



Our Islands Our Past Conference

Thursday

Field trip (packed lunch will be provided):

Sites and landscapes from prehistory to the present, in the dynamic landscape of Orkney's Atlantic coast.

Earls Palace and Birsay Village, Brough of Birsay, Barony Mills, Skail Bay and Skara Brae

Friday

15:00 Registration Open (Orkney Theatre, KGS)

16:00 Teas and Coffee

16:30 Opening Remarks to Conference

Session 1: **Roundtable:** Three Island Group (Western Isles, Orkney, Shetland) Regional Research Framework

18:15 Closing remarks

18:40 Wine Reception

20:00 CLOSE



Saturday

- 08:00 Registration Opens
- 08:30 Teas and Coffee served from 8:30am
- 09:00 Opening Remarks

Session 2: Identity and Culture

- 09:05 Speaker 1: *Andrea Blendl and Ragnhild Ljosland*. Runic Forgeries: Linking past & present identities
- 09:25 Speaker 2: *Lara Band*. The Aland Islands Question: a new perspective
- 09:45 Speaker 3: *Duncan Garrow*. Islands within Islands: creating crannogs and social identities during the Neolithic in the Outer Hebrides
- 10:05 Speaker 4: *Neil Ackerman*. Sheltered by Foundations: post-medieval flagstone roofing and Oracadian identity

10:30 Break - Teas and Coffee

Session 3: Sustainability and Conservation

- 11:00 Speaker 5: *Adam Markham*. Climate Change, Island World Heritage and Lessons from Community Responses.
- 11:20 Speaker 6: *Joe Bowersox*. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption Politics: Implications for Islands of Archaeological and Ecological Significance
- 11:40 Speaker 7: *Leslie King*. Pathways to Resilient and Sustainable Northern Societies: Looking to the Past and the Future
- 12:00 Speaker 8: *Li Sou*. Visualising the Crucible of Shetland's Broch Building: the role of digital documentation in supporting the active conservation and presentation of Shetland's heritage
- 12:30 Lunch**



Session 3: (Continued) Sustainability and Conservation

- 13:30 Speaker 9: *Louise Barker; Toby Driver* Island Heritage in a Changing Climate: the CHERISH (Climate, Heritage and Environments of Reefs, Islands and Headlands) EU Funded Project
- 13:50 Speaker 10: *Scott Timpany*: In Search of the Vikings: a multi-proxy palaeoenvironmental investigation from the Loch of Tuquoy, Westray, Orkney
- 14:10 Speaker 11: *Ragnhildur Sigurdardottir* Sustainability and Fragility of Highlands and Islands: The Myvatn District of Iceland.
- 14:30 Speaker 12: *Vidar Hreinsson*. Perceptions of Nature and Natural Resources by Lake Myvatn in Iceland
- 14:50 Speaker 13: *Tom Dawson and Joanna Hambly*. What future for Scotland's fragile coastal sites?
- 15:15 Break - Teas and Coffee**

Session 4: Migration and Abandonment

- 15:45 Speaker 14: *Tom Rendall*. Migration and Movement – perceptions from the North Isles
- 16:05 Speaker 15: *Keir Strickland*. Next Exit: Archaeologies of Post-Medieval & Contemporary Abandonment in the Highlands and Islands
- 16:25 Speaker 16: *Stuart Jeffrey*. The Temple of the Wester Main: nature, culture and romance on the Isle of Staffa
- 16:45 Finish**
- 17:00 CLOSE**





Sunday

10:00 Registration Open - Teas and Coffee

Session 5: Connectivity and Travel

10:30: Speaker 17: *Astrid E J Ogilvie*. The Spotted Sun: John Rae, Vilhjalmur Stefansson and the Friendly Arctic

10:50: Speaker 18: *Nela Scholma-Mason* The Autarky of Influence-Orkney's Folklore and its Wider Connections

11:10: Speaker 19: *Jane Downes & Colin Richards* Is there Chalcolithic life in the Northern Isles of Britain?

11:20: Speaker 20: *Will Megarry* Making an Island World: Neolithic Shetland, the role of Felsite

11:40: Speaker 21: *Mike Copper*. Pidgin Pots: the use of the Unstan bowl as material lingua franca in Early Neolithic Orkney and the Outer Hebrides

12:00 Speaker 22: *Jacqui Mulville* Out of the Blue: Inhabiting islands in Space and Time

12:30 Lunch

Session 6: Island Culture and Place

13:30 Speaker 23: *Sian Jones*. The writing on the wall: mark making and the materiality of travel and tourism

13:50 Speaker 24: *Julie M Bond and Dr Steve Dockrill*. Swandro, Rousay, Orkney: Between Sea and Land

14:10 Speaker 25: *Esther Renwick*. *Islands of the Imagination: World Heritage in an island context*



- 14:30 Speaker 26: *Julie Gibson and Sean Page. Not all Cheese: archaeology, ,marketing and identity in Orkney*
- 14:50 Speaker 27: *Val Turner. Delling up Wir Past: Identity, Community and Ownership – finding frames of reference through archaeology in an Island Group*
- 15:15 Break - Teas and coffee**
- 15:45 Speaker 28: *Sally Foster and Sian Jones. Material Diasporas: an island perspective on the place and value of replicas*
- 16:05 Speaker 29: *Gemma Cruikshanks, Steven Birch, and Jo McKenzie. Ritual, Place and Memory in the Iron Age on Skye: Excavations at High Pasture Cave.*
- 16:25 Discussion and Closing Remarks
- 17:00 CLOSE**

