

## **AIA Practical Day**

# Speaking Up for Industrial Archaeology 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2016

Ironbridge Gorge Museum Library, Coalbrookdale, Shropshire

The Association for Industrial Archaeology promotes the study, preservation and presentation of Britain's industrial heritage and brings together groups and individuals with an interest and expertise in identifying, recording, preserving and presenting the remains of the industrial past. As part of this we run regular workshops and practical days aimed at supporting local groups and societies who are involved in working with industrial archaeology, and all of the many challenges (and opportunities) that presents.

In the current economic climate of heritage funding cuts and cuts to local authority archaeology and conservation services, historic industrial sites, buildings and collections are arguably more at risk than they have been since the 1970s. At the same time there is an increasing focus on local decision-making through local plans and new community powers.

This year's AIA practical day will therefore focus on the challenges and practicalities of speaking up for industrial archaeology at a local scale. The day will include a morning of presentations from local and national organisations showcasing what local groups are doing across the country to try and ensure that the value of industrial sites, buildings and artefacts in their local areas is understood. This will be followed by a series of short workshops and discussion sessions which will explore some of the challenges that groups face in making sure that important sites are recognised and protected, and what support there is for groups and individuals involved in speaking up for industrial archaeology in their local areas. The day will also explore what more organisations like the AIA can do to support local groups involved in heritage advocacy.

#### A Booking Form is overleaf

#### Parking

There is ample parking outside the Museum of Iron in Coalbrookdale, for which there is a £2 all day charge.

#### Accommodation in the Ironbridge Gorge

A variety of accommodation is available ranging from B & B to Hotels. Contact the Tourist Information Centre, Ironbridge, Tel: 01952 433424, or go to <u>http://www.visitironbridge.co.uk/accommodation</u>.

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### **Booking Form**

All day delegate rate £18 includes sessions and lunch. Affiliated Society member rate £15 includes sessions and lunch. Student rate £15 includes sessions and lunch.

Number of delegate places @ £18 ...... Name/s:

Number of Affiliated Society member places @ £15 ...... Name/s:

Number of Student places @ £15 ...... Name/s:

Total £

I enclose a cheque for the sum of £..... payable to the 'Association for Industrial Archaeology'

Contact Name (please print)	
Address	
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Please return your completed booking form and payment by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to:

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