



Members eBulletin, July 2019

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CIfA news

Update to the Standard and guidance for the archaeological investigation and recording of standing buildings or structures

With assistance from the **Buildings Archaeology Group** the *Standard and guidance for the archaeological investigation and recording of standing buildings or structures* has been updated. For the updated version [click here](#).

The changes reflect the preliminary stages of a much larger rewrite/revision project that will see a formal relaunch of the document. The changes made to the current version are relatively minor with the primary content remaining largely unchanged but with the removal of out-of-date references and some reformatting.

Please ensure you update any saved versions on your systems. Updates will be provided as the wider project progresses. If you have any queries or feedback related to the Standards and guidance, please email jen.parkerwooding@archaeologists.net.



CIfA2020 Call for sessions

CIfA2020 will be taking place from **22 – 24 April** at the Apex Bath City Hotel in Bath.

The theme for the conference will be Promoting our profession. We are calling for proposals for discussion sessions, seminars and CPD workshops which aim to challenge the current climate we operate in. We want these to showcase great archaeology, to stimulate debate, and to look to change how work and how we promote our profession to others.

If you would like to propose a session or CPD workshop please [download and complete the Session Proposal form](#) and email it to conference@archaeologists.net

The deadline for session proposals is **Friday 9 August 2019**.

[For further information, click here.](#)

Katharina Moeller - conference bursary recipient at CIfA2019

I was fortunate to receive a bursary from CIfA to attend the 2019 Annual Conference, which was held in the Royal Armouries Museum in Leeds from 24 to 26 April 2019. While I have been to other conferences in the past, this was my first time attending a CIfA conference, despite having been a member since 2017, and suffice to say it will not be the last.



The conference programme was full of interesting sessions and CPD opportunities, providing a great variety of topics to choose from. I mainly focussed on sessions discussing public archaeology and public participation, as these topics are very relevant to my current PhD research. The different papers and discussions, both during sessions as well as over lunch or coffee with colleagues, were very informative and thought-provoking. I learned a lot and am convinced that my PhD as well as my work related to other research interests will benefit greatly from it.

In addition, the conference provided a great opportunity to network with colleagues from the UK and beyond as well as from different archaeological sectors. I had many interesting conversations, some of which lead to potential opportunities for collaboration in the future.

I feel I have benefitted immensely from attending the conference and am very grateful for the opportunity CIfA provided me with by awarding me a bursary. I am looking forward to attending other CIfA conferences in the future.

To read more of our CPD entries click [here](#).



Welcome to our summer placement student

Hi! I'm Natalie Olembo, a first year Philosophy and Politics (BA) student at the University of Manchester and over the summer I'll be on an 8-week placement with the CIfA here in my hometown of Reading. What attracted me to the placement was the opportunity to see firsthand how a professional body operates and the projects set out on the placement briefing.

Over the next coming weeks, I'll be researching and writing up a report on how CIfA can improve the way it communicates careers information to a diverse and technologically aware audience. I'll also be looking at how information about the work CIfA undertakes, as a professional body, is communicated to members and Registered Organisations, and how we can improve that.

I have just completed my first week and I can say that for someone who does not have any background in archeology whatsoever, but an interest in human history and cultures, I am fully starting to grasp the interesting world of archaeology and seeing the vast career opportunities that are available. I cannot wait to see what the placement holds in the coming weeks and where it will take me in the future. However, one thing I know is that I'm in safe hands with the dedicated CIfA members of staff who are ready to help me every step of the way.

Read Natalie's first blog post: [The world of archaeology and it's many acronyms](#)

Industry Working Group

The Industry working group was originally set up to look at pay across the sector but has since evolved to become a forum for wider discussion, with a remit to collect and share information about matters affecting the industry. Originally formed from representatives of CIfA, FAME and Prospect members now include ALGAO, BAJR, Prospect Archaeology Branch and CIfA Diggers' Forum.

Regular agenda items include the stability of the market and the setting of minimum salary recommendations by CIfA. Other matters that have been discussed are construction site access for archaeologists, training opportunities for early career archaeologists, diversifying the profession and equality, bullying and harassment.

You can find out more about the recent work of the Industry Working Group from our [news page](#)

New specialist competence matrices

With the help of our Special Interest Groups, we are pleased to announce three new specialist competence matrices for academia and research, environmental, and local authority, HER and Development Control officers on our [matrices page](#).

The matrices demonstrate how the application criteria could be applied to different specialisms and areas of expertise and also to assist the Validation committee when making a decision.

Applying or upgrading?

You can now [apply online](#)! You can write your application details directly into an online form or attach Word/Pdf documents. Guidance for applying includes the [Application Guide](#) and [Specialist competence matrices](#).

Plus, we have the [Pathways guidance](#) to assist those applying at Practitioner (PCIfA) grade and the [BAJR guidance](#) to assist fieldworkers applying to Practitioner (PCIfA).

It is especially important to leave enough time to apply for Practitioner (PCIfA) grade, if you or your staff need a CSCS card or to renew it. These can be processed and assessed within 2 weeks if the references are returned promptly, but you should allow up to a maximum of 8 weeks.

You can send in Practitioner (PCIfA) applications **anytime** and they will be assessed as soon as possible, when all the information is received. For Associate (ACIfA) and Member (MCIfA) applications, the next receipt of application date for the 10 September Validation committee meeting is **Monday 19 August**.

