

*Aberdeen City Heritage Trust*

# Aberdeen Heritage Lectures

in association with  
**Robert Gordon University**

**Spring 2019**

**Aberdeen City Heritage Trust is pleased to present its inaugural series of Heritage Lectures in association with the Scott Sutherland School of Architecture and the Built Environment.**

Repair and redevelopment of traditionally constructed buildings can present challenging issues. Understanding their architectural significance, complexity and technology is essential for developing well-considered projects.

Aberdeen Heritage Lectures provide an excellent opportunity to consolidate and develop a greater understanding of traditionally constructed buildings and repair techniques for those who have the on-going challenge of funding, commissioning, assessing, designing and managing historic buildings and places. They will be of interest to building professionals, professional agents, property owners, planners and anyone with an interest in historic buildings.

The event will be held at Robert Gordon University where ample evening visitor car parking is available. Tickets can be purchased via Eventbrite using the links provided (below).

**Room - N204**  
**Sir Ian Wood Building**  
**Garthdee Road**  
**Aberdeen**  
**AB10 7GJ**

Programme for each lecture

19.00 Arrival, registration, refreshments

19.30 Lecture, questions and discussion

20.30 Finish

Programme may be subject to change.

## **Booking Details**

**Kinlay Laidlaw - Wednesday 24 April 2019**

**Micro-grouting of the Burns Monument**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/56803270110>

**Dr William Napier - Wednesday 8 May 2019**

**Historic plaster care and conservation**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/56809480686>

**Roger Curtis - Wednesday 22 May 2019**

**Thermal improvement of traditional and historic buildings**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/56810643163>



# Participants



## **Kinlay Laidlaw**

Kinlay is a Chartered Building Surveyor with nearly 30 years experience working with traditional and historic buildings. Over 20 of these years with the National Trust for Scotland, latterly as the Lead Surveyor of Ayrshire and Arran region based at Culzean Castle. This included managing a team of in-house stonemasons carrying out a programme of high quality lime work and stonework to estate buildings.

In 2017 Kinlay returned to consultancy world setting up Laidlaw Associates Building Surveying Ltd. and tackles a wide range of consultancy, research and conservation work; from remote buildings in exposed climates, castles and estates to town centre projects.



## **Dr William Napier**

William is Chartered Building Surveyor and RICS accredited Historic Building Professional with over twenty years' professional experience in building conservation. Following a decorative plastering apprenticeship with L. Grandison and Son in Peebles, he went on to train as a building surveyor and completed a two-year post-graduate conservation fellowship with Historic Scotland before working at the Scottish Lime Centre Trust. A Lead Surveyor at the National Trust for Scotland he oversaw the repair and maintenance of some of Scotland's most significant historic buildings. He is now a Director with Adams Napier Partnership, a Chartered Building Surveying Practice specialising in building conservation, research and training. William is a regular speaker at conferences and events, and in 2011 completed a Ph.D, 'Kinship and Politics in the Art of Decoration', a study of Scottish Renaissance decorative plasterwork and interiors.



## **Roger Curtis**

Roger is a Chartered Building Surveyor with a background in construction on historic and traditional buildings, working on a variety of sites in Scotland; from castle consolidation to work on domestic and ecclesiastical structures. He joined Historic Environment Scotland in 2006 and is responsible for managing the Technical Research Unit. His team interacts widely through outreach work with industry, building professionals and trades. Work includes trials and demonstrations relating to energy efficiency in older buildings, climate change adaptation, the use and specification of traditional materials and emergency repair. He has an MSc in Building Conservation from Heriot Watt University.



## **Prof. Ian Mitchell Davidson**

Ian will facilitate this inaugural series of Aberdeen Heritage Lectures. He is a Chartered Building Surveyor and Heritage Consultant working throughout Scotland offering conservation planning and project support for cultural heritage. He is a Visiting Professor at Robert Gordon University and Chairs the RICS Conservation Accreditation Panel.

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**Wednesday 24 April**

**Kinlay Laidlaw**

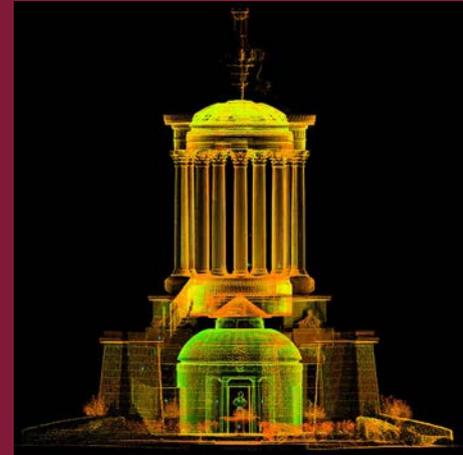
**“Farewell, Thou Stream”**

**Micro-grouting of Burns Monument, Alloway, Ayrshire**

Burns Monument is a cleverly designed and exquisitely crafted structure in ashlar sandstone built 200 years ago. In recent decades it has sustained severe damage from progressive water penetration.

Following comprehensive monitoring, research and investigation, a new method of injecting mortar was innovated. Micro-grouting fully fills deep voids in mortar joints in ashlar with lime mortar in a way that had not previously been possible and provides the conservation community with an new technique to add to its tool-box.

Kinlay will describe the background to the project, details of the grouting methodology and feedback.



**Wednesday 08 May**

**Dr William Napier**

**Historic Plaster Care and Conservation**

Scotland's great houses and civic buildings house remarkable plasterwork treasures. Over centuries, the powerful and wealthy used plasterwork to enlighten interiors, but also express their political and ideological outlooks and show off their wealth and prestige. This plasterwork can be a great source of historical information, and provides tangible evidence of well informed patrons and artisans.

What survives is increasingly at risk. The skills needed to repair and conserve decorative plasterwork schemes are slowly dying out.

William's presentation will cover the development of decorative plasterwork from the mid-16th century to the present day and highlight appropriate repair.



**Wednesday 22 May**

**Roger Curtis**

**Thermal Improvement of traditional and historic buildings**

Roger will outline the approach Historic Environment Scotland has taken to better understanding and considering the thermal refurbishment of traditional and historic buildings. Over the past decade, Historic Environment Scotland has undertaken a range of trials and experiments in relation to traditionally constructed buildings. Test results and how such work can be specified will be considered following guidance published in the organisation's Short Guide on the subject. Climate change adaptation will be reviewed and highlighted.

