



Sponsorship, Advertising & Exhibitor Prospectus



**Heritage Network
Conference 2026**
27th-29th September
Belfast & Armagh



A unique opportunity

Heritage Network Conference sponsorship is an ideal opportunity to promote your business to heritage leaders actively managing projects and to demonstrate your support for the community heritage sector. Heritage Network is the membership body for community organisations, charities and social enterprises that are saving, restoring, and managing historic buildings and spaces. We are a growing organisation uniting heritage groups with businesses, local authorities and young people building careers in the sector. Conference is the highlight of our year, an informative and inspirational mix of keynote presentations, fascinating stories from our members, breakout sessions, tours, visits, networking and socialising.

About the Network

Heritage Network includes 1000+ members across the heritage sector, with around 650 not-for-profits and nearly 350 individuals, made up of heritage professionals and early career volunteers.

This conference is supported by:



*Belfast City Centre skyline at night.
Courtesy of Christopher Heaney North Harbour Productions*

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Contact us

If you want to discuss any of these sponsorship packages and how they might work for your business or organisation, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Email: izabella@heritagenetwork.org.uk

Thank you for your support for Heritage Network Conference 2026.



#HNConference2026

Conference delegates

Heritage Network Conference is the one event everyone in the heritage sector talks about; three days that will leave you more informed, inspired and much better connected.

You will meet community leaders actively planning and managing restoration projects, local authority officers committed to heritage regeneration, senior staff from funders and government heritage agencies, professionals from other businesses and young people eager to progress in the sector.

*Image opposite: Belfast Mela Festival.
Courtesy of ArtsEkta*



265
people attended last year's
Bradford conference –
this year, we aim
to attract over
300



Attendees in 2025 included:



144
from active
heritage
and culture
organisations



61
from heritage
businesses



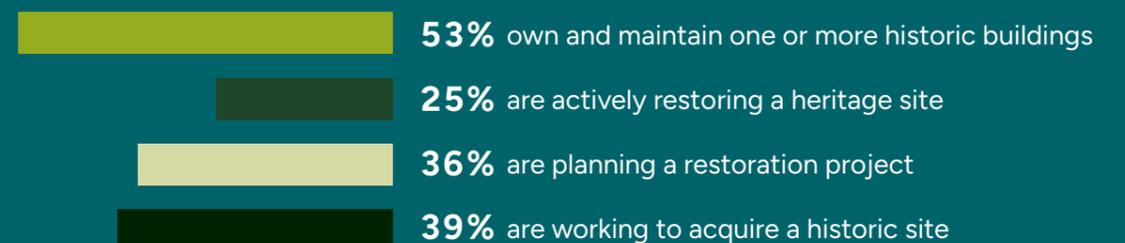
52
from local
government,
heritage agencies
and funders

An active network

A recent survey of Heritage Network members indicates that they are in the market for a wide variety of services.



£50m+
is spent each year by
members restoring
buildings, structures
and land



Conference 2026

This year's conference is in Belfast and Armagh.

Our main conference day will take place in the magnificent and historic Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, Belfast.

The emphasis this year will be on Belfast, Armagh and Northern Ireland, but as ever, delegates will be coming from all over the UK.

Provisional programme:

Sunday 27th September

- Afternoon tours and visits to historic places and projects in Belfast
- Drinks reception at historic venue including civic welcome

Monday 28th September

- Conference day held in Assembly Buildings with workshops, exhibition and speakers
- Conference Expo
- Evening dinner at Belfast City Hall

Tuesday 29th September

- Full day tours and visits to historic places and projects in Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon
- Farewell lunch at historic venue in Armagh

Images, left, from top:

Inside the Crumlin Road Gaol, Belfast. Courtesy of Tony Pleavin for Tourism Northern Ireland

Interior of Stormont Parliament Buildings, Belfast. Courtesy of Rob Durston for Tourism Northern Ireland

Killeavy Castle, Newry. © Diana Jarvis for Tourism Ireland

Armagh City over view of St Patrick's Cathedral. Courtesy of Armagh, Banbridge District Council

Image, opposite: Assembly Buildings Conference Centre, Belfast. © Presbyterian Church in Ireland





£5,000

Make a splash and be our headline sponsor with a presence across all elements of the conference

All sponsorship packages exclude VAT.



