

## International experience

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Graham Barrow has developed significant international experience in the fields of heritage and environmental interpretation, visitor management and sustainable tourism development. He has studied and worked in Canada, the USA, France, Spain, Bulgaria, Australia, Ecuador, China and Ireland. A summary of this experience follows:

- 1978** Study tour to **Alberta and British Columbia, Canada** investigating recreational carrying capacity research and practice.
- 1978** Social Science Research Council funded MPhil Research at the **University of Edmonton, Canada** as part of a postgraduate planning degree at Edinburgh University. Conservation and Recreation Planning in Canada and Scotland – a comparison.
- 1981** Leader of Brathay Expedition to the **White Goat Wilderness, Alberta** in cooperation with the Alberta Parks Department. Study and plan of access and conservation issues in the wilderness area.
- 1984** Leader of the Brathay Expedition to **Ecuador**. Ground truth checking of satellite imagery in the Amazon rain forest in the Lago Agrio and river Napo area.
- 1987** Interpretation plan and sustainable tourism development study of the small market town of **Tuam, Ireland**.
- 1989** First World Conference on Heritage Presentation and Interpretation at **Banff, Alberta, Canada**. Founding committee member of Heritage Interpretation International.
- 1989** Member of the first US/UK Countryside Exchange programme to **Vermont, USA**. Study of rural conservation and land use planning.
- 1991** Theron Boyd Farm, **Vermont USA**. Interpretation and visitor management plan of historic farm buildings for the Vermont Land Trust.
- 1992** Visitor management, interpretation and sustainable tourism strategy for the **Causse Megean, Cevennes, France** for the Cevennes National Park.
- 1992** Leader of Brathay expedition to **Guilin area of Guangxi, China**. Study of villages along the river Chiang between Guilin and Yangshuo.
- 1993** Third World Conference on Heritage Presentation and Interpretation in **Hawaii, USA**. Paper on training needs in heritage interpretation.
- 1993 - 1997** Three visits to **Australia**, to investigate heritage interpretation and eco-tourism development, including Great Barrier Reef and Blue Mountains.
- 1993 - 1997** Introduction of interpretation and visitor management training to **Spain** at conferences, workshops and training courses in **Bilbao, Madrid, Segovia, Salamanca and Murcia**.

- 1993 - 1998** British Council funded work to establish an advisory and training centre for heritage and environmental interpretation in **Bulgaria**.
- 1994** Leader of Brathay Expedition to **Ganzi, Tibetan Autonomous Region of Sechuan, China**. Research into production of the first guide to the area and advice on tourism development and heritage conservation.
- 1995** Plan for the first visitor centre for the **Rila National Park, Bulgaria** for the Bulgarian Ministry for the Environment.
- 1996** Fourth World Conference on Heritage Presentation and Interpretation, **Barcelona, Spain**. Paper proposing the formation a membership organisation for interpretation in Spain and ongoing training needs.
- 1997** Study of recreational carrying capacity and monitoring system for the Giant's Causeway World Heritage Site, **Northern Ireland**.
- 1997** Eco tourism conference in **Rio de Janiero, Brazil**. Paper on community involvement in sustainable tourism development.
- 1999** Organisation of Trustees of the Peak Environment Fund study tour to **New England, USA** to exchange expertise with managers and Board members of environmental NGO's in the USA.
- 2001** A four week study tour to **Australia and New Zealand** to investigate their experience with monitoring change in protected areas and the application of recreational carrying capacity theory to site and area management.