



IfA Archaeological Archives Special Interest Group – Bulletin – February 2014

The group continues to run workshops on 'Good Practice in Archiving Archaeological Archives'. These have proven very popular and the feedback has been great- thank you to all of you who have attended. Current proposed future workshop dates are as follows:

Durham 7th May 2014 – Details TBC

Reading June 2014 – Details TBC

To find out the latest on dates/venues please follow this link. <http://www.archaeologists.net/node/834> .

To register your interest please contact Lianne Birney directly at lianne.birney@archaeologists.net

This will end the series of workshops. The committee would like to extend a very **BIG** thank you to all of you who have kindly offered venues, the response has been great.

In July feedback forms will be sent to all previous attendees to inform the evaluation process. We would really appreciate it if you took the time to respond as it will help shape the future of support and provision. A further meeting is proposed for September 2014 in Birmingham and this will be an evaluation event and a sustainability and legacy discussion - details and a date will be circulated closer to the time.

The group are aiming to expand on the current workshop programme to help those who haven't been able to attend and act as a resource for the future. Do you have any suggestions or ideas about what form/shape this could take? Please get in touch at archaeologicalarchives@gmail.com .

The committee last met on Wednesday 15 January 2014. Minutes from this meeting can be found using this link <http://www.archaeologists.net/groups/archives> The next committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 23 April 2014. If you have any matters you would like to raise with the committee then get in touch and e-mail us at archaeologicalarchives@gmail.com. We would really like to hear from you.

Call for IfA Archaeological Archives Special Interest Group Committee members.

Are you interested in being part of an active and dedicated committee? We are currently looking for new members to join us. The committee meets between 3-4 times a year and works to promote our groups aims.

Group aims:

- to focus upon issues relating to professional standards, best practice, advocacy and access
- to promote awareness of archaeological archives within the profession
- to represent the interest of those working with archives to IfA Council and in all IfA activities
- to hold seminars and workshops to facilitate the above
- to establish relationships with other groups associated with archaeological archives

If you are interested in becoming a committee member please e-mail groups@archaeologists.net for more information, to register your interest or for a nomination form.

Dates for the diary

IfA Archaeological Archives Group Annual General Meeting and Day Workshop is set for Wednesday 30th April 2014 in Birmingham (Venue TBC). Further details will be circulated soon.

Please find details below to two events from other sources. If you would like us to include your event in our next bulletin then please get in touch at archaeologicalarchive@gmail.com

Museum of London Presents - Artefacts: from earth to archive.

Get hands on with archaeological artefacts and ecofacts. Discover for yourself how to identify and process a range of finds in this five day course, guided by industry professionals. London Based Course from 31 March - 4 April 2014. For more information and cost please follow this link. <http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/london-wall/whats-on/adult-courses/earthtoarchivecourse/>

University of Oxford's Department of Continuing Education Course on Digital Data and Archaeology: Management, Preservation and Publishing - March 2014.

Through a series of presentations, practical sessions and group discussions, this course will explore the importance of digital preservation for the long term safety of archaeological data and provide practical guidance on how to prepare, curate, deposit and access digital data. For more information and cost please follow this link <http://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/V400-325>

For the latest news, updates and discussions please see the group's Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Archaeological-Archives-Special-Interest-Group/409131725829669>