

11:00 - 11:10

Welcome

Susie Finlayson: Vice President, Chair Heritage Group

An inspiring start to the day - reflecting on our journey so far, recognising volunteers' dedication, and looking ahead to an exciting year for the National Lottery Heritage Funded Project.

11:10 - 11:30

The Stories that Shape Us

Dr Valentina Bold and Rachael Rennert

Discover what our first year has revealed about the SWI's rich heritage - both tangible and intangible -- with Heritage Manager Valentina Bold and Project Archivist Rachael Rennert. Hear about our milestone, and the challenges we've faced, and enjoy some of the fascinating stories uncovered through recording our oral histories, and digitising our Archives.

11:30 - 12:00

Volunteer Voices

Heritage Group

Hear directly from volunteers across Scotland about their experiences with the Heritage Project - from cataloguing the SWI Archives to recording oral histories and leading heritage craft workshops. Enjoy reflections, learning moments, and a lively Q&A.

12:00 – 12: 15

Comfort Break

12.15 – 12.30

Keynote: Needlework Development Scheme with Glasgow School of Art

Diane Cooper, Chief Executive SWI

Find out how SWI Heritage is shaping Scotland's craft future

12:30 – 12.45

Break Out Groups

Join small-group discussions to share your views: What do you think worked well for you this year? What would you like to be involved in for Year 2? What should happen after the two-year project ends?

12:45 – 1:00

Crafting the Future: Celebration, Reflections, Recognition

A chance to reflect on the day, celebrate our achievements, recognise our volunteers, and look ahead to the Heritage Project's legacy.
