

Diggers' Forum Annual General Meeting

19 November 2025, 18:00 -19:00

Teams

| 1. | Welcome, Housekeeping and Apologies | Action |
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| | <p>Committee members present:</p> <p>Chair - Heloise Meziani</p> <p>Vice chair - Ellen Durbin</p> <p>Secretary - Cecilia Galleano</p> <p>OCM - Tabitha Lawrence</p> <p>Luke Bateson sends his apologies</p> | |
| 2. | Chair's Report | |
| | <p>Heloise Meziani thanks the attendees, introduces the committee and thanks the members. She welcomes the new member, Emily Harris-Taylor.</p> <p>Heloise summarise the year's few difficulties, discussions, and many achievements, highlighting in particular the strengthened social media presence, the Diggers' Forum participation in the CIfA Conference 2025.</p> <p>Achievements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diggers' Forum logo update • Published a piece in Professional Pathways – Aim for Associate encouraging field archaeologists to apply for ACIfA • Successfully contributed to the updated CIfA Matrix, reducing the emphasis on publications for field archaeologists • Designed, run, and analysed the Social Value Survey • Presented our findings at the 2025 CIfA Conference including the publication of Social Value article online and British Archaeology Magazine article • Relaunched Instagram and LinkedIn and grew our community • Created a new Warm Weather Working Guide and an Autumn and Winter Working Guide • Worked with Prospect and other SIGs on shared content and the <i>Transferable Skills</i> SIG questionnaire, to be published in 2026 <p>Heloise presents the priorities for the coming future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publishing the full <i>Social Value Survey</i> report • Publishing our transferable skills work in collaboration with other SIGS • Collaborating with BAJR with an open discussion online with our communities • Creating more practical working guides and wellbeing resources for field archaeologists | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploring opportunities for training and representation for early-career archaeologists • Expanding our committee capacity • Possibly participating in the CIfA Conference 2026 | |
| 3. | Secretary's Report | |
| | <p>Cecilia presents the DF community, which is composed of 765 members, the majority of whom are from the UK, but with a minority from Europe and all around the world.</p> <p>Among the members we have 52% male and 42% female with a small percentage not disclosed.</p> <p>Half of the members are between the ages of 30 and 50, with 10% of members under 30.</p> <p>Cecilia adds that the committee recognises the importance of involving young archaeologists and early career colleagues and that the further discussions will focus on ways to involve and support them along with the rest of our community.</p> | |
| 4. | Vice Chair's Report | |
| | Ellen summarises the key points of the paper <i>Wellbeing and Archaeology: Can focusing on social value have benefits for archaeologists too?</i> presented at the CIfA Conference 2025 and supported by the results of a survey on the topic. | |
| 5. | Discussion and Wrapping Up | |
| | Discussion with group members | |
| 6. | AOB | |
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