

Information for Interviewees

The purpose of this document is to introduce the research and give you the information you need to decide whether to get involved. Please get in contact me if you would like to know more about the project or have any questions about what follows.

Authenticity's child: current meanings and future destinies for the 'Stone of Scone'

I am Sally Foster, Professor in Heritage and Conservation at the University of Stirling. I am inviting you to take part in a research project that is seeking to understand what the Stone of Scone/Destiny (the Stone) means to people today. The aim is that these new understandings will inform its future uses, interpretation, display and presentation, as well as contribute to renewed public interest. You can find more information about my project on the website <https://TheStone.stir.ac.uk>. This research workshop of 23 September is organised with Dr Elisabeth Niklasson of the University of Aberdeen. Learning of the potential for synergies in our heritage research, we decided to collaborate on this workshop.



Why have I been invited to take part?

As part of our research, we are talking to people in the Stirling area who are politically active in some way and have diverse political beliefs. We are interested in what the Stone means to you and where its story intersects with your life. So, what it means today or has meant in the past, including when it was brought back to Scotland in 1950/51, its use in coronations (1953, 2023), when it returned to Scotland in 1996 and its forthcoming move to Perth Museum in 2024.

Do I have to take part?

No. If you do decide to take part, you can withdraw your participation at any time without needing to explain, and without penalty, by letting me know of this decision. You will be given this information sheet to keep and be asked to sign a consent form.

What will happen if I take part?

At the workshop, we will talk with you as a group about the Stone and its copies, and involve you in some activities. We will be joined by Jamie Hamilton, son of Ian Hamilton, with rarely seen and very special family memorabilia. Further staff at the University and Perth Museum may also be in attendance, plus a notetaker.

Are there any potential risks in taking part?

Everything we note will be anonymized but there is always the risk that, even if not named, that you could be identified by people you know through the stories you tell and information that you provide. If you have any concerns about being identified, we will discuss how, or if, this information is to be included.

You are not required to answer any questions that make you uncomfortable and you have the right to withdraw from the process at any time.

Are there any benefits in taking part?

There will be no direct benefit, including payment, to you from taking part in this research, though we hope that you will enjoy the day and find it memorable.

What is the legal basis for processing personal data?

We will be recording some basic personal data relating to you / the group. This will be processed in

accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Under GDPR, the legal basis for processing your personal data will be public interest/the official authority of the University.

What happens to the data I provide?

The research data will be kept secure in files and folders that only I can access. Personal/confidential information will be stored anonymously. You will be asked whether you give permission for the use of any direct quotes on the consent form. Your personal data will be kept for a maximum of five years and then will be securely destroyed; actual data will be kept for a minimum of 10 years.

Use of recorded media

Before an interview, you may be asked if you consent to the use of a voice recorder. This is to assist in accurately capturing your contributions. With your consent, transcriptions of interviews may be used in sharing the research findings. You can decline to have your conversation recorded in this way and can ask to stop recording at any time.

It will be helpful to photograph our activity. These images may be included in teaching materials, public lectures, social media, the project website, the final reports and other publications. I will ask your consent to take these photographs.

Will the research be published?

Yes, the plan is to publish in academic and professional journals as well as popular magazines. The findings will also be presented at relevant conferences and workshops. It is possible that there may be other publications, such as a book or book chapters, and the findings may be reported in general public media. You will not be identifiable by name in any report or publication, unless you have given consent for this.

The University of Stirling is committed to making the outputs of research publicly accessible and supports this commitment through our online open access repository (STORRE). Unless funder/publisher requirements prevent us, this research will be publicly disseminated through STORRE.

Who is funding the research?

Sally's research and this workshop is funded by the British Academy/Leverhulme Trust, with funding for other elements of Sally's associated research from the Anderson-Dunlop Fund of the Scottish Medievalists,

Centre for Scottish Studies (University of Stirling) and Historic Environment Scotland.

Who has reviewed this research project?

The University of Stirling General University Ethics Panel has approved this project (ref. 6739).

Your rights

You have the right to request a copy of the information we hold about you and to request corrections or deletions of the information that is no longer required. You have the right to withdraw from this project at any time without giving reasons and without consequences to you. You also have the right to object to us processing relevant personal data, however, please note that once the data are being analyzed and/or results published it may not be possible to remove your data from the study.

Who do I contact if I have any concerns about this study or I wish to complain?

If you would like to discuss the research with someone you can contact me (details at bottom of page) or my Head of Division, Professor Alison Cathcart at a.m.cathcart@stir.ac.uk. You have the right to lodge a complaint against the University regarding data protection issues with the Information Commissioner's Office (<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>). The University's Data Protection Officer is Joanna Morrow, Deputy Secretary. If you have any questions relating to data protection these can be addressed to data.protection@stir.ac.uk in the first instance.

Thank you for your participation!



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