

HMO Training Heritage Leaders

Spring 2018

Executive Leadership Development in Heritage Management Workshops

Personal Interpretation for Natural and Cultural Heritage

16-21 April, 2018

*Location: The Heritage Management Organization Headquarters
Kimonos 11 & Pagkalou streets, 19200, Elefsina, Greece*

Heritage Interpretation is a structured approach to **non-formal learning**, specialized in **communicating** significant **ideas about a place to visitors**. In this **six-day course**, participants will familiarize themselves with the principles of a quality based method for Heritage Interpretation and will practice how to perform personal interpretation on their own.

Through **interactive exercises, presentations and discussions**, participants will learn how to turn phenomena into experiences, provoke resonance in visitors of heritage sites, offer paths to deeper meaning and foster respect for all heritage, as well as how to give and receive feedback on their own performances.

Participants will have the opportunity to obtain a **certificate as Interpretive Guides** from [Interpret Europe](#) – the European Association for Heritage Interpretation. To do so, they will be asked to perform an interpretive talk, present a peer-review exercise, compete a short written test and deliver a homework task (their own plan for an interpretive walk based on a real interpretive project), under the guidance of the instructor.

The workshop's instructor, **Valya Stergioti**, is a freelance interpretive trainer and planner. She has more than 20 years of experience on organizing and implementing interpretive workshops about heritage for adults and children. She works in collaboration with different NGOs and other institutions all over Greece and has more than 10 years' experience in adult training. As **Interpret Europe's Training Coordinator**, along with the members of the Training Team, she is responsible for the creation and implementation of a quality, interpretive training program that will meet the needs of heritage

professionals from all over Europe. Valya is inspired by the influence that heritage interpretation can have on individuals and is always looking for new ways to enrich and improve her training activities.

- Suggested donation for participation: **1500 Euros** (tuition and refreshments).
- **Headley Trust scholarships** (partial or full coverage towards tuition, board and accommodation) will be available for heritage managers from **Balkan countries** and **Turkey** (excluding airfare/travel expenses and our Organization's 2018 membership).
- **A. G. Leventis Foundation scholarships** (partial or full coverage towards tuition, board and accommodation) will be available for heritage managers working on (broadly defined) aspects of Greek cultural heritage (excluding airfare/travel expenses and our Organization's 2018 membership fee).
- **Kaplan Foundation Scholarships** (partial or full coverage towards tuition, board and accommodation) will be available for individuals actively involved in the research, study and promotion of the sites of **Corinth, Delos, Larisa and Olympia** (excluding airfare/travel expenses and our Organization's 2018 membership fee).
- **Heritage Management Organization scholarships** will be available for applicants who do not qualify for any of the above mentioned scholarships (excluding airfare/travel expenses and our Organization's 2018 membership fee).

To apply for this workshop please:

- 1) fill in and submit the [Executive Leadership Program in Heritage Management Application Form](#)
- 2) after receiving confirmation of receipt of your application, complete the application process by submitting your **curriculum vitae**, **personal statement** and **reference letter** (which may come in separately by your referee at their earliest convenience). All your application documents may be submitted by email to inherity.info@gmail.com. Applications should not exceed 750 words in total and your curriculum vitae should be up to 1000 words maximum.

- 3) reasonable proficiency in spoken and written English is required to attend the course. In order to assess it, applicants will be asked to participate in a personal (spoken) interview.

After acceptance of their application file, participants will receive an official letter outlining in detail the conditions of participation. **Heritage Management Organization membership** is required for participation in all of our Organization's Executive Leadership in Heritage Management Workshops. Participants will be asked to arrange payment of the [Heritage Management Organization Membership Fee](#) for 2018 and book their accommodation in Elefsina by filling in and submitting the [Heritage Interpretation Workshop 2018 Booking Form](#). Recipients of scholarships for participation in this workshop are (generally) required to pay the general HMO membership fee (100 Euros).

For questions regarding the application process and the administrative aspects of the course, contact Dr. Eleni Drakaki at inherity.info@gmail.com