

Owain Glyndŵr Institute, Machynlleth

Towards a Heritage Bill – Archaeology Workshop.

I/we would like to book Places at the above Workshop

on Friday 29th June 2012

Cost: IfA Members.....£15.00

Non IfA Members.....£18.00

Name.....

Address.....

E-mail Address.....

(cheques payable to IfA Wales / Cymru)

Price includes tea and coffee on arrival and buffet lunch. Vegetarian Food is included in the lunch menu. Anyone with special dietary requirements should notify J Latham/Ian Brooks at least one week prior to the Day-School.

Places are limited so to book please return this form by 22nd June to:

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Or by e-mail to

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Confirmation will be made by e-mail

There are free student bursaries - the first six to e-mail or text me or Ian get one...

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Agenda for the Archaeology Workshop on 29th June 2012

Welsh Heritage Bill

Heritage tends to be the last issue to be dealt with by an outgoing government. The 1979 act was enacted in the final year of Callaghan's Labour government, the Major government produced a green paper "Protecting our Past" in 1996 and of course the White Paper "Heritage Protection for the 21st Century" in 2007 led to a draft Heritage Protection Bill being issued but the banking crisis prevented Parliamentary time being found for it in the last session of the Brown government. It is therefore a welcome change to see a Heritage Bill being introduced at the beginning of a Government term and in the first legislative programme set out by a Welsh Government under Part 4 of the Government of Wales Act 2006. The proposed Heritage Bill is one of a suite of 5 bills covering environment, sustainability and planning that will be introduced before 2016; the others being a Highways and Transport Bill, a Planning Bill, a Sustainable Development Bill and a Environment Bill. These bills clearly are connected and will need to complement each other.

The Welsh Government is also taking the opportunity to have a fundamental look at current systems and practices for protecting and conserving heritage assets in Wales, an exercise that will inform not only the Bill, but also related policies, guidance and activities.

This work has commenced with a series of "horizon scanning" workshops looking at possible scenarios for the future of Welsh society and economy and the role of heritage in them. The next phase will be a series of thematic workshops covering archaeology; built heritage; landscape and open spaces; community involvement and landownership, with the archaeology workshop being held on the 22nd June in Llandudno. The initial stage of the debate will conclude with a Treftadaeth/Heritage conference to be held in July 2012 before an options appraisal is produced and then a formal consultation exercise and wider engagement on Bill proposals will take place.

Involvement at the Llandudno workshop is by invitation only and is already oversubscribed. However, IfA Cymru was concerned that many archaeologists working in Wales would not have an opportunity to participate in the development of the Bill. Consequently, with the support of Cadw we are holding a parallel workshop following the same programme and information as the Llandudno event. Observers from Cadw will be in attendance at the IfA event so opinions and views expressed will be assist in the preparation of the bill.

Pre-circulated papers:

1. Report on the horizon scanning workshops
2. Background paper setting out current position – legislation, regulations, planning, roles and responsibilities

Agenda

- 10.00 Coffee and Registration
- 10.30 Welcome address – Dave Maynard Chair IfA Cymru
- 1045 Purpose of the day – Neil Maylan Vice Chair IfA Cymru
- 1100 Presentation of discussion paper – IfA representative
- 1130 *Refreshment break*
- 1145 Break-out groups: to discuss strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats for current heritage protection system with specific reference to Archaeology
- 1245 Feedback – capture the key themes identified.
- 1315 *Lunch*
- 1400 Break out groups: to discuss the key themes identified in the previous session and consider proposals for how they might be addressed.
- 1500 Feedback from break out groups
- 1530 Plenary debate to identify priorities for action and consideration within future policy development.
- 1600 Next steps and close – Neil Maylan

Speakers and facilitators to be confirmed