

European
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NextGen

10th NextGen Annual Conference

24-26 April, 2026
Perth, Scotland UK
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Programme



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The Conference is a
collaboration of EHH and
Historic Houses UK

Welcome

The Historic Houses Next Generation Group is delighted to be hosting the 10th EHH NextGen Conference and Ball in collaboration with EHH at the beautiful Scone Palace this year. We can't wait to welcome you all and show off what Scotland has to offer – beautiful landscapes, delicious food and drink and of course a treasury of historic houses.

We are putting together a great programme of visits and events, centred on a conference at Scone that will allow NextGens from across Europe to learn, exchange insights and meet with other people who know about the excitements and challenges that come with a historic house, before we let our hair down and dance the night away at Saturday's black tie ball.

The theme of the conference is Embracing the Future of Historic Houses, and we are looking forward to sharing ideas about how the next generation of historic house owners can look to the future with confidence, and focus on the opportunities as well as the challenges that face us.

This brochure will give you a flavour of what we will be offering over the weekend before we unveil the full programme in March. It'll be a weekend of making connections, meeting old friends and new and having a great time – we look forward to seeing you there!



Philip Sidney, on behalf of the Historic Houses Next Generation Group

The Historic Houses UK Team

Philip Sidney, former NextGen Chair
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Emily Cowan, Operations Officer
Ludo Compton, Torloisk House
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Venetia Johannes, Huntley Manor

Cover picture: Scone Palace, Perth

Historic Houses UK

Historic Houses is a not-for-profit association representing over 1,450 independently owned historic houses, castles, and gardens in the United Kingdom. The association supports privately-owned homes—many of which are still lived in by families—by providing professional advice, lobbying for fair heritage policies, and offering a visitor membership scheme that provides free access to hundreds of participating sites. Its primary mission is to ensure Britain's independent heritage remains viable and accessible for future generations by functioning as a collective voice for owners who manage these cultural landmarks without significant public funding.

Let's meet.

It is a pleasure to organise the next conference in Scotland together with UK Historic Houses and their brilliant team. Their commitment is enormous, and we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude. Thank you.

And now let's join our annual NextGen Conference in Scotland!

The Historic Houses Next Generation Group and the EHH NextGen Group invites you to Scotland for the annual NextGen Conference at the majestic Scone Palace, the coronation site of Scottish kings. Under the motto 'Embracing the Future of Historic Houses', you can expect inspiring insights into the opportunities for the next generation, exciting excursions and a glittering black-tie ball on Saturday evening.

And you might also have the chance to stroll through beautiful Perth: since 2021, Perth has been the first and only city in the United Kingdom to hold the title of UNESCO Creative City of Craft and Folk Art. This award recognises Perth's long tradition as a "Craftis Toun" (crafts town), which dates back to the Middle Ages and continues today through a vibrant community of artisans – from weaving to modern photography.

Secure your place for a weekend full of fresh ideas, friendship and Scottish hospitality – we look forward to seeing you there!

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Nicoline Schaub, On behalf of NextGen European Historic Houses

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European Historic Houses

The association represents over 50.000 privately owned historic houses across 24 countries. The association advocate for preserving Europe's unique cultural and architectural heritage. By supporting owners in safekeeping their houses, fostering cross-border cooperation and raising awareness, we help ensure these treasures and their stories endure as symbols of Europe's history.

The NextGen Group was officially launched in 2014 and its main purpose is to create a dynamic network to connect young owners or future owners (under 45) of historic houses from all over Europe.

Friday, April 24th

From 11h30

Horseracing at Perth Racecourse near Scone – hosted by the course owner, Viscount Stormont

For early arrivals the Perth Races will be taking place on Friday – a table has been booked for 8-10 attendees, first come first served. Tickets need to be booked individually.

18h00
- 22h00

Visit and Reception at a historic Castle in Perthshire

A coach will take us to the historic site, departing Scone Palace at 6pm UK time. Individual arrival at location by car or taxi is also possible. More details will follow soon.



Perth, Scotland

Saturday, April 25th, Conference

Topic: Embracing the Future of Historic Houses

09h30	Start of Conference: welcome and introductions
09h40	Talk from Sponsor - BioDry
10h00 - 10h45	Keynote Speaker William Stormont, owner and strategic lead of Scone Palace & Estates
10h45	Coffee break
11h30 - 13h00	Panel discussion on how to engage local communities and the next generation
13h00	Lunch
14h00 - 15h00	Keynote Speaker James Erskine, owner and leader of Cambo Estate, Scotland
15h00- 15h30	Close of conference, reflections and move to tours
15h30- 17h00	Tour of Scone Palace



Conference Location: Perth Racecourse

Perth Racecourse is Britain's northernmost horse racing track, situated within the historic parklands of Scone Palace on the banks of the River Tay. It is a premier venue for National Hunt (jump) racing, hosting an annual season from April to September that includes major events like the Perth Festival and the City of Perth Gold Cup. While the current course at Scone opened in 1908, the city's racing tradition dates back to 1613, making it one of Scotland's most storied sporting locations.



