



**ICOMOS**

**Irish Committee**

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON MONUMENTS AND SITES  
COISTE IDIRNÁISIÚNTA NA SEADCHOMHARTHAÍ IS NA LÁITHREACHA

## STRATEGIC PLAN 2022-2024

### **Mission Statement:**

**ICOMOS Ireland** is focused on the appreciation, promotion, conservation and protection, use and enhancement of monuments, historic buildings, cultural landscapes and heritage, whether tangible or intangible, and the sustainability of cultural heritage, including knowledge, skills and traditions, nationally and internationally, contributing to the wellbeing of all.

### **Values:**

**ICOMOS Ireland** values cultural and social diversity, collegiality, impartiality, inter-generational exchange, inclusive training free access to information and sustainable development that embraces all.

### **Background:**

ICOMOS Ireland is the National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS). ICOMOS was established in 1965 as a logical outcome of the adoption of the Venice Charter in 1964. Arising from numerous meetings, conferences and studies, and discussions led by its National Committees and International Scientific Committees, ICOMOS has gradually built a philosophical and doctrinal framework of heritage at an international level. ICOMOS is a technical advisory body to UNESCO on cultural heritage and in particular, World Heritage, and is an association of professionals working within the field of heritage. Globally, it brings together nearly 12,000 members in 101 National Committees from 133 countries. The international secretariat is based in Paris, France.

ICOMOS Ireland is a body incorporated as a company limited by guarantee (No. 435591) and is registered as a charity (CHY 17077).

### **Strategic Plan:**

The ICOMOS Ireland Strategic Plan sets out the objectives that will guide ICOMOS Ireland in the effective delivery of actions by the Board, National Scientific Committees (NSCs) and Work Groups (WGs), for all aspects of cultural heritage in Ireland and against the background and context of ICOMOS International. This Strategic Plan is the refinement of a draft issued to all members of ICOMOS Ireland and discussed at a facilitated workshop on 14 September 2021.

### **Key Objectives 2022-2024:**

- **Climate Change and Heritage** will be prioritised in all ICOMOS Ireland, National Scientific Committees and Work Groups work plans, to align with ICOMOS International Triennial Scientific Plan.
- ICOMOS Ireland will prioritise capacity building and transfer of knowledge, through encouraging emerging professionals within the field and actively pursuing funding, both project specific and generally, to facilitate growth.
- ICOMOS Ireland will be the focal point for the dissemination of information, ideas, expertise, skills, education and advice for a range of topics including; conservation and preservation of all aspects of natural and cultural heritage and World Heritage Sites in Ireland;
- ICOMOS Ireland will advocate the ratification of the FARO Convention and implementation of Sustainable Development Goals Policy Guidance for Heritage and Development, the EU Green Deal and the European Quality Principles (EQPs);
- ICOMOS Ireland will stay alert and responsive in a changing post-pandemic environment and climate emergency and will make submissions to influence national policy and guidance.