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Global Building Conservation

Inspire and sustain: Sharing heritage skill-sets with the next generation

25th September 2025



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We are delighted to announce the return of the RICS Global Building Conservation Conference, an invaluable event for all professionals operating within the built conservation landscape. In 2025, the conference asks:

How we can best preserve the technical skills needed by heritage professionals?

In light of global skills shortages, we must ensure that the technical skills needed to sustain our most treasured sites are kept alive. Join the conference for industry-leading insights around:

Collaborating with construction – working together with the clients and contractors developing areas of historic architectural interest.

Attracting the next generation – hear findings from some of the programmes and teachers encouraging heritage practitioners of the future.

Uptake for traditional materials - hear from the institutions that are encouraging awareness of specialist materials, including adobe, bamboo, stone and straw.

Placemaking under pressure - preserving buildings after climate-related events. Hear how organisations are responding to the specific conservation challenges in areas of climate flux.

Financing – what are the realities of costing iconic sites? Hear from those running some of the UK's most significant estates, including Chatsworth Estate and Castle Howard.

Harnessing new technologies – learn how AI and data capture methods can serve your practice.

Come and be inspired by the stories that have led these technical professionals to their impactful careers. Hear our global experts bring these and other examples of cutting-edge practice to life, illustrating the challenges they have faced, the lessons they've learned and the remarkable achievements they have made in sustaining and growing their practices.

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Registration

Welcome remarks from RICS and the Conference Chair

Speakers: **David Humphreys FRICS**, Group Director, ACP; **Nicholas Maclean, OBE, RD, FRICS**, Acting President and Acting Chair of Governing Council, President Elect, RICS

Keynote address - The necessity of craft skills

Our opening address will explore some of the pertinent issues and opportunities affecting conservation practitioners all over the globe, utilising case studies to discuss best practice methods for protecting built heritage.
Speaker: **Henry Russell OBE FRICS**, Lecturer in Conservation of the Historic Environment, University of Reading

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Placemaking under pressure – heritage preservation in areas of climate risk

Join this session to discuss the particular difficulties with transferring preservation skills in areas affected by climate threats.

Moderator: **Verity Ramsden MRICS**, Senior Historic Built Environment Surveyor, Member of the RICS Conservation Working Group

Speaker: **Emilie Roell**, Founder, Doh Eain; **Flavia Kiperman**, Heritage Principal, Element Advisory Australia

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Funding heritage estates in the UK - What are the realities?

Hear from those running some of the UK's most significant estates: Chatsworth Estate, Castle Howard and Raby Castle, about how they plan for the future of their institution. What are the most prominent issues on the minds of those working to guarantee the accessibility and popularity of some of the UK's most treasured sites?

Moderator: Verity Ramsden MRICS, Senior Historic Built Environment Surveyor, Member of the RICS Conservation Working Group

Speakers: Robert Harrison MRICS, Head of Operations, Chatsworth House; **Duncan Peake FRICS**, Chief Executive, Raby Estates; **Jasper Hasell MRICS**, Former Estate Chief Executive, Castle Howard Estate

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Attracting the next generation - working with communities to embed best practice

Hear from some of the expert educators and consultants who are looking to inspire the next generation with conservation-specific skills.

Moderator: David Humphreys FRICS, Group Director, ACP Group

Speakers: Juliet Baillie, Heritage Skills Manager, Historic England; **Dr Kribanandan Gurusamy Naidu**, Managing Director, JTK Consult Malaysia

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Panel - Teaching traditional materials

How do we encourage people to enter training and industry for traditional materials, such as adobe and bamboo, stone, straw and wood? Explore the stories of these professionals and get insights into the case studies that they are teaching the next generation, along with the strategies they are using to increase the provision of traditional skills training.

Moderator: David Humphreys FRICS, Group Director, ACP Group

Speakers: Kurt Gardella, Executive Director and Instructor, Adobe in Action;

Tríona Byrne, Architecture Officer, The Heritage Council

Jon Stollenmeyer, Director, The Somakosha School

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Panel: Collaborating with construction

In many global regions experiencing high levels of construction and development, conservation professionals often aren't being recruited alongside the architects and engineers on big projects. These case studies will give us great examples of where cross-sector collaboration is allowing conservationists to share their knowledge in the development of projects, allowing their expertise to shape the modern world, and embed heritage principles throughout the property life-cycle.

Moderator: Ann Gray FRICS, CEO, GRAY Real Estate Advisors; Former President, RICS

Speakers: Paola Pesaresi, Senior Director - Conservation Special Projects, Diriyah Gate Development Authority; **Zhang Jie**, School of Architecture, Tsinghua University Beijing

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New technologies - AI and data capture in heritage protection

This session will take a look at some of the inspiring efforts being made to incorporate data capture into the preservation and restructuring of heritage sites. How can AI, 3D-modelling and data capture services facilitate the work of conservationists?

Moderators: **Lynda Jubb FRICS**, Director, Jubb Clews LTD; **Chris Gray FRICS**, Manager LA, Head of Reality Capture, GBG Group

Speakers: **Dr Rebecca Napolitano**, Assistant Professor, Penn State University; **James Ballard**, Managing Director, GB Geotechnics; **Douglas Pritchard**, Associate Professor, Robert Gordon University

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Conference wrap-up and closing remarks

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Delivering confidence

We are RICS. Everything we do is designed to effect positive change in the built and natural environments. Through our respected global standards, leading professional progression and our trusted data and insight, we promote and enforce the highest professional standards in the development and management of land, real estate, construction and infrastructure. Our work with others provides a foundation for confident markets, pioneers better places to live and work and is a force for positive social impact.

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