18 April - International Day for Monuments and Sites

Every year on 18 April, ICOMOS celebrates the “International Day for Monuments and Sites”, whose establishment was approved by the 22nd UNESCO General Conference in 1983. The 2018 theme for the Day is: Heritage for Generations led by the ICOMOS Emerging Professionals Working Group.

Aim of the International Day

The aim of the International Day for Monuments and Sites is to encourage local communities and individuals throughout the world to consider the importance of cultural heritage to their lives, identities and communities, and to promote awareness of its diversity and vulnerability and the efforts required to protect and conserve it.

2018 Theme: Heritage for Generations

Sharing stories and the transfer of knowledge between generations is a crucial step in cultural development, characterising the human experience since time immemorial.

“The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow” – Nelson Mandela

The ICOMOS International Day for Monuments and Sites Day 2018 seeks to celebrate:

- **Inter-generational transfer of knowledge**: engagement across the global community to emphasize the importance of knowledge exchange between generations to promote the ICOMOS ethos for the conservation and protection of cultural heritage;
- **Youth leadership**: Emerging Professionals in each country will take the lead in organising events that focus on reaching the younger members of the wider public community by showcasing the creative use of social media.

Information on events will be shared on social media as a central communication strategy of this year’s International Day for Monuments and Sites - share the photos and videos of your events.

Download the 18 April 2018 leaflet - in English - French - Spanish - Russian - Farsi

Click here to read more on the ICOMOS website.

Events calendar

Click here to consult the calendar of all 18 April events organised by ICOMOS Committees and other organisations – this will be regularly up-dated as information on events comes in. Over 84 events have already been announced in 40 countries.

Future Themes: 18 April

2019: Rural Landscape Heritage (working title)

2020: Shared Heritage (working title)