



## **Members eBulletin, October 2022**

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## **CIFA NEWS ROUNDUP**

### **Cost of Living Crisis Help and Advice**



With the UK in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis, CIFA is offering support and information to its members, and has produced a practical factsheet outlining areas of financial support, details of financial and mental health wellbeing resources, information on free training and events, and other useful resources for archaeologists. This can be accessed via [Cifa's website](#)

The recent Poverty Impact Report by BAJR on the income of archaeologists and their households set out to identify the impacts of financial challenges

on mental health, lifestyle and debt, and has shone a light on the difficulties faced by archaeologists and their families during the current challenging economic conditions. The BAJR report, which includes sources of support and advice, [can be found here](#)

## Innovation Festival Roundup



### **Innovation festival – another great week!**

CIfA's third Innovation Festival held between **10-14 October** saw 160 delegates come together online to enjoy a variety of sessions focused on different aspects of innovation in archaeology.

It was a fantastic week of CPD! Thank you to everyone involved and to those who attended.

The recordings are available to attendees on the conference platform and will be made publicly available in a few months' time. If you missed this year's Festival and wish to access the recordings sooner, you can still register by [following this link](#).

### **Dates for your diary**

The 2023 Innovation festival will run between 9-13 October 2023. Got any early ideas for session topics? Get in touch [conference@archaeologists.net](mailto:conference@archaeologists.net)

## Call for Panel Members

### **We need you for application panels!**

Are you interested in ensuring that archaeologists have the knowledge, skills and professionalism to meet the needs of society, clients and stakeholders in the future? If so, we need you!

We have vacancies for professional review and Registered Organisation panellists (volunteer roles) to help us assess competence through our professional accreditation and Registered Organisation processes.

### **Professional review panellists...**

- Are volunteers working alongside our [Validation committee](#) to assess professional competence
- Must have appropriate knowledge and competence – we are looking to

recruit a range of panellists with expertise across all areas of archaeological practice

- Will be accredited at Member (MCIfA) level and confident discussing ethical issues
- Must be independent and follow robust conflict of interest procedures
- Will ideally be familiar with competence-based interviewing or assessing (training will be provided)
- Are prepared to commit a minimum of two days per year

For further information and/or an informal discussion please contact Lianne at [lianne.birney@archaeologists.net](mailto:lianne.birney@archaeologists.net)

### **Registered Organisation panellists...**

- Are volunteers working alongside our [Registered Organisations](#) committee to assess an organisation's compliance with CIfA's Code of conduct, supporting regulations and Standards & guidance
- Must have appropriate knowledge and competence – we are looking to recruit a range of panellists with expertise across all areas of archaeological practice
- Will meet the requirements described in the [role description](#)
- Are prepared to commit a minimum of one day per year and preparation time

For further information and/or an informal discussion please contact Kerry at [Kerry.wiggins@archaeologists.net](mailto:Kerry.wiggins@archaeologists.net)

### **Toolkit Update - Dig Digital**



#### **Introducing Dig Digital - a new Toolkit to support the management of digital data**

*A new online Toolkit providing resources to support the management and archiving of digital data on archaeological projects.*

CIfA are pleased to officially launch a new Toolkit focused on supporting the management and archiving of digital data on archaeological projects – see [Dig Digital | Chartered Institute for Archaeologists](#). To find out more about this new resource and the background to the project [see here](#)

### **Membership Application Changes**



#### **Thinking of applying for or upgrading your accreditation?**

Before you do, make sure you read the new competence assessment and guidance for individual applicants, which includes assessment criteria changes.

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.

- [Practitioner \(PCIfA\) guidance](#)

  - [PCIfA performance criteria](#)

- [Associate \(ACIfA\) guidance](#)

  - [ACIfA performance criteria](#)

- [Member \(MCIfA\) application guidance](#)

  - [MCIfA performance criteria](#)

At Practitioner and Associate level, applicants include information in their statements of competence, supported by evidence of ethical working in examples of work provided and in CPD records (where applicable), and by two appropriate references.

For applicants at Member level, a professional review interview will be arranged twice a year (March and September), recognising the greater level of personal accountability required at this grade.

More details can be found on the [FAQs page](#) and guidance pages above and there are some useful [resources to support ethical practice](#).

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

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

## Member benefits reminder

### Have you made use of your CIfA membership benefits?

If you have recently joined CIfA, or if you have been a member for a while, you might not be aware of the wide range of benefits that come as part of your CIfA membership.

You can find a detailed list on our website: [Membership benefits](#) but here are a few key opportunities

- **Be at the heart of developing your profession** by [getting involved](#) and volunteering on a CIfA or CIfA Group committee

- Sign up to the [Jobs Information Service and Training weekly bulletin](#) to help you develop your career or recruit staff.

- Join any of our [Area and Special Interest groups](#) to network with CIfA colleagues and take part in events

- Join the CIfA [Professional pathways scheme](#) with **regular bulletins** to help members through their careers and to understand the competence requirements for professional accreditation.

