



Advanced Notice and Call for Papers

NAMHO Conference to be held at Aberystwyth University 28 June to 1 July 2013

Mining Legacies: examining the impact of historic mineral working and ore processing on land, landscapes and perceptions of place

A three to four day conference looking at the multiple legacies of historic mineral extraction with the opportunity for field visits to relevant mining sites in the Ceredigion uplands.

Over the last four thousand years mining has left a footprint on the environment, leaving both visible and hidden legacies for today and the future. Evidence of past mineral extraction can be prominent in the landscape as spoil heaps, discharges, dressing floors, mine entrances, derelict buildings, rusting machinery, transport infrastructure and settlements. Other remains are less visible, such as earthworks indicating sub-surface remains and subterranean workings, heavy metal residues, sometimes dating back thousands of years captured in polar ice caps or peat deposits. Less tangible still are the socio-economic, political and cultural impacts of mining, such as in the sense of place and identity, the development of heritage and alternative economic pathways, and the moral dilemmas of current and future mineral exploitation that these historic sites have often provoked and represented over time. Papers are invited on all aspects of the mining legacy.

Investigating, in some cases, rectifying and also promoting the post industrial landscape can inform our knowledge of mining over the last four millennia. This conference aims to bring practitioners from a variety of academic disciplines, industry, the public sector, heritage charities, and independent researchers together and provide a stimulating platform for the transfer of knowledge and expertise.

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