

# APPG *for* CRAFT

## Speakers for the Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Craft

Tuesday, 20th February 2024, 11.30am–1.00pm; Room U, Portcullis House, and online

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### **Lord Parkinson**

**The Rt Hon. Lord Stephen Parkinson of Whitley Bay** was born in North Shields, Tyne & Wear, and educated at state comprehensives and Emmanuel College, Cambridge, reading history, and was elected President of the Cambridge Union. He has worked for a think-tank, and as special adviser, then Political Secretary, to Theresa May at the Home Office and at 10 Downing Street. He joined the House of Lords in 2019, serving as a Lord-in-Waiting (Government Whip) from February 2020, and Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State (Minister for Arts and Heritage) at DCMS from September 2021.



### **Professor Máiréad Nic Craith**

**Mairéad Nic Craith** is Professor of Public Folklore at the Institute for Northern Studies (Orkney) at the University of the Highlands and Islands. Before coming to Scotland she was Director of the Academy for Irish Cultural Heritages at Ulster University. Her TEDx talk on the theme of Intangible Cultural Heritage can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d9ZHj4ihTog>

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### **Daniel Carpenter**

**Daniel Carpenter** has worked in the arts, crafts and heritage sectors for the past 18 years. He was one of the founders of Heritage Crafts in 2009 whilst he was working for Creative Lives (formerly Voluntary Arts), the national charity set up to promote active participation in everyday creativity. He led Heritage Crafts' Pre-Apprenticeship project in West Somerset in 2017, and was commissioned in 2018 to lead the research on the second edition of Red List of Endangered Crafts, before being recruited on to the staff team in 2019. He is a Trustee of Arts&Heritage, an Ambassador of The Fathom Trust, a judge for the Global Eco Artisan Awards, and a Committee of Recommendation Member for the Ambacht in Beeld Festival in the Netherlands.