



## Members eBulletin, July 2022

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## CIfA NEWS ROUNDUP

### Competence assessment changes

#### Thinking of applying for or upgrading your accreditation under the new guidance?

On 1 May we launched the new competence assessment and guidance for individual applicants. This includes changes to the **criteria** we assess applications against for Practitioner, Associate and Member accredited grades. They require applicants to demonstrate that they understand and work in accordance with the [Code of conduct](#) and relevant CIfA Standards. Colleagues who write supporting references will also need to comment on this.

More details can be found on the [FAQs page](#) and guidance pages below. We already have some fantastic [resources to support ethical practice](#), but these will be supplemented and supported where necessary.

- [Practitioner \(PCIfA\)](#)
- [Associate \(ACIfA\)](#)
- [Member \(MCIfA\)](#)

If you are thinking about upgrading your accreditation we recommend signing up to our [Professional pathways bulletins](#) so you have access

to more information about the new assessment process and the resources available to support you with your application over the coming months. You can do this through the CIfA website by logging in and going to the 'Access members area' Dashboard, scroll down to the 'Your details and mailings' form and tick the Pro-Pathways box.

If you have any questions or need any help with your application please email Lianne at [membership@archaeologists.net](mailto:membership@archaeologists.net).

## German CIfA members - WE NEED YOU!



### Calling all German speaking CIfA members!

If you are an accredited member and speak fluent German, we need you!

You don't need to be German or working in Germany (although if you are you can get in touch too).

Please email Lianne at [membership@archaeologists.net](mailto:membership@archaeologists.net) if you would like to find out more about becoming an assessor and/or panel member to help support applicants from Germany.

## Toolkit update



### **New definition and guidelines on the creation/deposition requirements for archaeological archives from sterile projects**

New guidance for sterile archives, developed as part of a Historic England funded project, and delivered by Sam Paul Heritage in partnership with the Archaeological Archives Forum (AAF) and CIfA, is now online. This information is available as a dedicated webpage as part of the Toolkit for Selecting Archaeological Archives and can be [found here](#). We hope this resource will be useful for organisations and individuals alike.

### **Project background**

The project commenced in 2021 with the aim being to produce a sector-wide agreed definition for archaeological archives from sterile projects, in addition to guidance outlining creation and deposition requirements. This was deemed necessary because the terms 'negative site', 'blank site', 'sterile project' and 'negative archive' are being used across the sector with a significant variation in how the terms are understood and applied in practice.

While some museums and institutions detail their requirements for 'negative sites' or 'blank sites' in their deposition standards, anecdotal

evidence suggests that other museums and local authorities are also using terms such as 'negative archives' and 'insignificant remains' when discussing deposition requirements, leading to variation in how the terms are applied and the resultant archaeological archives produced.

As a result, the definition and use of one term would be beneficial, in addition to the creation of supporting guidelines on its application. The work undertaken as part of this project and the resulting agreed definition and guidance was subject to cross-sector consultation and supported by the AAF.

## **The Archaeological Specialist degree apprenticeship**

### **Funded MA Programme for Project Officers/Finds Officers etc - Archaeological Specialist**

Employers in England can access 95% or 100% subsidised degree apprenticeships for new or existing staff.

**The Archaeological Specialist degree apprenticeship** has been developed with employers, CIfA and Historic England to cover the range of skills and practices needed by archaeologists working in the sector who have taken on a role where there are responsible for seeing a project through from planning to reporting and publication. It is aimed to cover a wide range of specialisms, including excavation/project management, finds and environmental analysis, geophysics, and survey. Upon completion the apprentice will obtain an MA in Archaeological Practice and an apprenticeship certificate and will be ready for MCIfA membership.

The programme is delivered on a day-release basis with live online teaching sessions.

The second course will be starting in September 2022 or January 2023, delivered by Professor Nigel Nayling.

Feedback from the first cohort has confirmed that the programme has improved staff performance and is highly relevant to their current practice.

If you would like to discuss how this might fit with your staff development and career planning aims, please get in touch

[apprenticeships@uwtsd.ac.uk](mailto:apprenticeships@uwtsd.ac.uk).

## **ICOMOS - Call for volunteers**

The International Council on Monuments and sites (ICOMOS-UK) are calling for volunteers who might be interested in offering their time and conservation expertise to help colleagues in Ukraine

ICOMOS Ukraine has indicated that they require external support including pro bono technical advice and training related to:

- Dynamic planning in a volatile situation which helps protect heritage sites/properties/objects
- Emergency planning measures
- Planning for post conflict reconstruction and conservation
- Peace time planning for heritage management during armed conflicts
- Debris management

- Emergency inventory/mapping
- Freeing trapped/mined heritage
- Conservation and restoration of all types of heritage monuments/sites/objects
- Craft skills and crafts people and builders experienced in working with heritage properties
- Laboratories for restoration and conservation
- Damage assessment, documentation, risk mapping and triage
- Technical support – producing satellite and drone images and 3D laser scanning for use in safe zones
- Coordination of home coming of 7.2 million Ukrainians who are outside the country and trauma recovery including the distribution of financial resources and resettlement.

If you are interested in putting your name forward, please contact [admin@icomos-uk.org](mailto:admin@icomos-uk.org) by **31st August**.

## Events/training

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



### **Top tips and resources for a career in archaeology**

**27 July | 12.30 - 1.15 | online**

As part of the Festival of Archaeology CifA is running a digital teabreak on Wednesday 27 July, 12.30 – 1.15 pm, where we'll be looking at some of the careers resources available on line and sharing some top tips on how to start a career in archaeology. Join Anna Welch, Cara Jones and colleagues to find out more.

[Register Here](#)



### **Lunchtime chat**

**2 August | 12.30 - 13.15 | online**

Come to our regular digital networking event. These are very informal sessions focused on different topics, giving you the opportunity to share ideas, learn from others and make new contacts.

[Register here](#)



## **Practising ethical competence in archaeology**

**24 August | 17.00 - 19.00 | online**

For accredited professionals and those that need to demonstrate ethical abilities as part of their application for accreditation. This workshop is aimed for MCIfA and those looking to apply for MCIfA accreditation.

[Register here](#)

## **Conversation in common - online event**

Conservation in common 2022 was a cross-disciplinary series of events for professionals working in the built heritage sector.

The programme included four online lunchtime talks which can now be purchased as a bundle on-demand package. CIfA members are eligible for the discounted price of £24, [please click the link](#) to order and don't forget to record in your CPD log!

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