£2,500

A great opportunity to entertain guests in style and really make an impression by associating your brand with one of the conference's 'wow' moments

Headline Sponsor

Sponsorship package includes:

- Opportunity to host a workshop and provide a plenary speaker
- Four tickets for colleagues or guests to attend the whole event
- Exhibition stand in the conference Expo
- Advertorial spread in the event programme (full page advert and full page editorial)
- Logo on all Heritage Network promotions for the conference
- Logo displayed on digital screens throughout conference venue
- Acknowledgement in conference promotional copy as "supported by [your company]"
- Minimum six social media posts acknowledging your support in the lead up to conference
- Verbal thanks at conference event

Dr Kelcey Wilson-Lee (Architectural Heritage Fund) speaking at Heritage Network Conference 2025, Bradford.

Evening Dinner

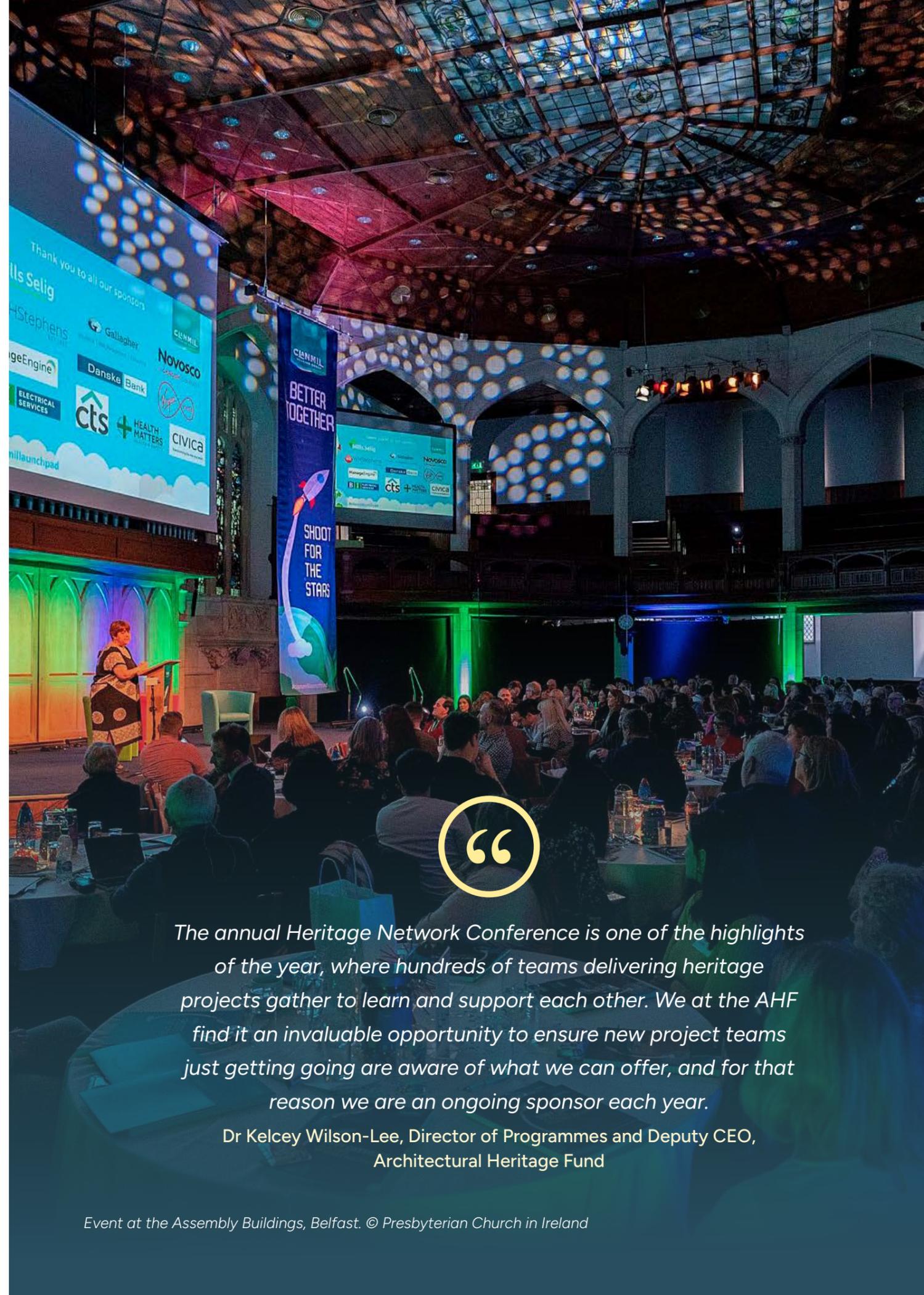
Sponsorship package includes:

