

Region I North America and Western Europe

United Kingdom



Heritage Crafts Association

NGO accredited to provide advisory services to the Intergovernmental Committee for the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage

Geographic Coverage of NGO's expertise: United Kingdom.



Relevant projects or initiatives

Heritage Crafts has created the Red List of Endangered Crafts, the first research of its kind in the UK to map traditional craftsmanship by the likelihood it will survive the next generation based on ICH safeguarding principles. Three editions of the Red List of Endangered Crafts have been published, in 2017, 2019, and 2021, with a new edition due to be published in May 2023. Heritage Crafts has raised funds for projects to safeguard endangered ICH and awarded 50 grants to achieve this, with funding sourced for at least 10 more. Heritage Crafts participated actively in the ICH NGO Forum meetings in 2021.

NGO's activity networks and more information



Vision

To support and promote heritage crafts as a fundamental part of living heritage.

Mission

We believe that the value of our craft heritage comes from the diversity of skills and traditions across all of our communities, wherever they originated and whenever they were brought here.

Main areas of work related to the Convention



Heritage Crafts is the advocacy body for traditional heritage crafts.



Knowledge – researching the status of heritage crafts and identifying those crafts in decline or in imminent danger of being lost.



Advocacy – communicating the vital importance of heritage craft skills to the public, Government, key agencies and organisations.

Safeguarding – ensuring that the highest standard of heritage craft skills are passed from one generation to the next and are recorded for posterity where necessary.



Support – supporting heritage craftspeople to continue to practice, nurture and pass on their craft populaire



Engagement – actively raising awareness and interest in heritage craft skills with the wider public and offering opportunities to engage.

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