•Accredited members can **choose to be listed** in the digital [Cifa Directory of accredited professionals](#) that is widely publicised to clients and others.

## Book Reviews



You can find our full list of books available for review [here](#).

If you are interested in sending in a publication to be included in our reviews please send an email to [admin@archaeologists.net](mailto:admin@archaeologists.net)

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

## Registered Organisation Update

### Inspections still requiring panel members 2022/23

#### Britannia Archaeology

IP33 3PH                      15/11/22

#### South West Heritage Trust Historic Environment Service

TA2 6SF                      22/11/22

#### Archaeology Wales

CF37 5UR                      06/12/22

#### Witham Archaeology Ltd

NG34 9DT                      17/01/2023

#### JESSOP Consultancy, The (TJC Heritage Ltd)

S11 7RD                      Jan/Feb

#### Clwyd-Powys Archaeological Trust

SY21 8RP                      Jan/Feb

#### Dyfed Archaeological Trust Ltd

SA19 6AE                      Jan/Feb

## Inspections requiring panel members 2023/24

GUARD Archaeology Ltd	Glasgow
Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust	Perth
Pre-Construct Archaeology Ltd	Chester-le-Street
Ed Dennison Archaeological Services Ltd	York
AOC Archaeology Group	
York	
Archaeological Services WYAS	Leeds
AECOM Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited	Leeds
MSDS Marine Ltd	Holbrook, Derbyshire
AEON Archaeology	Bromborough,
Wirral	
Wardell Armstrong LLP	Stoke-on-Trent
Archaeology Warwickshire	Warwick
TigerGeo Limited	Herefordshire
Avon Archaeology Limited	Bristol
Albion Archaeology	Bedford
Minerva Archaeology	
Letchworth	
Surrey County Archaeological Unit	Woking
Greater London Archaeology Advisory Service	London
Place Services	
Chelmsford	
ADAS	Abingdon
John Moore Heritage Services	Wheatley, Oxon
AMS Ltd (t/a Foundations Archaeology)	Swindon
University of Winchester Department of Archaeology,	
incorporating ARCA	
Winchester	
Orion Heritage Limited	
Brighton	
Archaeological Surveys Ltd	Yatesbury, Wiltshire
South West Archaeology Ltd.	South Molton, Devon
Cornwall Archaeological Unit	Truro
Red River Archaeology Group Ltd	Glamorgan
Environmental Dimension Partnership Ltd (EDP)	Cardiff

## Events/training

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



### Lunchtime chat

**3 November | 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

**16 November | 14.00 - 17.00 | 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](#)

## Inclusive Communications Training

Would you like to improve your skills to create more authentic engagement with your professional networks?

Historic England are excited to offer a new inclusion training course for the heritage sector.

'Inclusive Communications' is an active, practical 2-hour virtual workshop in which you will gain the knowledge and tools to work and communicate more inclusively.

Training dates are between **11 January and 9 February**. [For more details and how to register](#)

## The Heritage Alliance - Heritage Debate



The Heritage Alliance are running an online heritage debate, discussing heritage in 20 years: What will matter most.

At this interactive online event attendees will be invited to collectively examine which of the key questions facing the sector will be most important in 20 years' time.

Join the debate, on the **24th November, 17.00 - 19.00**.

Tickets are **£5.00 – £7.00** and free to Heritage Alliance members.

Find further event details, including an accessibility plan and tickets, [click here](#).

## Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders Archaeological Conference



The Edinburgh, Lothians and Borders Archaeological conference will mark its 20th anniversary with an in person on **Saturday 19th November 2022** at Queen Margaret University, Musselburgh, Scotland.

This annual conference provides an important opportunity to hear and discuss first hand accounts of the archaeological fieldwork and research being undertaken in Edinburgh, East Lothian, Midlothian and the Scottish Borders.

**Tickets are £30 each, Buffet Lunch £10**

Buffet lunch **must be pre-booked**

Conference only tickets available on the day

For more information and to book ticket [click here](#)

## Other News

### **The Forensic Archaeology Expert Panel (FAEP) comment on the recent excavations at Saddleworth Moor**

You may have seen reports in the press about the recent excavations at Saddleworth Moor in the search for murder victim Keith Bennett.

Unfortunately, someone who is neither a CIfA-accredited professional archaeologist nor an accredited member of CIfA's Forensic Archaeology Expert Panel (FAEP) interpreted the evidence incorrectly, albeit in good faith, contributing to the requirement for a large-scale excavation. During this latter search, a CIfA-accredited forensic archaeologist was instrumental in excluding the area from suspicion.

[Moors Search Statement](#) By Greater Manchester Police

You can read the full news item here [The Forensic Archaeology Expert Panel \(FAEP\) comment on the recent excavations at Saddleworth Moor](#)

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