The Speakers

Please find here some information about the keynote speakers.
We are finalising the schedule of speakers for the panel, which will follow soon.

William Stormont www.scone-palace.co.uk

William, Viscount Stormont is the owner and strategic lead of Scone Palace & Estates, a modern diversified rural family business, entering their 17th generation, and operating across tourism, events, farming, forestry, and property.

As custodian of the 400-year-old estate, and inspired by his family's principle of responsible stewardship, William plans to lead the family business into the next century with generational investment plans to protect and sustain the heritage and history of Scone Palace and Estates, all whilst driving local economic growth in the communities his family has served for centuries.

William will share how he personally prepared himself for leadership and will explore his family's experience running an Historic House enterprise for the past 60 years; through 5 generations, 3 successions, and significant evolution.



James Erskine www.camboestate.com

The Erskine family has lived at Cambo since the seventeenth century, but how does a new generation run an estate like Cambo in the modern world? We will hear from James Erskine, who took over the reins in 2021, after a successful career as a theatre producer in Scotland and England, followed by the adventure of family life in Myanmar.

James will share how he is balancing his own position, as a self-proclaimed 'bleeding heart liberal', with his responsibilities for Cambo's future, looking at difficult topics such as inequality, class and love.



Saturday, April 25th | Black Tie Ball

Scone Palace, Perth

- 19h00 Drinks Reception with Fizz and Canapes in the Inner Hall
- 20h00 Dinner in the Long Gallery
- 21h30h NextGen Award Ceremony
- 22h00 Cocktail Bar, Music and Dancing in the State Dining Room
- 00h30 Carriages / End of Event



Scone Palace

A word on Scone Palace, Perth

Scone Palace and Estates is a 400-year-old family business situated in the heart of rural Perthshire, Scotland. The Estates stretch from fertile arable land by the banks of the River Tay at Scone, by Perth, to the rolling highland hills of North Logiealmond. A forward-thinking diversified rural business, the Estates comprise Farming, Forestry, Fishing, Property and Tourism enterprises.

Owned and operated by the Earl of Mansfield and family, the main visitor attraction and beating heart of the operation is the historic Scone Palace, best-known as the crowning place of Scottish Kings. Scone has played a pivotal role in Scottish history for well over 1000 years and today attracts over 200,000 visitors annually to enjoy the Palace, Gardens and calendar of events.

Thank you very much to William, Viscount Stormont, and his family and team for the fantastic hospitality and incredible generosity!



Award Ceremony April 25th at the Black Tie Ball.

European Young Heritage Entrepreneur of the Year 2026

This prize rewards the spirit of sustainable innovation and entrepreneurship amongst young owners of historic houses.

We will be delighted to announce the winners of this year's prize at the Black Tie Ball on Saturday 25th April.

The jury will be present to announce the winners before we give the floor to the prize winner, who will also take home 5,000€.

NextGen Prize Booklets will be handed out. Be curious.

We thank the sponsors of the NextGen Prize for their continued support!

Patrice Besse



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Sunday, April 26th

Cambo Estate

For Sunday we are delighted to announce that we have the chance to visit Cambo Estate, close to Kingsbarns on the east coast of Scotland.

- 09h00 - 10h30** **Coach leaving at Scone Palace, Perth**
Departure address: Scone Palace
- 10h45** **Visit of Cambo Estate, Kingsbarns.**
Address: Cambo House, Kingsbarns, St Andrews KY16 8QD, UK
- 12h45** **Light Lunch**
- 14h00** **Coach leaving for Edinburgh Airport**
- 16h00** **Edinburgh Airport at 16h00**



