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Conference: RESORTING TO THE COAST: VALUING THE PAST TO SHAPE THE FUTURE

FRIDAY 27TH APRIL 2018

10.30AM TO 4.30PM



**TENDRING
COASTAL
HERITAGE
RESORTING
TO THE COAST**

Venue: Columbine Centre, Princes Esplanade, Walton-on-the-Naze, Essex. CO14 8PZ

Free entry, but please register online: <https://www.uel.ac.uk/events/2018/03/essex-sea-side-conference>

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

'Resorting to the coast' has been a national pastime since the Victorian period, evolving to address demographic changes, greater mobility, fluctuating levels of prosperity and competing leisure activities. The conference will look at the current issues in the national debate around seaside coastal resorts in relation to promoting their often unsung heritage. Specifically, our focus will be on the Tendring coastal resorts of Dovercourt, Walton, Frinton, Clacton and Jaywick Sands. Local history groups associated with these resorts are heavily involved in archiving and promoting their seaside heritage, but we ask whether this valued work is sufficient to attract new visitors? In a world of uneven development, how does a resort set itself apart from the competition? How do you unite as a coastal region when the reality is you're in competition with each other? Can lessons be drawn from the past in order to resuscitate the 'Great British Seaside Holiday' as an object of desire, or is it time to wipe the slate clean and start from scratch?

Confirmed Speakers

Dr. Tony Lidington (keynote)
Dr. Kathryn Ferry (Historian)
Dr. Toby Butler (Historian)
David Whittle (Harwich Society)
Josie Close (Walton Maritime Museum)
Roger Kennell (Clacton & Local District History Society)
Dr. Daniel Burdsey (University of Brighton)
Dr. Tim Gale (University of Bournemouth)
Joanne O'Connor (Journalist)
Tim Burrows (Journalist)
Club Critical Theory (University of East London)
Including Cinema Film Screenings,
History Fair and Curator's Corner



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