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Biographical note

Pirjo Hamari (b. 1969) is an experienced heritage professional who has been working with heritage management and policy-related questions at the Finnish Heritage Agency since 2001. Graduated in archaeology in 1996, she initially worked in archaeological field work and site management as a Researcher. In 2001, she moved on to digital heritage management and policy development as a Senior Advisor, and in 2008 she started working as Head of Development, later as Director of Development in the Museum development unit at the The National Board of Antiquities, responsible for the direction and development of the national museum sector. She has participated in several national and international policy working groups in the field of cultural heritage and museums as well as participated in several national and international projects as a partner and a manager. Her expertise covers museums, cultural heritage, intangible heritage, digital heritage management and access to content; policy development, co-operation and evaluation.

Title

Towards participatory governance: heritage management models in Finland

Abstract

Civic governance in the Nordic countries has long been considered to ideally base itself on responsible and democratic governance, respect for civic rights, and equality. In parallel to this development, cultural heritage management has undergone several transformations through different models, reflecting timebound trends in management and appreciation of heritage. In the ever more rapidly changing world, and under different external pressures, what are the new demands that we are facing, and the new competences and ways with which we can face those demands? In this presentation, I will give an overview of the current models of cultural heritage management in Finland and explore the future potential of deepening participatory practices, sharing of values and responsibilities and the value of cultural heritage for resilient societies.