

# Industrial Heritage Support Officer (IHSO) Project



**Industrial  
Heritage  
Networks**

## IHSO: Context

England wide

Funded via Historic England's  
*National Capacity Building Programme*

Managed by the *Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust (IGMT)*  
and supported by:

*Association of Independent Museums (AIM)*

*Association for Industrial Archaeology (AIA)*

**Ironbridge**  
BIRTHPLACE OF INDUSTRY



Historic England





The background image shows a workshop or repair area. In the foreground, there's a workbench with various tools and materials, including a large metal block, a pipe, and some rods. In the background, there's a window with a wooden frame and a door with peeling paint. The overall scene suggests a place of manual labor or repair work.

## **IHSO: project aims**

**Support Networks**

**Partnerships**

**Improving Capacity and Best Practice**

**Project Development**

Let's focus on:  
**Support Networks**



**Industrial  
Heritage  
Networks**



# **Industrial Heritage Network (IHN)**

## **What is it?**

**Group of like-minded individuals**

**Open to everyone – focus on preserved,  
publicly accessible sites**

**Umbrella organisation**

**Platform for free peer to peer support**



# IHNs

## Where are they?

**North West: Museum Development NW**

**Yorkshire: Museum Development Yorkshire**

**North East: IHSO**

**West Midlands: IHSO**

**In the near future:**

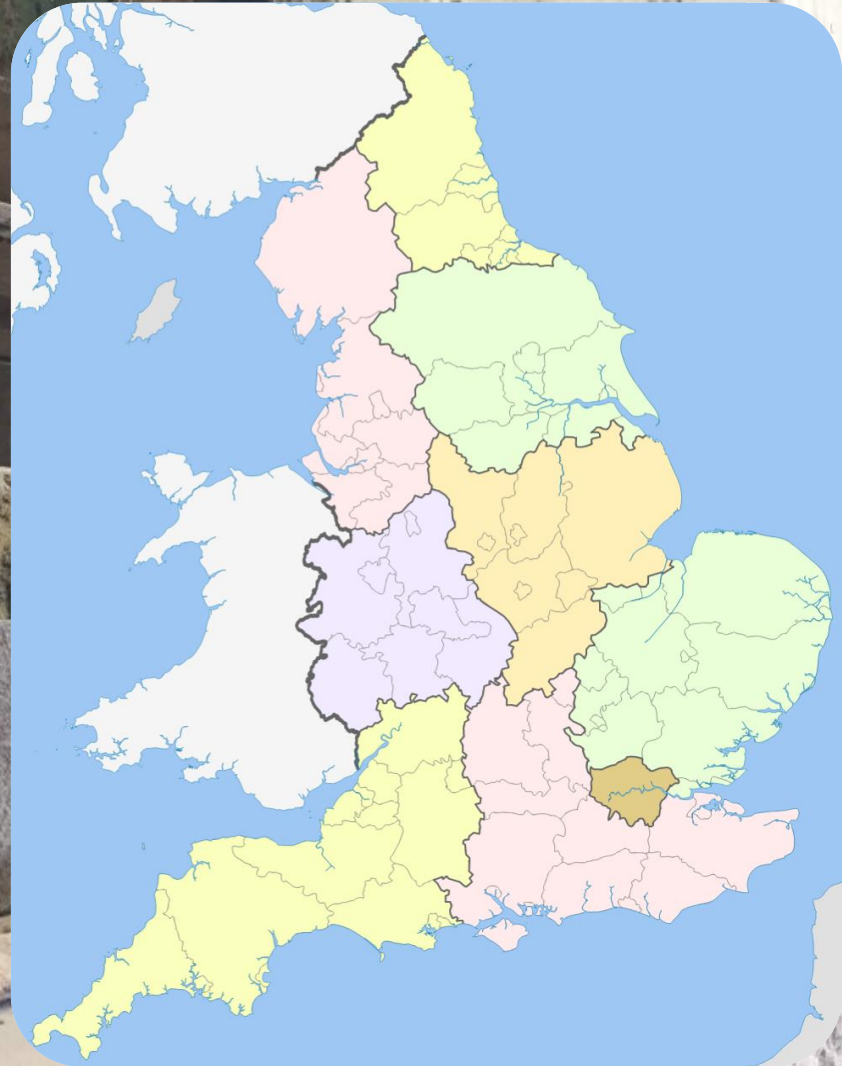
**London**

**East Midlands**

**East of England**

**South East**

**South West**





## IHNs

### Why should I get involved?

**The purpose: *help ensure sustainability of preserved industrial heritage sites across England.***

**Improving Communication**


**Working in Partnerships**

**Improving Skills and Knowledge**

**Staying Relevant**

**Improving Awareness**





# **IHNs**

## **How do they operate?**

**Self-sufficient**

**Two meetings a year but All-Year-Round  
communication**

**Trello – online platform**

**Follow agreed Operational Model**





# **Industrial Heritage Networks (IHNs)**

## **What's next?**

**IHNs website:**

**<https://industrialheritagenetworks.com/>**

**Trello:**

**<https://trello.com>**

**Promotion and Awareness**

**Maintain Support**

**New IHNs**



# **It's in our DNA**

**‘There was a technological leap forward in the development of western Europeans here in south-western Europe, at the very point the Ice Age was at its coldest.’**

**‘The groups of people from more northerly regions of Europe were forced by the cold to move southwards.**

**The various groups met in the new, cold and challenging environment and pooled their knowledge.**

**This conglomeration of people with different skills became an ideal breeding ground for development and innovation.’**

**Karin Bojs My European Family**



# Thank you!

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