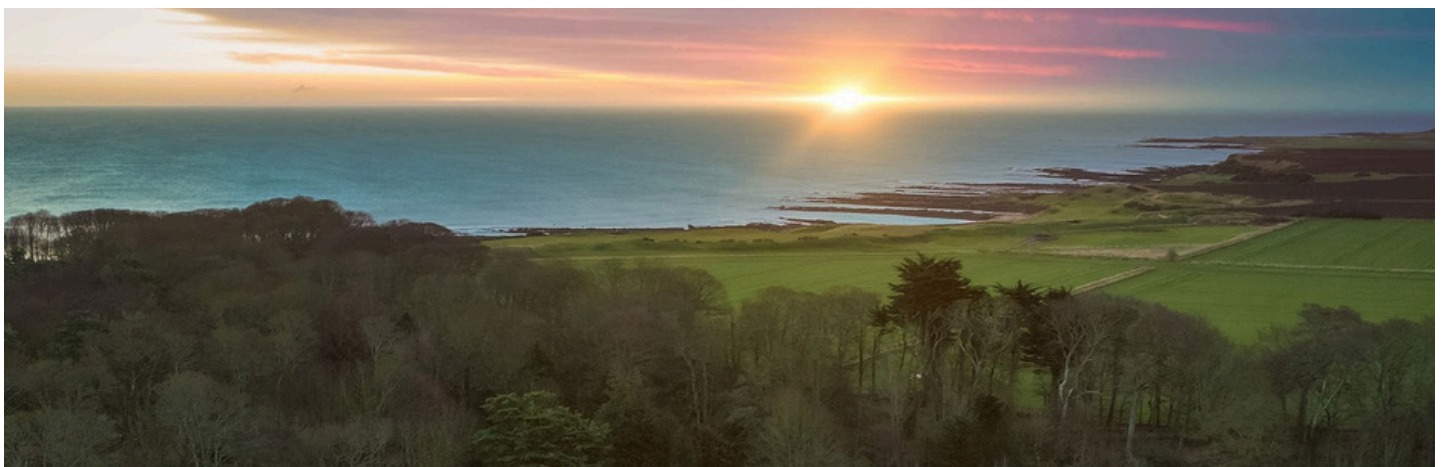
Cambo Estate

From magical woodlands and beautiful gardens to golden beaches and a spectacular coastline, Cambo Estate is an ever-evolving, vibrant ecosystem, woven together by people and estate partners, who share the core values of community, sustainability and most importantly, fun.

Since the late 1600s, there's been a family home at Cambo's heart. Today, that sense of family builds outwards, celebrating and preserving our heritage whilst looking towards an equitable and sustainable shared future.

Explore and experience Cambo's Georgian walled garden and visitor centre, award-winning cafe and gift shop. Book an event or stay at Cambo House, visit Kingsbarns Distillery or play a round of golf at Kingsbarns Golf Links. Whatever you choose, Cambo welcomes you throughout the seasons.

A big thank you to James Erskine and his family for their generous hospitality!



A Big Thank You to our Sponsor:



Tickets, Hotel and Travel

Tickets

3-day-ticket (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)
EUR 350

2-day ticket (Friday, Saturday)
EUR 320

2-day ticket (Saturday, Sunday)
EUR 320

1-day ticket (Saturday Conference & ball)
EUR 270

Black Tie Ball Ticket (only Gala Dinner)
EUR 180

Registration Link

<https://www.ehh.eu/event/10th-annual-nextgen-conference/>

Included in the ticket price

This includes transport during the programme, lunch on Saturday and Sunday and evening entertainment on Friday and Saturday, including most drinks.

Accommodation and travel to and from the programme is the responsibility of the participant.

Please note!

The organiser EHH, together with the owners of the historic properties, reserves the right to exclude members from the programme in the event of misconduct. Thanks for your understanding.

Accommodation

Scone Palace

www.scone-palace.co.uk/stay

11 rooms available at The Palace, including the Balvaird Wing.

Single Occupation: £200 per night
Double Occupation: £235 per night
Both options incl. breakfast

Direct booking via:

stephen.brannigan@scone-palace.co.uk

The Riverstone Lodge:

The racecourse hotel with 26 rooms, walking distance to the conference (5') and the ball at Scone Palace (15')

Room (double or single occupation):
£90 per room, incl. breakfast

Please quote the group reference when booking – Historic Houses.

Direct booking via:

bookings@riverstonelodgeperth.co.uk

Travel Information

By Plane: there are regular flights to Edinburgh Airport.

By Car: Scone is a 1h drive from Edinburgh Airport.

By Train: Perth is the nearest railway station - from the station it is a 10-minute taxi-ride to Scone.

General Information

Remarks:

Please be on time!

For those who are booked on the coach, it doesn't wait if you are late. So please contact us and let us know if you will be catching up by car or taxi.

Dress Code:

Whole weekend: smart casual

Saturday ball: black tie

Emergency contacts on location:

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Terms and Conditions

To confirm your registration, payment must be received within ten days of getting your invoice. If you have not paid within this time, your registration may be cancelled by EHH, and your place given to someone on the waiting list.

Refunds are generally not offered except where the event is cancelled by us. But in exceptional circumstances, EHH, in its sole discretion, may consider full or partial refunds for elements where costs have not yet been incurred prior to cancellation by you.

EHH NextGen Member

The EHH NextGen Conference is for EHH NextGen members (not older than 45 years old).

Membership is free - if you have not yet signed up, please fill out our registration form:

<https://form.jotform.com/243504625305349>

Insurance

As organisers, EHH provide a liability insurance for attendees during the events. Travel and health insurance is left to participants' discretion.

Photographer

We will have a professional photographer for the whole Saturday. The photos are used by EHH for communication purposes. If you do not agree to your person being photographed, please contact us in advance by e-mail at info@ehh.eu.

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