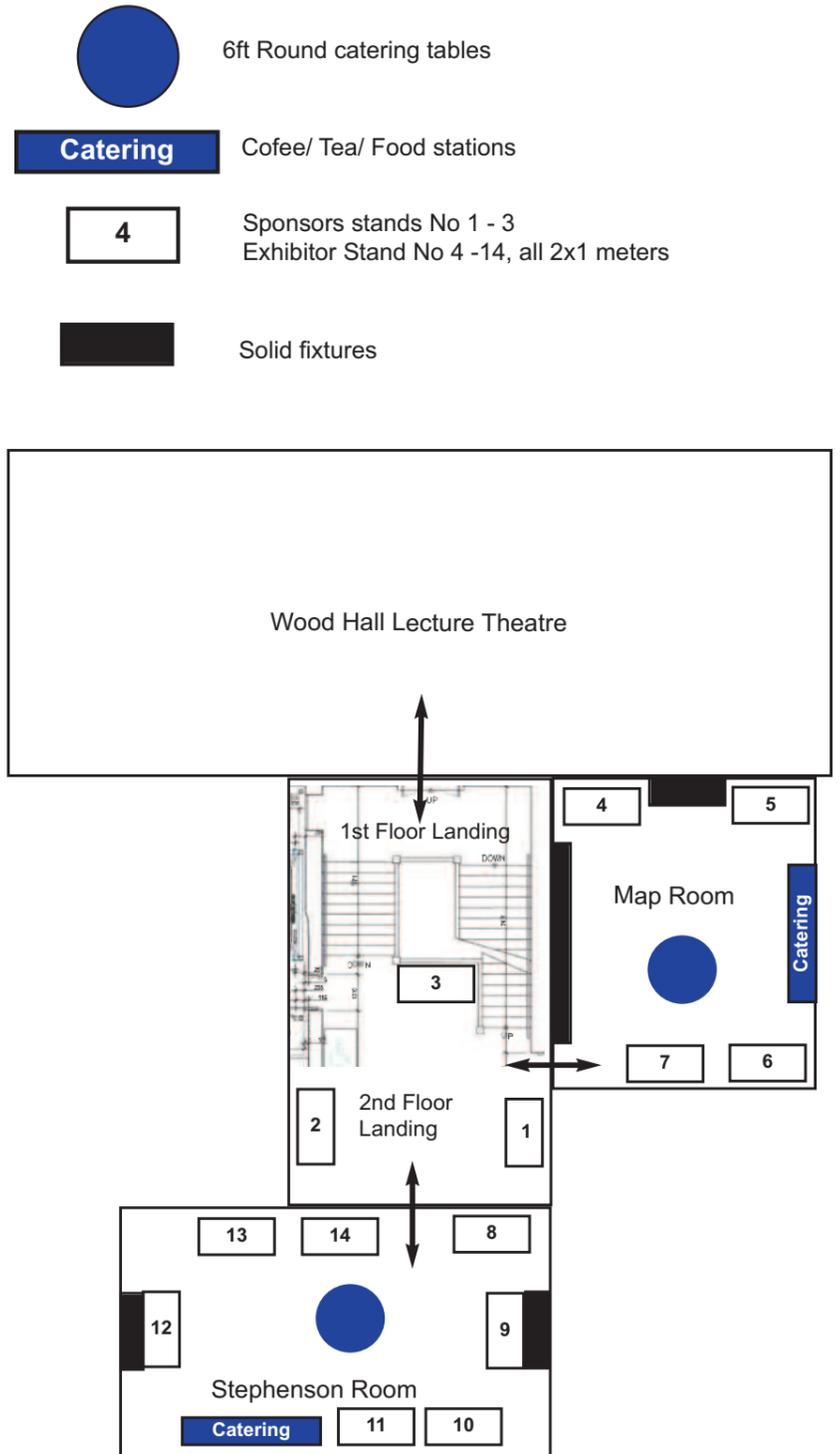
- 16:25 Cooper's Studio (F1) led by Ronnie Graham, Ryder Architecture
 16.30 Founders Place (F2) led by Sarah Dyer, Sarah Dyer Heritage

EXHIBITION FLOOR PLAN (not to scale)

Set up 18th June - 15.00 - 17.00

19th June - 08.00 - 08.30

Breakdown 19th June - approx 16.30 (at the end of the conference or following the afternoon tea break when delegates have departed)



EXHIBITION RESERVATION FORM

Please telephone to confirm availability of display space before completing the application as there is room for only 11 exhibitors.

Please tick all that apply

Display Spaces

4- 14 2m x 1m £365.00 + VAT

Each stand includes one delegate place (incl tea, coffee, lunch)
 Additional delegate places can be booked directly with the IHBC
 (subject to availability)

SUB TOTAL £ _____
 VAT @ 20% £ _____
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE £ _____

Payments should be made payable to HALL-MCCARTNEY LTD by bank transfer.
 Details of which will be on the invoice.

We are not anticipating any problems, neither Neville Hall, the IHBC
 nor Hall-McCartney can accept any responsibility for loss or damage.
 On receipt of your booking and instructions, we will issue you with an invoice to
 be settled within 14 days or by 8th May 2026, whichever is the sooner.

Name in block letters _____

Signed _____

Name of company delegate _____

Company name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Telephone _____

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Website _____

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