

Task Group Initiation Form

Please answer the following questions and email the completed form to Abi Cornwall abicornwall@lfsscotland.org. Your Task Group's application will be discussed at the next LfS Scotland Steering Group meeting.

What is the name of your Task Group?	Curating Heritage for Sustainable Communities
Who is the Task Group Convenor? - name(s), organisation(s)	Ullrich Kockel & Kirsten Leask
Which member of the LfS Scotland Secretariat has this application been developed in consultation with?	Abi Cornwall
Which LfS Scotland members are involved in the Group (name, organisation)	Ullrich Kockel (HWU), Kirsten Leask (Soil Association), Cait McCullagh (HWU/UHI), Máiréad Nic Craith (HWU)
What are the objectives of the Task Group (100 words max.)	The primary objective of the group is to develop a framework for sustainable heritage tourism especially in vulnerable ecological settings. It takes at its starting point an appraisal of the maritime heritage of the Northern Isles as a cultural resource for sustainable community development and care for that resource (see below). The group will explore the potential for community engagement with heritage through creative responses to selected items.
Please explain how this Group will meet LfS Scotland's objectives	The group will promote sharing of knowledge and expertise, addressing core aspects including 'community creativity' and 'community engagement as active participants in the research process'. The group will engage with 'Care for the future' and 'Living with Environmental Change' to develop and promote the goals and values of LfSS.
What activities will be required to achieve the Task Group's objectives (see over)?	Focus groups in Shetland and creatives workshops in Orkney; a virtual exhibition; and the launch of framework for sustainable heritage tourism.
What are the intended results?	Conclusions that will be potentially useful to the Scottish Government in terms of setting regional policy with regard to the environment as an extremely important and dynamic aspect of Scottish culture and heritage. The group will explore the feasibility of forming a Community of Practice to support the continuing interest in sustainable development.
What resources will be needed (people, funding or other)?	A venue is required as is support from relevant LfSS staff as appropriate. Any equipment and software required will be provided by the CNS/UHI and the IRC/HWU.
What are the intended sources of funding?	The project is supported by a doctoral studentship funded by the Scottish Graduate School for Arts and Humanities along with Heriot-Watt University and The University of the Highlands and Islands.

**Please indicate the Task Group
timescale**

January-September 2017

Student receives methods training and carries out survey of collections and literature review. Student sets up and runs initial focus groups in Orkney and presents paper at international congress SIEF.

Progression examination, annual PGR conference at HWU.

October-December 2017

Student runs up initial focus groups in Shetland and starts first workshop in Orkney.

January 2018

Student drafts first peer reviewed article based on initial focus groups.

June 2018

Student presents paper at 4th Biannual Conference, Association of Critical Heritage Studies (ACHS, Shanghai, China, 2018)

August 2018

Project showcase at the CoHERE festival in Edinburgh.

September 2018

Annual PGR conference at HWU. Writing up commences.

October 2018 – March 2019

Development of framework for sustainable heritage tourism.

March 2019

Final sessions of focus groups/creative workshops and submission of first full draft of thesis

April - September 2019

Launching of virtual exhibition and of framework for sustainable heritage tourism. Submission of thesis at the end of September.