



## Members eBulletin, January 2024

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## Cifa NEWS ROUNDUP

### CSCS Card Changes



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Cifa has been notified (January 2024) that CSCS are making changes to the criteria governing the requirement to hold a valid CSCS card and that the AQP and PQP cards will not be issued to archaeologists from May 2024.

We are working with FAME (Federation of Archaeological Managers and Employers) to understand the implications of this change and we understand that the removal of archaeologists, alongside other non-construction occupations, from the CSCS scheme is being communicated to construction companies.

For further information, please see Cifa's [statement and Frequently Asked Questions](#). This is an evolving resource, and information will be updated as further news develops.

## EDI committee vacancy

CifA's EDI committee support the Board of Directors in delivering its strategy for equality, diversity and inclusion. The committee currently has a panel of six members. We have a blend of senior and early career members, representation of disabled people, of gender diverse people, people from the Global Majority, people with caring responsibilities, people from working class backgrounds.

We are looking for an accredited member of CifA (Practitioner, Associate or Member) who is passionate about making archaeology a more inclusive, accessible, and representative profession. You do not need to have previous committee experience to apply, and there are CPD opportunities available to committee members.

You can find out more information on [how to apply on](#) the website.

## Update your details!

**It is really important that the contact details we hold for you are correct.**

This helps with receiving bulletins with details about events, training and networking opportunities, getting involved in working groups and volunteering plus much more.

It also ensures your subscription renewal is sent to the right place to avoid this being delayed or cancelled without your knowledge if we have not heard from you.

Subscription renewals are sent out annually from the end of February from Laura using the [subscriptions@archaeologists.net](mailto:subscriptions@archaeologists.net) email.

Please update your details if, since 1 April 2023, you...

- have started a new job and changed your work email address
- have changed your personal email address
- have moved house

To do this please login to the website (your username is your first and last name), hover over to the 'Access CifA members' area' and click 'Update contact details' and select the 'Update individual contact details' button. Make any changes and click Submit.

You can also amend any of your mailing lists here and edit your mailing options.

Another way to help is by ensuring [admin@archaeologists.net](mailto:admin@archaeologists.net) is added to your safe senders list.

**Thank you**

**The subs team**

## Book reviews



You can find our full list of books available for review [here \(member log in required\)](#).

If you are interested in sending in a publication to be included in our reviews please send an email to [admin@archaeologists.net](mailto:admin@archaeologists.net)

If you need any further information please see our [book review guidance](#)

## **We need you to help with MCIfA professional review interviews as a panel member!**

**Are you an MCIfA member who is interested in ensuring that archaeologists have the knowledge, skills and professionalism to meet the needs of society, clients and stakeholders in the future?**

**If so, we need you!**

Even though we are always looking for accredited members at MCIfA to get involved as panel members for professional review interviews, we particularly need you to help new and upgrading applicants demonstrate their ethical competence in this way, as the number of applications is increasing with each interview window.



The panel member role is to assess individual applications against the requirements for CIfA accreditation for ethical competence in an interview discussion format and report to the Validation committee.

We offer online training sessions and resources to help undertake the interviews and try to pair new panel members with those who have already undertaken some.

The next two-week interview window is 11 to 22 March and the following is in September. You do not have to be available on all the dates and can select how many you would like to undertake.

Many of the existing pool of panel members say how they

'have found the interviews interesting and useful to assist [their] own development in ethical competence'

**Are you interested?**

**Please email Lianne [lianne.birney@archaeologists.net](mailto:lianne.birney@archaeologists.net) to find out more and when the training will take place.**

Find out more about [getting involved with CIfA here](#).

## **Events/training/elearning**

Keep up-to-date with all our events via our [events webpage](#)



### **Project Management SIG AGM and presentation**

**7 Feb 2024 | 16.30 - 17.30 | online**

Annual General Meeting for the CifA Project Management SIG, will be discussing what has been achieved this year and plans for the upcoming year, as well as welcoming new committee members.

[Register here](#)



### **Transforming archaeological reporting for the benefit of all**

**8 Feb 2024 | 13.00 – 15:00 | online**

This CPD workshop will introduce the new OASIS V form and its synthesis with The Scottish Archaeological Research Framework, Discovery and Excavation Scotland and Historic Environment Records.

[Register here](#)



### **PCIfA accreditation: a step-by-step guide**

**12 Feb 2024 | 17.00 - 17.30 | online**

Join our digital workshop to help understand the accreditation process for Practitioner (PCIfA) applications.

[Register here](#)



### **Active bystander training**

**27 Feb 2024 | 9.30 - 11.00 | online**

Diversity of thought and an inclusive culture is central to achieving CifA's vision that archaeology is seen as an attractive, rewarding, and worthwhile career. Through its Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion committee CifA is committed to delivering EDI training which is relevant to this.

[Register here](#)

## **Other events**



## **The sixth annual Post-medieval Archaeology Conference**

The sixth annual Post-Medieval Archaeology Congress will be hosted by Swansea University in Wales. On **Friday 5 – Sunday 7 April 2024**. The meeting will be supported by CHART and CRAM, both part of the History, Heritage, and Classics Department.

More information can be [found here](#)

### **Chartered Institute for Archaeologists**

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