



PANEL DISCUSSION

Working in Heritage & History

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LRC LECTURE ROOM, ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

Andrew Ferrara

Dr Andrew Ferrara has worked in a number of different museums and heritage sites in both the UK and the US. Previously he was curator at Auckland Castle, Co. Durham, and project curator at Norwich Castle Museum & Art Gallery, developing and delivering the £28m refurbishment of the Norman keep and installation of the British Museum Partnership Gallery there. Andrew joined the Department of Archaeology at Durham University in 2024 and his research focuses on medieval castles and palaces, the interpretation of material culture in museums, and the management of archaeological collections and built-heritage.

Jonathan Yates

Jonathan Yates is a Chartered Architect and Director of Howarth Litchfield. Jonathan has designed projects across a wide range of sectors including schools, higher education, healthcare, residential, hospitality, sports and leisure facilities, demonstrating an ability to steer complex, large-scale schemes from concept to completion. He holds First-Class Honours degrees from Newcastle University, School of Architecture. He was instrumental in the delivery of Sheraton Park in Durham to redevelop a former Edwardian teacher training college as a home for Ustinov College. He is currently appointed to assist St John's College to realise the vision for "Renewing the Heart of the College".

Lucy Hockley

Lucy Hockley is an alumna of St John's (History with German), today she is a museum manager and heritage consultant. She has worked in independent heritage organisations, national, local authority and University museums. After graduating, Lucy worked with young people in schools and other educational settings, which led to her interest in learning in museums. She has been involved in establishing and supporting in international networks focussing on understanding the historic environment, also serving as a judge for the EU Prize for Cultural Heritage. She enjoys the creativity of the sector and the unique learning environments museums offer. Lucy is a museum trustee and sector mentor.

Ross Pearson

Ross Pearson is a Visiting Lecturer at St Cuthbert's College, where he specialises in Heritage Craft, and a Lecturer of Horticulture. He is a gardening journalist, writing for national printed and online gardening magazines, and a former Senior Gardener at The Alnwick Garden. With a 15-year career in heritage craft, Ross specialises in green woodwork, making everything from spoons to bowls. His work sits at the intersection of craft, landscape, and living heritage, combining practical skill with teaching, writing, and hands-on making.