



Committee news

Dear New Generation Committee Group member

Committee update

Your committee met on the 11 October in Cardiff prior to the CIFA AGM and a very productive meeting it was as well.

Your new committee is:

Officers

Colin Forrestal	Chair
Alistair Galt	Secretary
Rebecca Enlander	Treasurer

Ordinary members

Chris Chinnock
Phoebe Olsen
Li Sou
Andrea Bradley (co opted)

Message from the Chair

Firstly, can I say how much of a support it will be as the committee moves forward that Andrea has kindly agreed to assist us this year. Andrea is the

current ClfA treasurer and on the Board of Directors and she was instrumental in creating this group, so her continued assistance is much appreciated.

A number of major topics were discussed, including the committee succession process, and the business plan. On the topic of the business plan, we were very much in agreement that the current plan has lots of great ideas, but we wanted to slim line the plan so that it is more focused and achievable. Andrea has agreed to revamp the plan so that we can concentrate on a few main issues that we have identified to address this year:

- Universities
- Mentoring
- Pathways

To explain, **Universities**, we think that there should be more encouragement in university settings for students to join ClfA, and one of our objectives is to meet with both faculty members and students to explain why ClfA is the professional body way forward. As chairman, I would like all students on an archaeological related course to be automatically signed up by their university as either student members and/or members of the group, at the minimal cost of £25 or £10 per year. By automatically joining the group, students can benefit from information on employment and training opportunities as they progress through university.

Through **Mentoring**, we can help people achieve PCIfA membership by providing advice and firsthand experience from members who have recently completed the process successfully.

Pathways, the trial scheme provides information to assist the application process to Practitioner (PCIfA) grade. For more information [click here](#)

In order to meet these objectives, we suggest that all student members of ClfA automatically become members of the New Generation group, with an 'opt out' option for those who want to wander in the wilderness. As the New Generation group is concerned with your future, ClfA have agreed this in principal, but we need to be communicative and show that we can engage more with group members.

Your committee needs YOU!

To this end, your committee needs you! We have a Facebook page and twitter accounts, but we presently have no one to monitor them. We would all love to spread the word to members, but the committee members are juggling their group responsibilities with full time jobs! So if anyone out

there would be willing to assist, and believe me the more the merrier, please contact groups@archaeologist.net and we will help you get started.

Future activities

We will be partaking in various events at the ClfA2017 annual conference in Newcastle next year, and will also be offering our services at the reception desk, so please come along and meet your committee.

Next year around February/March we will be sending out a newsletter, which will hopefully be full of lots of useful articles, including information on events and projects to join to gain experience over the Easter break.

With best wishes

Colin and the New Generation Committee



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