



Adapt Northern Heritage FORUM

CONSTITUTION

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Organisational form

The Adapt Northern Heritage Forum is a group of organisations active in the field of cultural heritage and interested in the sustainable use of the historic environment in the context of an environmentally changing climate.

The group's Aims & Objectives have been set out in a separate document.

The Forum is managed by an Organising Committee.



Members and supporters

The Forum consists of members and supporters. Membership / support of the Forum are free of charge.

Membership is restricted to

- formal representatives of indigenous communities if
- national / regional competent authorities in the field of cultural heritage of sovereign states if

their respective territories lie whole or in part north of latitude 55° parallel north.¹

Supporters can be any organisation active in the field of the historic environment.

Acceptance of applications of membership / offers of support are subject to approval by the Membership.²

Membership / support can be withdrawn at any point in time.

¹ On 01 May 2020, these sovereign states were: Belarus, Canada, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Kazakhstan, Norway, Russia, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States.

² The founding members of the Forum are to be accepted by jointly by Historic Environment Scotland, Minjastofnun Íslands and Riksantikvaren, as Project Partners of the project Adapt Northern Heritage and, at the same time, organisations eligible themselves as members.





Annual Forum meeting

The Forum will hold a themed annual meeting, in person or virtually, always with the option for virtual participation. The meeting will act as Annual General Meeting.

The Organising Committee is elected, by majority vote, by the membership at each Forum Meeting.

Up to two members of each sovereign state have voting rights. Where indigenous communities from within a state are members, one vote for this state shall be theirs. Where national and/or regional competent authorities in the field of cultural heritage of a state are members, one vote is theirs. Considering the aforesaid, if more than two members are from the same state, those whose membership applications have been accepted first, have voting rights, unless the members make other agreements and communicate these to the organising committee in writing. Members with voting rights are urged to consider their role as building consensus in decision-making processes wherever possible.

To enable confidential discussions, members can declare, by majority vote, all or parts of a Forum Meeting restricted to members only or restricted to members and select other participants. Supporters shall normally be granted access to a Forum Meeting, unless restricted by members' vote.

Members can admit, by majority vote, select observers to all or parts of a Forum Meeting.



Organising Committee

The Forum is managed by an Organising Committee of at least three persons of three member organisations and is to meet at least virtually twice a year.

The Organising Committee is to coordinate the preparation and

- holding of the annual, themed Forum meeting, either digitally or in person
- publication of an email newsletter at least quarterly

Other activities require the approval of the Organising Committee.

Decisions of the Organising Committee should be made by majority vote, with each member organisation on the committee having a single vote, with a maximum of two votes per sovereign state.

