

Advanced Notice and Call for Papers

NAMHO Conference to be held at Aberystwyth University

28 June to 1 July 2013

Mining Legacies: examining the cultural and physical impact of historic mineral working and ore processing

A three to four day conference looking at the impact of past mining activity on the historic environment with the opportunity for field visits to relevant mining sites in the Ceredigion uplands. Papers are invited on all aspects of the mining legacy, the archaeological record, environmental history and the remediation of polluted landscapes, its cultural impact and industrial heritage.

Over the last four thousand years mining has had an impact on the environment, leaving legacies today and for the future. The archaeological and cultural legacies can be prominent in the landscape as spoil heaps, settlements and standing buildings, or mine entrances. Others are less visible, earthworks indicating sub-surface remains or subterranean workings. Environmental legacies can be part of the archaeological evidence as heavy metal residues, sometimes dating back thousands of years, in the polar ice caps or in peat deposits. Some are very visible as discharges from abandoned workings or processing residues.

Investigating and, in some cases, rectifying those legacies can inform our knowledge of mining over the last four millennia. This conference will bring together practitioners from across disciplines, from higher education, industry and from the voluntary sector, to promote their work and inform all sectors on the co-operation that will increase our knowledge base.

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