- Opportunity to welcome delegates to the dinner
- Two tickets to the full conference programme
- Logo on conference webpage and other promotional material
- Exhibition stand at the conference
- Minimum four social media posts acknowledging your support in lead up to conference
- Banners and branding at dinner
- Logo displayed on digital screens throughout conference venue
- Four dinner tickets for colleagues/guests
- Full page advert or editorial in the programme

Table Sponsorship £450

- Shoutout during dinner
- Promotional material displayed on your table
- Opportunity to select an organisation to sit at your table
- Logo displayed on digital screens throughout the venue

Heritage Network Conference Dinner, Bradford Live 2025.



The annual Heritage Network Conference is one of the highlights of the year, where hundreds of teams delivering heritage projects gather to learn and support each other. We at the AHF find it an invaluable opportunity to ensure new project teams just getting going are aware of what we can offer, and for that reason we are an ongoing sponsor each year.

Dr Kelcey Wilson-Lee, Director of Programmes and Deputy CEO, Architectural Heritage Fund

Event at the Assembly Buildings, Belfast. © Presbyterian Church in Ireland



£1,750

A relaxed and informal occasion to meet and greet potential clients

Welcome Reception

Sponsorship package includes:

- Opportunity to welcome delegates to the Welcome reception
- Four tickets for colleagues or guests to attend the Welcome reception
- Two tickets to the main conference day and evening dinner
- Logo on conference webpage and other promotional material
- Exhibition stand at the conference
- Minimum three social media posts acknowledging your support in lead up to the conference
- Banners and branding at the welcome reception and on slides throughout main conference day
- Half page advert or editorial in the programme

Delegates at the Heritage Network Conference Welcome Reception in Victoria Hall, Saltaire, 2025.



£1,500

for up to three breakout sessions

Breakout Sessions

Breakout sessions are a valued part of conference, where a lot of the conference learning goes on as delegates hear fellow members' stories, or workshop with industry experts and funders. We typically have three separate break-out sessions in the programme.

Sponsorship package includes:

- Opportunity to announce breakout sessions
- Two tickets to the conference day and dinner
- Exhibition stand at the conference
- Logo on conference webpage and other promotional material
- Minimum three social media posts acknowledging your support in lead up to the conference
- Half page advert or editorial in the programme
- Banners and branding on breakout slides and in breakout spaces throughout conference day

Delegates working together in a breakout session, Heritage Network Conference 2025.



£1,750

An opportunity to leave delegates with your business fresh in their minds

Farewell Lunch

Sponsorship package includes:

- Opportunity to welcome delegates to the farewell lunch
- Four tickets for colleagues or guests to attend the farewell lunch
- Two tickets to the main conference day and dinner
- Logo on conference webpage and other promotional material
- Exhibition stand at the conference
- Minimum three social media posts acknowledging your support in lead up to the conference
- Banners and branding at farewell lunch and on slides throughout the main conference day
- Half page advert or editorial in the programme

Alice Ullathorne, Chair of Heritage Network, presenting at Heritage Network Conference Farewell Lunch, Darley Street Kitchen, 2025.



