



"I Know Where I'm Going"

Remote Access to World Heritage Sites from St Kilda to Uluru Conference

23-24 November 2011- Edinburgh (UK)

An international conference exploring the potential and challenges created by new technologies for developing high-quality, remote-access, visitor experiences for UNESCO World Heritage Sites and other sites of cultural, historical and natural significance.

NOW INVITING PAPERS which address the key following questions with regards to remote access (download the full call for papers document at <http://inspace.mediascot.org/beholder/iknowwhereimgoing>):

1. *What are the most relevant trends and recent developments in remote access technology? What are the special considerations for different categories of heritage experiences (from underwater sites to open air museums to historic houses/listed buildings)? What are the benefits and disadvantages of remote viewing, and for whom?*
2. *How can technological innovation both support remote access and contribute to conservation of all aspects of a heritage site, from the historic environment to artefacts? When is remote access less sustainable? Who controls the ability to view heritage sites and materials remote, and the content which is available to view?*
3. *How can a balance be achieved between tourism development and environmental protection at heritage sites? Can the owners/custodians of a site benefit financially from remote viewing? (e.g issues of data ownership, land rights and intellectual property). Will remote viewing encourage physical tourism or diminish it?*
4. *How can remote access and remote access technologies contribute to formal and informal Education about the sites?*
5. *How can storytelling and other arts contribute to remote access heritage interpretation?*

Keynote speakers will include Dr Mechtild Rössler, Chief of section Policy and Statutory Implementation Unit, UNESCO World Heritage Centre.

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