And you can always get in touch with Lianne at membership@archaeologists.net and she will be happy to help you.

We look forward to receiving your applications soon!

Asked to be a referee for an applicant?

We would like to thank members who continue to encourage colleagues to join CIfA and support them through providing references. It would be very helpful if referees ensure they return references quickly or respond to requests if you are unable to provide one in time, to avoid unnecessary delays to applications.

You can find the Word template to download on [our website](#), about half way down the page. Please ensure you read the guidance and provide specific examples about how the applicant meets the criteria to help the committee.

Advocacy update

Book reviews



For past reviews and current books available for review please see [our website](#). This page will require you to login, please contact admin@archaeologists.net if you have trouble signing in.

If you are interested in providing a review, or if you have a book you would like to have reviewed, please get in touch with [Laura Beasley](#), our reviews editor.

CifA Group news/ events / training opportunities

Keep up-to-date with all our training opportunities on our [events calendar page](#).

Significance-led Selection

Museum of London Archaeological Archive, London

Tuesday, 30 July 2019, 18:00

London Group in collaboration with MOLA

[For further information or to book your place, click here.](#)

Mithraeum Visit and Graphics Group AGM

Mithraeum, London

Saturday, 10 August 2019, 12:00

[For further information, click here.](#)

Selection Toolkit for Archaeological Archives

Creative Innovation Centre, Taunton

Wednesday, 21 August 2019, 10:00

Invite only. Stay posted future developments.

Selection Toolkit for Archaeological Archives

The Mechanics Centre, Manchester

Wednesday, 4 September 2019, 10:00

Invite only. Stay posted for future developments.

Equality and Diversity Group Workshop

10 September, London

Developing inclusive practice: Unconscious bias CPD workshop

[For further information of to book your place, click here.](#)

Building Archaeologists in the Pub (BAP)

House of Trembling Madness, York

Tuesday, 10 September 2019, 18:00

Buildings Archaeology Group

[For further information or to book your place, click here.](#)

What's going wrong with desk-based assessments?

Cardiff and Vale College

Friday, 13 September 2019, 10:00

CIfA HQ with Wales/Cymru Group

[For further information or to book your place, click here.](#)

Selection Toolkit for Archaeological Archives

Karl Marx Memorial Library, London

Wednesday, 18 September 2019, 10:00

Invite only. Stay posted for future developments.

The Finds Group at 30: Celebrating the past, reviewing the present and planning for the future and Finds Group AGM

Birmingham Midlands Institute, Birmingham

Wednesday, 25 September 2019, 10:00

[For further information or to book your place, click here.](#)

Desk Based Assessment Workshop

15 October, Edinburgh

CIfA AGM will be followed by the DBA workshop

[For further information or to book your place, click here.](#)

Building Archaeologists in the Pub (BAP)

House of Trembling Madness, York

Tuesday, 12 November 2019, 18:00

Buildings Archaeology Group

Bookings will open at a later date.

CIfA will have a presence at the following events:

EAA 2019

University of Bern, Bern

Wednesday – Saturday, 4-7 September 2019

RTPI Yorkshire Awards

The Hospitium, York

Thursday, 3 October 2019, 18:00

[For further information, click here.](#)

Association for Environmental Archaeology Conference

University of Sheffield, Sheffield

Friday – Sunday, 29 November – 1 December 2019

TAG 2019

University College London Institute of Archaeology, London

Monday – Wednesday, 16-18 December 2019

Other news and events



Allen Archaeology open a north east office

Our Northeast office has moved to new, larger premises in Chester-le-Street, with room for future expansion. After a few days of unpacking and building furniture, our Regional Manager for the Northeast and Scotland and Business Development Manager, Craig Huddart is all set. The opening of the new office is just the latest phase of our expansion and Craig is really excited and proud to be the person spearheading it. The Northeast and Scotland are thriving places, with stunning scenery and coastlines, renowned for outstanding heritage assets and amazing archaeology. We're building on an existing foundation of clients and projects and Craig is looking forward to welcoming new clients and schemes to our portfolio. Our new NE address is Office 17, Birtley Business Centre, 85 Station Lane, Birtley, Chester-le-Street, County Durham, DH3 1QT.

TAG conference, 16-18 December in London

HS2 Ltd are organising a session 'The treatment of the dead in current archaeological practice' – we are particularly interested in discussing the political, ethical and social impacts of human remains research, including for health, belief, and for local, regional and national identity. We are looking for a broad range of papers about the sites on HS2 and further afield, emphasising the role of knowledge about the past in the present, as well as the most current debate about aspects of archaeological evidence itself.

The theme of the Conference is 'Power, Knowledge and the Past' and Plenary session, 'What is the past good for in the world of 2020?'

Abstracts (250 words) for a 15 minute paper should be directed to andrea.bradley2@hs2.org.uk before 16 August 2019.

More information can be [found here](#).

Oxford's Continuing Education

Part-time award courses in Archaeology in 2019 include:



- [Undergraduate Certificate in Archaeology](#)
- [Undergraduate Diploma in British Archaeology](#)
- [Advanced Diploma in British Archaeology](#)
- [MSc in Applied Landscape Archaeology](#)
- [DPhil in Archaeology](#)

Don't forget members and Registered Post Holders can login to the [Cifa website](#) to check and update your details/organisation details, preferences, gain access to useful tools and much more!

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