

FRH Press Release

FRH Torch of Heritage and Culture public campaign

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The FRH Torch, a memory treasure box carrying personal stories related to religious heritage, continues its journey around Europe as part of the European Year of Cultural Heritage.

BRUSSELS, BE – Since the start of the European Year of Cultural Heritage 2018, [the FRH Torch](#) has been traveling across Europe and has been hosted at various events dealing with cultural and religious heritage. With the launch in the Netherlands, it has visited Germany, Spain, Sweden, France, has been presented at the European Cultural Heritage Summit and the European Parliament hemicycle. It will now continue its trip through Poland, Hungary, Romania and Macedonia before the concluding ceremony at the FRH conference in Paris this 11-13 October 2018.

On the FRH Torch of Heritage and Culture

Inspired by the Olympic Torch of Athens, FRH launched the “[Torch of Heritage and Culture](#)” initiative at the beginning of 2018, the [European Year of Cultural Heritage](#). The aim is to raise awareness of the importance of Europe’s rich religious heritage. The **FRH Torch** is a memory treasure box, containing personal letters from prominent members of the international community but also from European citizens themselves. These letters, contributed during an official Torch ceremony held at various events all over Europe, describe personal memories related to religious heritage.

As Janet Gough OBE said in her letter: *Our challenge is to create the conditions to sustain a working partnership of local and national support to preserve, use and develop these precious historic religious buildings to serve everyone now and for the future.*”

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The journey of the FRH Torch will end at the [FRH Biennial Conference](#) (Paris, 11-12-13 October 2018), and the box and its valuable contents will be presented to European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics.

On Future for Religious Heritage (FRH)

Founded in 2008, [Future for Religious Heritage](#) is the only European network for historic places of worship, bringing together those who work to protect religious heritage across Europe. A not-for-profit, non-religious organisation, FRH is proud to represent nearly 150 members in Europe and beyond.

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For further information:

- FRH Torch Initiative: www.frh-europe.org/projects/frh-torch
- FRH Torch video: <http://bit.ly/2GHfwuq>

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