£950

Valuable networking and informal relationship-building takes place during these breaks

Conference Lunch & Refreshments

Sponsorship package includes:

- Opportunity to announce lunch and refreshments
- Two tickets to the main conference day
- Logo on conference webpage and other promotional material
- Exhibition stand at the conference
- Banners and branding at conference lunch and on slides throughout the main conference day
- Minimum three social media posts acknowledging your support in lead up to conference
- Quarter page advert or editorial in the programme
- Logo on conference slide with lunch and refreshment information and on slides throughout the day

Delegates networking during Heritage Network Conference 2025.



£350

Support groups and individuals who couldn't otherwise attend

Bursaries

Bursaries allow us to remove financial barriers to people attending Conference. Bursaries this year will be targeted at Northern Ireland, supporting volunteers from smaller local community heritage groups and young people starting out in the sector. Each bursary includes a full conference ticket plus up to £175 expenses. Sponsorship package includes:

- Quarter page advert or editorial in the programme (half page if three or more bursaries sponsored)
- Beneficiaries will post their thanks for your support, if possible, with a photo opportunity.
- Logo on conference webpage and other promotional material and on slides throughout the main conference day
- Minimum three social media posts acknowledging your support in lead up to the conference
- 'Thank you' announcement during conference

Delegates wave for a group photograph at Heritage Network Conference 2023. © Damien Wootten



£350

Support early-career volunteers

Digital Heroes

Our Digital Heroes are an essential part of our conference team, young early-career volunteers who help bring the conference to life across all social media channels. Sponsorship package includes:

- Quarter page advert or editorial in the programme (half page if three or more bursaries sponsored)
- Beneficiaries will post their thanks for your support, if possible, with a photo opportunity.
- Logo on conference webpage and other promotional material and on slides throughout the main conference day
- Minimum three social media posts acknowledging your support in lead up to the conference
- 'Thank you' announcement during conference

Digital Heroes take a group photo in front of Dunfermline Abbey for Heritage Network Conference 2024. © Heritage Network



What an amazing conference experience you all created – it was incredibly useful to me, at a pivotal and at times overwhelming stage in the project, to hear from such a range of projects, experts and experience. Thanks so much for enabling me to attend, and for putting on such a brilliant event.

Bursary recipient



I found out about different organisations I had not heard about previously and also have many new events on my agenda that I heard about through connections made at the conference. The speeches were very inspirational.

Conference delegate

Exhibitor Packages

This year we are offering tiered exhibitor packages, so that you can engage with the conference in a way that fits your business and needs. This year's Expo will be central to the main conference day's activities and will be accessible to attendees for the duration of the day programme maximising your reach and opportunities to connect with prospective clients and audiences.



Standard Exhibitor

NON-MEMBER £450 / MEMBER £350

Sponsorship package includes:

- Exhibition stand in Assembly rooms for the main conference day
- Minimum two social media posts acknowledging your support in the lead up to conference
- Two tickets to attend the conference day only
- Business description and logo in the programme and on our website
- Chair will mention each exhibitor by name at some point during the conference

Enhanced Exhibitor

NON-MEMBER £750 / MEMBER £650

Sponsorship package includes:

- Exhibition stand in Assembly rooms for the main conference day
- Minimum three social media posts acknowledging your support in the lead up to conference
- Two tickets to attend the Welcome reception, main conference day and evening dinner
- Business description and logo in the programme and on our website
- Logo and branding on slides throughout the main conference day
- Quarter page advert or editorial in the programme
- Chair will mention each exhibitor by name at some point during the conference

Premium Exhibitor

NON-MEMBER £950 / MEMBER £850

Sponsorship package includes:

- A prominent exhibition stand in Assembly rooms for the full main conference day
- Minimum three social media posts acknowledging your support in the lead up to conference
- Two tickets to attend the full conference, including welcome reception, conference day and dinner, farewell lunch, and tours and visits across Belfast and Armagh areas
- Business description and logo in the programme and on our website
- Logo and branding on slides throughout the main conference day
- Quarter page advert or editorial in the programme
- Chair will mention each exhibitor by name at some point during the conference

All prices exclude VAT.

Image, above: an exhibitor from Unity Trust Bank at Heritage Network Conference 2024.

