

CifA Voluntary & Community SIG

Meeting 21 January 2022 – online

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

Apologies: Penny Foreman, Mike Nevell, Hannah Potter and Sheena Payne-Lunn

Agenda:

1. Introductions

- Welcome to Jessica Lowther, our new committee member.

2. Standards & Guidance

- Submitted – not heard back yet about funding, as will probably take a while.

3. CifA 2022 conference session

- SIG’s session (*Valuing the Community*) is part of a 6 hour stream being organised by CifA called ‘*Meeting sustainable development goals by putting public benefit and social value at the centre of our work*’.
- CifA holding meeting soon with Stream Collaborators to discuss papers – Thurs 27th Jan, 4-5pm.
- Don’t know whether any papers have been submitted to CifA for our session. However, have had a query about paper suggestions for the Archiving Group session.
- Suggested plan for SIG’s 1 hour slot: present result of LPA public benefit survey, couple of speakers to talk about their work/ experience of points highlight in the survey, discussion (possibly with panel of speakers), then wrap up by highlighting the community competency matrix.
- **Action:** James to find out if any papers have been submitted so far.

4. Communications Role

- **Action:** Jessica, Dan and Nina to discuss this separately.

5. Planning for year ahead

- Focus of SIG, tea breaks and training sessions to be discussed in separate meeting, as no time today.
- **Action:** Nina to circulate Doodle Poll to arrange meeting for end of Feb/ early March to plan year.

6. AOB

- ClfA and/ or Archaeology Training Forum are running a Skills Summit, but missing community and digital skills. Dan has raised this with the Skills Summit and is waiting to hear back. Would be useful to share the competency matrix with the ATF after it has been promoted at the ClfA conference.
- LPA public benefit survey has been a useful insight but doesn't cover views and current practices in commercial units. FAME may be interested in supporting a survey of commercial units/ managers?

7. Next meeting

- Mid-February for conference planning
- End of Feb or beginning of March for general committee meeting to plan year