

Members eBulletin, December 2023

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CIfA NEWS ROUNDUP



We'd like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Introducing the *new* fieldwork Standards and universal guidance



**NEW
RELEASE!**

CIfA is pleased to publish the newly updated fieldwork Standards and universal guidance. These updated documents for archaeological excavation, archaeological field evaluation and archaeological monitoring and recording replace the previous versions and can be [found on our website](#)

The new fieldwork Standards and universal guidance follow a different format to the remaining Standards and guidance documents - the key changes to be aware of are [outlined here](#). We understand that the difference in format across the suite of documents may initially cause some confusion, but we do not envisage any issues in terms of their implementation or their use in professional conduct cases. Regardless of the format all documents included on the website are current and their use is binding on CIfA-accredited professionals and registered organisations.

An initial series of lunch and learn events will be advertised in the New Year to support awareness of the new format and their implementation. These will be followed by workshops later in the year. The remaining Standards and guidance documents are currently being reviewed and consultations on revised versions will be advertised as and when they're ready.

Please contact Jen Parker Wooding (jen.parkerwooding@archaeologists.net) if you have any questions or queries.

CIfA EDI committee - recruitment for a committee member



In line with the [Regulations for the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion](#) committee, we are looking for an accredited member of CIfA (Practitioner, Associate or Member) who is passionate about making archaeology a more inclusive, accessible, and representative profession.

More information about the role and a nomination form is available on [the CIfA website](#)

Deadline for nominations is **15 January 2024**

CIfA member survey update

Thank you to everyone who completed our biennial member survey - and congratulations to **James Elliot** who has won the voucher towards the cost of attending any CIfA CPD event.

Your responses will help us understand a bit more about you: where you work, the specialist areas you represent, what you value about your membership and what think about CIfA's work and the impact it has. They will also help us to measure how we are performing against the objectives set in our 2021-2030 Strategic Plan.

Once we've had the opportunity to finish reviewing the results we will be sharing these with you through a short series of e-bulletins.

Heritage carbon literacy training for the sector

CIfA is delighted to announce that we will be supporting Historic England in delivering Heritage carbon literacy training for the sector. This is aimed at small to medium sized enterprises (SMEs).

The course has been created by Historic England and is accredited by the Carbon Literacy Trust. Carbon Literacy is a keyway for organisations to gain an awareness of the causes and impacts of climate change and an understanding of carbon emissions. It provides a great foundation for individuals, teams and organisations to begin to take steps towards reducing their carbon emissions and become more environmentally sustainable. The course will include some specific examples relating to archaeology and give you guidance on how to actively talk about climate change and carbon reduction. At the end of the training, you will come away with your own carbon action pledge based on the knowledge you've gained.

From January 2024, CIfA will be hosting 5 blocks of training as follows. The training will take place over two 3-hour sessions and the dates for the first two sessions are

- [09.30 - 12.30, 23 and 24 January 2024](#)
- [13.00 - 16.00, 20 and 21 March 2024](#)

To support heritage organisations prepare themselves to reduce their carbon emissions and move towards becoming Net Zero, Historic England has covered the cost of delivering this training so delegates will only be charged £10 to cover the cost of the end of course certificate.

Places are limited to 12 delegates so please ensure that you register early. To ensure that as many organisations as possible benefit from this training we ask that only one individual attends from an organisation (two for larger organisations). If you have any questions please email conference@archaeologistst.net

Get accredited for CIfA's Directory of accredited professionals



Need an activity or excuse to escape the seasonal events over the Christmas break, why not grab a mince pie* and start writing your accredited application?! *other snacks are available

If you successfully apply or upgrade and pay your [subscription fee](#) you can be listed in the online [Directory of Accredited Professionals](#) that is available to members and the public. We also publish the Client Guide with reference to the use of accredited professionals to over 5,000 contacts.

For Associate (ACIfA) and Member (MCIfA) applications, the first deadline in 2023 is **Monday 29 January**. ACIfA's will be reviewed at the 27

February Validation committee meeting and MCIfA's will be put into the interview window for w/c 11 March.

Practitioner (PCIfA) applications can be sent in at any time and will be reviewed regularly approximately at the end of each month.

Our guidance webpages and performance criteria for each grade provide all the guidance you need in one place which should make it easier to apply.

