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[UK Embassy statement regarding Honduras' passage of Association Agreement](#)



A British Embassy spokesperson said:

We congratulate the Honduran Congress for passing the [UK-Central America Association Agreement](#).

Honduras now joins Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama in approving the agreement.

This vote will allow exports between our two countries to continue to prosper. We will be working with the Central American governments to determine when to put the agreement into effect.

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[Chapelcross and its place in Solway Heritage](#)

Nearest NDA site	Duration	Total investment	Magnox contribution	Partners	Delivered by
Chapelcross	2 years	£100,000	£36,000	Big Lottery, Hollywood Trust	Eastriggs and Gretna Heritage Group

Outcome:

- a permanent record of Chapelcross' contribution to the Solway Coast area
- employ an Access and Learning Officer for 12 months to engage with young people
- create a bank of educational materials
- increase visitor numbers from 18,000 to 20,000
- increase from 40 to 44 volunteers

Chapelcross nuclear site has had a major economic and social impact on Annan, Easttriggs and Gretna communities over 60 years, bringing prosperity and expertise to the area.

Its important history has been recorded using various media for the benefit of future generations and is part of the displays at the [Devil's Porridge Museum](#) (named after the explosive mixture manufactured at a now-demolished wartime munitions factory).

Rene Anderson, former Chapelcross Employee said:

Since participating in the Chapelcross Oral Report, I have been very impressed to see how the material from this project has been

incorporated into the digital interactive experience. This has recorded for future generations the history of the Chapelcross nuclear power station – one of the area’s largest and most important employers for over half a century.

John Grierson, Chapelcross Site Closure Director, said:

Chapelcross, over its almost 60-year history, has always endeavoured to support the local community in a variety of projects. This new permanent exhibition is a great way to strengthen this connection.

What was involved?

Research was carried out into Chapelcross and past employees were interviewed. Design consultants brought the story to life by creating interactive displays. These involved 360° panoramas, oral testimonies by staff who had worked on construction through to decommissioning. Chapelcross management provided access to the reactor areas, and the video footage was used to create a virtual reality (VR) experience. An Access and Learning Officer engaged with young people over 12 months.

What worked well?

Past employees were happy to share their experiences and were pleased their history had been preserved at the museum.

It was a mutually beneficial project as the museum gained an exciting interactive display while Chapelcross was given a detailed snapshot in time of some important areas of the site during the decommissioning process.

Visitors now have a better understanding of how a nuclear power stations work, their purpose and what’s behind the security fence.

Current plans include:

- continuing to collect the stories of Chapelcross workers
 - taking steps to learn from the initial VR experience and invest in new technology to make the experience more reliable
 - match funding received on the back of the Access and Learning Officer to keep the post going for another 18 months to put young people at the heart of the Museum
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Exciting opportunity to manage inshore fisheries and conservation in the North Western district

Each IFCA needs members who will take a balanced approach to caring for our seas, assessing the priority and importance of all users and stakeholders. The North Western IFCA is seeking three proactive individuals with good communication skills and a demonstrable ability to disseminate IFCA regulations, policies and guidance through their network of contacts to serve as a member.

Andrew Wareing, Director of Business Development and Transformation for the Marine Management Organisation, which is responsible for appointing local people with relevant expertise to the IFCAs, said:

“These are rare, exciting opportunities for people with experience and a passion for their inshore marine area to play a major part in shaping how their local area is managed. If you want to make a positive difference and help balance economic, social and environmental needs, we would be pleased to hear from you.”

The deadline for applications is 17:00, Wednesday 08 January 2020.

The role is on a voluntary basis although relevant expenses may be reimbursed.

You can email ifcarecruitment@marinemangement.org.uk or telephone 0208 225 6659 for more information.

There are 10 IFCAs around the English coastline and they are responsible for sustainably managing sea fisheries and conservation within 6 nautical miles from shore. They have the power to make byelaws to protect resources and the environment in their area as well as also enforcing national and European fisheries legislation.

IFCAs are either committees or joint committees of the local authorities that fall within an IFC district. They are tasked with sustainably managing inshore sea fisheries and conserving their local marine environment. They are made up of representatives from local councils along with people from across the different sectors that use or are knowledgeable about the inshore marine area, such as commercial and recreational fishermen, environmental groups and marine researchers, who offer their time voluntarily.

The Marine Management Organisation, Environment Agency and Natural England also each has a statutory seat on the IFCA. Through their local management and funding structures, IFCAs help put local councils, communities and businesses, and individual citizens in the driving seat, allowing them to play a bigger part in the protection and enhancement of their inshore marine

environment.

Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCA)

The MMO is responsible for appointing local people with relevant expertise to IFCA committees. Appointees make up roughly half of IFCA committees and are appointed on a voluntary basis.

The members of the IFCA contribute their knowledge and experience to provide sustainable management of the inshore marine area of their IFCA district. They guide the IFCA to deliver its mandate under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 and in line with Defra guidance.

We seek to achieve a balanced membership across various interest groups, including those with commercial, recreational and environmental interests. We are also keen to appoint people who represent the economic, social and environmental needs of their IFCA district and who, collectively, bring a variety of relevant interests such as fishing groups (commercial and non-commercial), conservation groups and other parties interested in the work of IFCAs.

Each appointment is made for a period of 3 to 5 years, with the possibility of reappointment up to a maximum of 10 years. It is conditional upon the member following [terms and conditions](#) for the appointment. Appointments are made in line with [the Governance Code on Public Appointments](#) and [guidance issued by Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs](#). Appointees must follow relevant IFCA codes of conduct as well as abiding by the terms and conditions of appointment.

We are currently looking to appoint three members to the North Western IFCA

The MMO is looking to recruit three members to the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA).

To apply for this vacancy, you will need to return a completed application form to the MMO by 17:00, Wednesday 08 January 2020.

Application form and information for candidates

[IFCA Recruitment Information for candidates](#) (MS Word Document, 583KB)

[IFCA Recruitment Application Form](#) (PDF, 298KB, 9 pages)

More information on the work of the IFCAs is available from [the Association of IFCAs website](<http://www.association-ifca.org.uk/about-us/the-aifca-team>) and from [North Western IFCA website](#).