



Geoheritage Workshop

Cardiff University 3-5 March 2026

Day 1: Lectures and discussion

Day 2: Glamorgan Heritage Coast field trip

Day 3: Visit to Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark

To register for on-site activities,
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**Designing new ways to strengthen community resilience to
natural hazards using geoheritage**



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Full Programme (3-5 March 2026)

A Welsh–Saudi workshop for designing new ways to strengthen community resilience to natural hazards using a geoheritage approach to hazardous volcanic landscapes. This workshop launches the UK–Saudi collaboration of British Council project “*Volcano-sedimentary processes and geohazards at Harrat Lunayyir, Saudi Arabia*”, bringing together researchers from Cardiff University, the King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST), and the Saudi Geological Survey. The programme introduces the volcanic origins and geohazards of the Saudi Harrats, and highlights how geoheritage — supported by Welsh case studies — can enhance hazard communication and community resilience. Experts from Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark will be available for discussion during our second excursion (Day 3).

The workshop on Day 1 will be accessible remotely through following **Teams link**:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/32613909309241?p=MhtLzTGSX0l8lux7LK>

Register your interest in attending the on-site event and excursions by emailing before 18/02/2026:
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Day 1: Tuesday 3 March 2026 (8:30-13:00)

8:30-9:00 Meet and Greet of the on-site participants at the main reception of Main Building (Cardiff University, Park Place, CF10 3AT) – hot drinks and snacks provided.

Public workshop (presentations and discussion, Main Building, Lecture Theatre 1.123):

9:00-9:15 Welcome (*Dr D. Buchs, Cardiff University*)

9:15-9:45 The Harrats volcanoes of Saudi Arabia (*Prof. F. van der Zwan, KAUST*)

9:45-10:15 Natural hazards in Saudi Harrats (*Prof. K. Németh, Saudi Geological Survey*)

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30-11:00 What is geoheritage? (*Dr D. Buchs, Cardiff University*)

11:00-11:30 Geodiversity and Saudi Harrats (*Prof. K. Németh, Saudi Geological Survey*)

11:30-12:00 Open discussion: linking geoheritage to geohazard

12:00-13:00 Lunch (Council Chamber, Cardiff University Main Building)

Day 2: Wednesday 4 March 2026 (9:00-17:00)

Excursion to the Glamorgan Heritage Coast.

A full-day field excursion exploring some of the spectacular geological features of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast near Cardiff. The visit will include a practical introduction to geoheritage and geosite assessment. Exact destination details and departure/return locations will be confirmed with registered participants.

Day 3: Thursday 5 March 2026 (9:00-17:00)

Visit to Fforest Fawr Geopark.

A guided visit to Fforest Fawr Geopark, including the Craig y Nos Country Park and nearby geopark attractions. The day will feature discussions with geopark management about previous and ongoing outreach initiatives. Departure and return locations will be confirmed with registered participants.