

International Memorandum of Understanding

We,

[Interpretation Association]

subscribe to the following memorandum of understanding:

- 1 We represent those involved in, and supportive of, the theory and practice of heritage interpretation as a professional discipline that transcends all boundaries of geography, race, gender, politics and belief.
- 2 We believe that heritage interpretation acts as a force for the greater good and contributes to a positive and lasting attitude to the need for long-term sustainability.
- 3 We proclaim the role and value of heritage interpretation in widening people's understanding and appreciation of the natural, historical and cultural heritage not only of their own communities but also that of other places they may visit.
- 4 We endeavour to widen the awareness, understanding and use of heritage interpretation as a professional skill throughout our own countries and, cooperatively, on an international scale.
- 5 We collaborate to promote and / or develop best practice for the planning and implementation of heritage interpretation and for training of paid and voluntary staff in interpretive skills.
- 6 We encourage public, private, non-profit and community organisations within our own countries to ensure that all heritage interpretation for which they are responsible is planned, designed, implemented and managed according to established levels of best practice.
- 7 We work with academic and training organisations in our own territory and, cooperatively, on an international basis, to provide degree courses and professional development in heritage interpretation and to undertake research related to the principles and practice of interpretation.
- 8 We endorse the contribution that heritage interpretation makes to education, lifelong learning and the prosperity of communities .
- 9 We offer reciprocal institutional membership of our organisation, or exchange of information, to all other organisations that are signatories to this Memorandum.
- 10 We endeavour to be represented at conferences and gatherings organised by our fellow signatories and to assist in their promotion.

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