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## **HEACS WORKING GROUP ON YOUNG ADULTS – INVITATION TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE**

I am writing to you about the work of the Historic Environment Advisory Council for Scotland's (HEACS) Working Group on Young Adults and inviting you to submit written evidence to the Group.

HEACS is the advisory public body which provides independent strategic advice to Scottish Ministers on the historic environment. The Council's advice is mainly in the form of reports with recommendations submitted to Scottish Ministers. For further information on HEACS please see [www.heacs.org.uk](http://www.heacs.org.uk)

HEACS has been asked to *provide advice to Scottish Ministers on what strategies could be developed for attracting young adults to get engaged in protecting, conserving, understanding and enjoying the historic environment.*

For the purposes of this study, young adults are defined as all young people aged between 16 and 25.

In accordance with its established procedures, HEACS has established a Working Group to lead this task. The Group comprises four Council members: Evelyn Silber (Chair), Colin Martin, Richard Oram and Ross Noble.

The Group will take written and oral evidence, consult with organisations and individuals in the field and, through the HEACS Secretariat, research topics or particular issues relevant to this study. The Group will prepare a draft report for the Council which will in due course be submitted to the Minister.

The Group wishes to learn about involvement of young adults in the historic environment, in related fields, and more generally. The Group is particularly interested in the involvement of young volunteers.

You are invited to consider the following questions:

- what are your experiences of working with and involving young people?
- in your experience, what has worked well, and what has not worked well?
- are you aware of any projects which could be put forward as best practice?
- are there any particular obstacles to the involvement of young adults in the historic environment and other related areas?

You may also wish to provide evidence on other topics which you feel to be of relevance to this study.

Please note that your responses may be quoted as evidence in the report to be presented to Scottish Ministers.

We would be most grateful for your response by Friday 20 June 2008. These can be posted or emailed to the HEACS Secretariat at the address above. If you have any queries, please contact Malcolm Bangor-Jones on 0131 668 8574.

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