



Report from the UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks – 2019

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Marble Arch Caves UNESCO Global Geopark

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Colin McFadyen – Scottish Natural Heritage
Hugh Barron – Geological Society (Geoconservation Committee)
David Drewry – UK National Commission for UNESCO
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Andrea Blick – UK National Commission for UNESCO

Active applications:

- Mourne Gullion Strangford Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark (Northern Ireland)
 - Application submitted in November 2019

Interested territories:

- Antrim (Northern Ireland)
- Arran (Scotland)
- Jersey (Channel Islands)

Committee Activities

Meetings

- The annual meeting of the UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks took place on 9th and 10th May in the North West Highlands UNESCO Global Geopark. This was attended by all UK Committee members and representatives from the aspiring UGGps.
- The UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks continues to be actively engaged with the UK National Commission for UNESCO and has attended several meetings throughout 2019.

Promotion

- Participation in the GeoFair at the EGN CC Meeting in Swabian Alps, Germany - Promotional banner and flyer produced for the UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks. Presentation of local food from all of the UK UNESCO Global Geoparks.
- The annual update presentation on UK UNESCO Global Geoparks was delivered to the Geological Society's Geoconservation Committee.
- Members of the UK Committee for UNESCO Global Geoparks provided input and evidence for the UK National Commission for UNESCO's 'National Value of UNESCO to the UK' report.

Mentoring

- Committee members worked closely with the Black Country Geopark Project in order to submit updated documents to the UNESCO Global Geoparks Council. This application has now been approved and the Black Country became the UK's eighth UNESCO Global Geopark in July 2020.
- Committee members have also worked closely with the Mourne Gullion Strangford Aspiring UNESCO Global Geopark. Their application was approved by the UK Committee in October 2019 and submitted to UNESCO in November 2019.