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SESSION TITLE

Promoting the archaeological professional: Who are we and where do we want to be?

SESSION ABSTRACT

Before we can promote Archaeology as a profession externally, we must understand ourselves what the value of a professional archaeologist is and how we sit alongside colleagues from a range of sectors and disciplines. In the light of the 2019 vote to reject Chartered Archaeologists, this session will explore what we as archaeologists want the next step for our profession to be and ask: Are we mature enough to take that next step?

This session will consist of contributions from keynote speakers chosen to represent a range of different viewpoints, specialisms and generations followed by a panel debate on Archaeology's path forward in promoting ourselves both internally and externally. The speakers will explore what makes a professional a professional, how and where professional skills, knowledge and behaviours are taught and how ethical competence can be developed and shared, in order to move the profession forwards in its aspiration to be of genuine benefit to society.

SESSION PROGRAMME

13:15 – 13:30	Welcome and introduction <i>Daniel Evans & Jenny Wylie, Arcadis</i> <i>Kate Geary, Chartered Institute for Archaeologists</i>
13:30 – 13:45	Keynote presentations <i>Joanne Kirton, ClfA Early Careers Special Interest Group</i>
13:45 - 14:00	<i>Geraint Coles, Royal Agricultural University</i>
14:00 – 14:15	<i>Ben Saunders, ClfA Diggers Forum</i>
14:15 – 14:30	<i>Kevin Wooldridge, independent</i>
14:30 – 14:45	<i>Rebecca Devaney, independent specialist</i>
14:45 – 15:00	Break
15:00 – 15:15	Keynote presentations continue <i>Hannah Wynn, Arcadis</i>
15:15 – 15:30	<i>Machel Bagues, Museums Detox</i>

15:30 – 16:30

Panel discussion

Questions from the floor and from Twitter

SPEAKER ABSTRACTS

None – presenters will conduct a keynote address offering their perspective.