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Innovation festival – call for sessions

Our next digital Innovation Festival will be held on 6–10 October 2025 and will provide the opportunity to showcase and celebrate the innovative practices and approaches being undertaken across the historic environment sector.

Our week-long virtual festival will comprise a mix of short sessions each day, and can include presentations, workshops, virtual experiences, individual case studies, opportunities for open discussion, or poster galleries.

We are focusing the festival to really embrace the driving themes of innovation, development and research in archaeological works. This includes, but is not limited to

- academic research
- technological advances
- innovative approaches
- public benefit
- developing practices
- innovation by design

If you are interested in running a session see www.archaeologists.net/events-training/events/innovation-festival for more information and complete our form (<https://forms.office.com/e/Q4qCGgJL9v>) with a short outline of what you'd like to include – we'd love to hear from you! **Deadline for proposals is Friday 15 August 2025.**

CifA2026 – save the date

We are pleased to announce our 2026 live conference will be held at the University of Edinburgh's Pollock Estate on 28–29 April 2026.

Our conference is the premier professional archaeological conference in the UK, attracting hundreds of participants across the heritage sector.



Online accreditation application workshops

We want to encourage every archaeologist to submit a successful application for professional accreditation. But how do you ensure you have included everything in your application, so it is more likely to be successful?

If you're currently working on an application or thinking about upgrading, join Lianne and Ellen at one of our online application workshops for a review of the accreditation process, covering the online application form to the statement of competence and everything in between. Lianne and Ellen will walk you through each step of the application, ensuring you understand what CifA's Validation committee is looking for and how to best demonstrate your skills and knowledge to them.

Dates for upcoming PCifA, ACifA and MCifA workshops are on our current and upcoming events page (www.archaeologists.net/events-training/events)

Neurodiversity network

Are you interested in joining CifA's informal neurodiversity network? The network is open to all neurodivergent archaeologists and aims to provide a space to share experiences, gather resources to raise awareness of neurodiversity in archaeology and explore ways the sector can better support colleagues. If you'd like to join the network, please email groups@archaeologists.net. You can also attend our next drop-in session on **Wednesday 24 September: 12:30 – 13:15**. Book via www.archaeologists.net/events-training/events