



Call for Papers - 'Firths and Fjords: A Coastal History Conference'

Themes

This conference will explore the pasts of communities living near or along adjacent coastlines: firths, sea lochs, fjords, estuaries, inlets, sounds, narrow gulfs and bays could all be discussed. Using the Moray Firth region of northern Scotland as a starting point, the conference will look to land and sea and to the rural and the urban, to address the way people have both influenced and been brought together by these kinds of environmental features, during the medieval, early modern and modern periods. Proposals for papers from scholars, covering cases from the North Sea, Baltic, Mediterranean, Atlantic, Pacific or Indian Ocean regions, will all be welcome. Themes relating to political, environmental, social, cultural and intellectual history, migration, industry, transport, as well as linguistics, literature and archaeology, might all be considered.

Keynote speakers will include Professor T.C. Smout, co-author of *The Firth of Forth: An Environmental History* (Edinburgh, 2012) and Professor Martin Carver, specialist in Archaeological Practice and Protohistoric Europe, who led the team which discovered and excavated the first monastery of the Picts at Portmahomack (1996-2007).

The conference will take place in and around the attractive coastal community of Dornoch in the Scottish Highlands. During the three days, there will be a field trip and a programme of colourful fringe events with local artists, museums, heritage centres, groups and businesses. We will also be celebrating Royal Dornoch Golf Club's '400 Years of Golf in Dornoch'.

Dates

Thursday 31 March, Friday 1 April and Saturday 2 April 2016

Location

The Centre for History, University of the Highlands and Islands, Dornoch.

Please send a 200 word proposal, title and a short biography to David Worthington at the following email address, by 30 May 2015: David.Worthington@uhi.ac.uk

Further details will appear via www.history.uhi.ac.uk