

CifA Voluntary & Community SIG

Meeting 27 May 2022 – online

Committee members present: Sarah-Jane Farr, Jessica Lowther, Dan Miles, Clemency Copper, Annie Partridge, Penny Foreman, James Brown and Nina O’Hare

Apologies: Mike Nevell

Agenda:

1. Vacant committee post

- Hannah Potter has stepped down from the committee. Two vacant committee posts now, would be useful to have CBA and ALGAO reps.
- **Action:** Formal co-opting process needed – NO to email Megan and Alex at CifA.

2. Standards & Guidance update

- Tender not gone out yet, but CifA aiming to have it ready next week. Should be sent out soon.

3. CifA conference

- Good feedback on conference session that was run by the SIG.
- LPA community engagement survey report – CifA sent back comments. Aiming to be released at similar time to S&G tender.
- **Action:** DM to reply to comments.

4. Revised SIG aims

- Committee has drafted new aims (see below). New aims will be submitted to CifA Board of Directors at their 12th July meeting. The SIG also needs renaming to reflect our clarified aims.
- **Action:** NO to circulate draft aims around the committee, copying in Alex and Megan at CifA. Aims and new name will then be sent to members w/c 6th June to allow 2 weeks for comments.

Revised aims:

We consider community engagement to be an integral part of professional archaeological practice and should be embedded in project design and delivery. Community engagement is a critical aspect of delivering public benefit through archaeology. The role of community archaeologists (paid or unpaid) is fundamental in this process.

1. to provide a recognised voice within CifA for furthering the interests of community archaeologists and delivery of community engagement.
2. to embed community engagement in archaeological practice and support its meaningful delivery to the highest standard.

3. to advise Council and its committees on issues relating to community archaeology and engagement, both within the context of the ClfA and within the discipline of archaeology as a whole.
4. to provide guidance to ensure that community archaeologists (and the organisations to which they belong), have the necessary skills and knowledge to carry out their roles to the highest possible standards.
5. to promote the adoption and implementation of ClfA Standards by community archaeologists and the organisations to which they belong.
6. to work with partner organisations and stakeholders across the sector to support and promote community archaeology.

5. Next meeting

- After ClfA Board meeting on 12 July – aim for w/c 18 July.