·[Practitioner \(PCIfA\) guidance](#) - [PCIfA performance criteria](#)

·[Associate \(ACIfA\) guidance](#) - [ACIfA performance criteria](#)

·[Member \(MCIfA\) application guidance](#) - [MCIfA performance criteria](#)

If you have any questions about the application process, please email Lianne and Ellen at membership@archaeologists.net who will be happy to help.

What are you waiting for? – Grab that snack (or beverage) and apply now!

A new CIfA Toolkit in development



Work is now underway on transforming the published A Standard for Pottery Studies in Archaeology (Barclay et al 2016) into an online Toolkit to form part of the suite already [available here](#)

The project due to complete in the summer of 2024 is funded by Historic England and being undertaken by a team of consultants from Archaeology South-East with the support and endorsement of the Prehistoric Ceramic Research Group, the Study Group for Roman Pottery, and the Medieval and Later Pottery Research group.

The conversion of this publication into a Toolkit format also provides the opportunity to incorporate recent developments in specialist reporting good practice complementing the series of Toolkits already available. Updates will be provided as the project progresses!

2023 CPD Diaries

On our [CPD Diaries webpage](#), members provide an insight into their own Continuing Professional Development (CPD), sharing their experiences with others and giving us some ideas as to how we can all fulfil our CPD requirements.

You can read the latest one from [Laura Beckwith here](#).

We also include CIfA conference bursary holders' insights into our annual conference, which are awarded to student and early career members and non-members, to assist their attendance.

If you would like to submit your CPD Diary entry, please get in touch at membership@archaeologists.net.

Book reviews



You can find our full list of books available for review [here \(member log in required\)](#).

If you are interested in sending in a publication to be included in our reviews please send an email to admin@archaeologists.net

If you need any further information please see our [book review guidance](#)

Events/training/elearning

Keep up-to-date with all our events via our [events webpage](#)



Information Mangement Group AGM

14 Dec 2023 | 10.00 - 12.00 | online

Open to all members, we will be going through the successes of the year and laying out our plans for the next.

[Register here](#)



CifA Scottish Group AGM

18 Dec 2023| 10.00 – 12:00 | online

Get ready for an engaging and impactful Annual General Meeting! Join us online to reflect on the year, share insights, and collaboratively set the course for the future.

[Register here](#)



International Practice SIG AGM

10 Jan 2024 | 12.30 - 13.15 | online

Annual general meeting of the CifA International Practice Group. Join us as we go over this years successes and plan for the upcoming year.

[Register here](#)



Lunchtime chat - January

22 Jan 2024 | 12.30 - 13.15 | online

Come to our regular digital networking event. One of the sessions this time will be catching up with our neurodiversity network and the other will be about continuing professional development.

[Register here](#)

Other events

UEA Climate Archaeology TAG 2023



Cifa's Equality, Diversity and Inclusion committee is running a session at TAG on **Wednesday 20 December** on Environments of equity, climate of work.

The aim of the session is to keep equity, diversity and inclusivity firmly on the agenda in archaeology.

It provides a forum for those engaged in equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) to address the current status of work on EDI across the sector, including commercial archaeology, universities, museums and national cultural institutions.

The goal is to enable us to work toward making meaningful, concrete changes that result in greater inclusivity and equity for disabled, underrepresented, under supported and marginalised people.

Papers centre on projects, work or issues relating to gender (eg Athena SWAN), decolonising, disability, neurodiversity, race and ethnicity or class, and will aim to address a range of questions.

The event programme and tickets can be [purchased here](#)

Conservation of Cast and Wrought Iron Workshop

On **Saturday 27 January 2024** the Association for Industrial Archaeology are running a 1-day accredited CPD workshop.

This event is aimed at anyone working in the heritage, museums and archaeology sectors who is involved in the excavation, recording, interpretation, conservation and management of historic metalwork.

Tickets from only £15. To book [click here](#)

Other news

Heritage Counts 2023 is published

Heritage Counts 2023 is now available on the [Historic England](#) website.

Widely regarded as a go-to source for those wanting to demonstrate the value of heritage and the historic environment, Heritage Counts has a new look.

Once a series of PDF documents, it has moved to a digital-first format and is supported by improved graphics to make it more accessible.

The latest edition provides evidence on the economic value of heritage, the intricate relationship between heritage and wellbeing, and the Heritage Indicators that have been updated for 2022 which include gross value added (GVA) figures.

The Historic Environment Forum continues to work as a close partner on Heritage Counts, including member representation on the Heritage Counts Board.

For more information [click here](#).

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