

Dounreay Heritage Project

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1. The Science Museum's and National Museum of Scotland's Transfer of Title Deeds form for the DFR Control Room was approved by the DSRL Board. Transport to the Science Museum's store in Swindon is being arranged with D Steven & Son for July/August.
2. The DMTR Control Room exhibition in Caithness Horizons was officially opened on 16 May 2015.
3. A conference paper entitled "The Dounreay Heritage Partnership Project – An innovative approach to developing successful museum partnership working activities" was written by James Gunn, DSRL, Joanne Howdle & Beki Pope, Caithness Horizons. The paper has been accepted for presentation at the 2015 International Congress of The International Committee for the Conservation of the Industrial Heritage (TICCIH). This is due to be held in Lille, France on 7-11 September 2015 and James & Joanne will present the paper. The Congress is the largest of its kind in the world and is held every 3 years.
4. The Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Scotland and the University of the Highlands and Islands were successful in a joint funding application for a collaborative doctoral partnership. The title of the 3 year PhD study being, "The Dounreay Nuclear Establishment and its impact on the Northern Highlands of Scotland". Two candidates are due to be interviewed in July and the PhD study will start on 1 October 2015. The successful student will probably be based in Caithness for a significant period.
5. Historic information and details about the circular PFR Stone Table that is located in the PFR foyer was submitted to the NDA. Consideration of donating this to the NDA Nuclear Archive in Wick is being pursued. The stone's Latin inscription; "From Caithness to the World", will be the adopted as the strapline for the new archive.
6. Dounreay Castle's north wall has eroded during a storm in February 2015. A specialist contractor will be invited, in July/August, to provide a range of potential repair estimates for consideration by the NDA and DSRL.
7. James Gunn, Heritage Officer & Mark Rouse, Managing Director, made a joint presentation entitled; "Dounreay, Past & Present" to The Royal Scottish Society of Arts, in Edinburgh on 27 April 2015. It was well received by around 50 members.

"The Royal Scottish Society of Arts (R.S.S.A.) was founded in 1821 as 'The Society for the Encouragement of the Useful Arts in Scotland' and incorporated by Royal Charter in 1841. It was concerned with the fields that we would now describe as science, technology, engineering and manufacture, but which were then known as the useful arts, as opposed to the fine arts. Today the Society aims to showcase Scotland's Science, Technology and Innovation, mainly through a monthly lecture programme, excursions, promotion of Honorary Fellows and the award of medals. The lecture programme is given by excellent public speakers, who are distinguished in their fields of study, and the topics cover a wide

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range of scientific and technical issues, all pertinent to the Scotland in which we live today."

8. Two leavers completed Dounreay Memories forms.
9. Eight heritage objects were collected:
 - Pair of respirator spectacles from 1961
 - Sodium fire-fighting suit
 - Selection of UKAEA pens
 - Dounreay gift bag
 - UKAEA coaster
 - Keyring
 - Fridge magnet
 - 2015 safety calendar

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