© Jim Walker



It was a privilege for Unity Trust Bank to attend and exhibit at the Heritage Network Conference in Bradford last year. The guest speakers were inspirational and it was a fabulous opportunity to network with so many passionate and likeminded folk giving an insight into the various day to day challenges and developments. It was inclusive, friendly, very well organised and very worthwhile.

Dawn Morris, Unity Trust Bank



Exhibiting at the Heritage Network Conference in Bradford was a valuable opportunity to connect with organisations across the heritage sector. The event was well organised and provided an excellent platform for us to promote our VAT services, have meaningful conversations, and share practical insights tailored to the challenges heritage trusts face. It was a well-run, engaging event and the quality of delegates and discussions made it a constructive and welcoming exhibiting experience.

Kerry Annand, CT: Accountants & Advisors

Sponsorship Summary

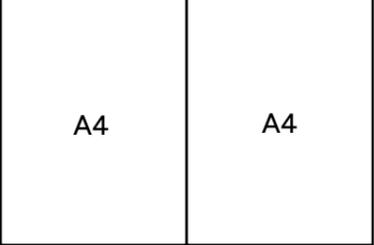
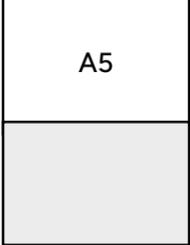
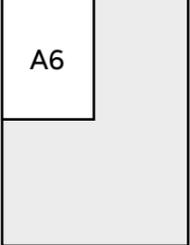
Sponsorship package costs exclude VAT	Cost	Logo on website	Social media posts	Stand/branding	Tickets	Programme Advert	Speaking/announcement
HEADLINE	£5,000	Yes	6	Stand & branding throughout conference	4x full tickets	2x full page	1x plenary talk 1x breakout session
EVENING DINNER	£2,500	Yes	4	Stand at conference & branding at dinner	2x day tickets 4x dinner tickets	1x full page	Brief welcome at dinner
TABLE (at dinner)	£450	Yes	-	Branding on sponsored table	Opportunity to select an organisation to sit at your table	-	Mention during evening dinner
WELCOME RECEPTION	£1,750	Yes	3	Stand at conference & branding at reception	4x reception tickets 2x day & dinner tickets	Half page	Brief welcome at welcome reception
FAREWELL LUNCH	£1,750	Yes	3	Stand at conference & branding at lunch	4x lunch tickets 2x day & dinner tickets	Half page	Brief welcome at lunch
BREAKOUT SESSIONS	£1,500	Yes	3	Stand at conference & branding in breakout areas	2x day & dinner tickets	Half page	Breakout announcement
LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS (MAIN CONFERENCE)	£950	Yes	3	Stand at conference & branding at lunch	2x day tickets	Quarter page	Lunch announcement
BURSARIES	£350	Yes	2 + 1 from bursary recipient	-	-	Quarter page	'Thank you' announcement
DIGITAL HEROES	£350	Yes	2 + 1 from Heroes	-	-	Quarter page	'Thank you' announcement

Exhibitors

STANDARD EXHIBITOR	£450/£350	Yes	2	Stand at conference	2x day tickets	Description & logo	Mention during the conference
ENHANCED EXHIBITOR	£750/£650	Yes	3	Stand at conference & logo displayed on screens	2x reception, day & dinner tickets	Quarter page	Mention during the conference
PREMIUM EXHIBITOR	£950/£850	Yes	3	Prominent stand at conference & logo displayed on screens	2x full tickets	Quarter page	Mention during the conference

Advertising

Advertise and promote your services in the conference programme to 300 heritage leaders and decision makers. *Cost exclude VAT.*

			
Double page spread £450	Full page £250	Half page £150	Quarter page £100

Additional places

If you wish to bring more of your team to the conference, you can purchase additional tickets at a slightly reduced price; these will be invoiced separately to your sponsorship or you can pay directly through Eventbrite.

- Sponsors who are members can purchase additional tickets at **£185**
- Sponsors who are not members can purchase additional tickets at **£225**

Get in touch

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