

**CIfA Scottish Group**  
 Wednesday 29 October 2025  
 Remote meeting via Microsoft Teams

**Present:**

1.	Apologies	Action
	Helena Gray, Cara Jones, Paul Harrison	
2.	Elizabeth Durst- CIfA Conference 2026	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conference theme – Building Connections</li> <li>Call for anyone interested to get involved in the Events Steering Group- <a href="mailto:elizabeth.durst@archaeologists.net">elizabeth.durst@archaeologists.net</a>.</li> <li>Socials (Including Monday Afternoon)</li> <li>Doug Rocks-MacQueen has proposed one the night before conference</li> <li>SG to host coffee break during the day of conference sometime- introduction and networking</li> <li>Further social ideas to be sent via email</li> <li>Excursions (including Monday Afternoon)</li> <li>Castle Tour</li> <li>Granton Stores Tour- behind the scenes of the NMS</li> <li>SG to host Session potentially. Ideas included:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Focus on Methods and Practice in Scotland and how this works nationally and internationally</li> <li>*Historic maps- Chris Fleet</li> <li>*Trove-Issues and Problems - Susan Hamilton</li> <li>*NCAP</li> <li>*DES, OASIS and Archiving</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>To come up with ideas for socials – any ideas of locations etc</p> <p>Diggers/Athletic Arms- do we want to ask to organise a social there on Monday late afternoon, for early arrivals/finishing work in Edinburgh?</p> <p>Plan networking coffee event</p> <p>To workshop and put forward any other ideas</p> <p>Holyrood Park CPD and excursion event- based on recent work</p> <p>MR- to put together a description of a session- CH, LB and KM to help facilitate and organise speakers. The call for session proposals for the conference is now open; the deadline is 5pm on Monday 10 November 2025</p> <p>Any other ideas for session speakers to be put forward at earlier opportunity</p>

		Possibly work with CJ and ED to help people develop papers- longer term.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Student and/Uni member</b>	
	Following clarification of name change with ClfA's new group and networks guidance.	LB to email CB to advertise for a Student/Early Careers Member
<b>4.</b>	<b>ClfA's new group and networks guidance</b>	
	<p>Name change discussed by MR, LB, CH and KM.</p> <p>The name change was proposed prior to the publication of ClfA's guidance and the name change doesn't now seem to fit the Groups work.</p> <p>The Group to continue as SG and promote our Networking ethos.</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Networking Event</b>	
	<p>No formal feedback yet received.</p> <p>Noted it was a positive day.</p> <p>Potential 2026 location discussed- Inverness Castle.</p>	<p>LB to ask CB if any feedback received</p> <p>Plan another event</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>AGM</b>	
	<p>To cover any new or changes to the Committee</p> <p>To discuss anything required by members</p> <p>To discuss potential for a One day online SG conference for 15 minute papers.</p>	<p>LB to draft AGM Agenda by 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</p> <p>MR to draft idea for One Day SG online conference</p>
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meetings</b>	
	<i>TBC</i>	