

New *Everyday ethics* e-learning module

E-learning is electronic learning – taking short online courses to improve your skills in your own time and at a pace that suits you. Like many of our fellow professional institutes, to support members' CPD, ClfA has its own e-learning portal, accessible through the members-only part of the website using your member login details. This portal provides links to available short modules covering a range of historic environment practice, from aspects of planning change to core professional competencies. More modules will be added here as we develop them, and our most recent addition covers *everyday ethics*.

As archaeologists, we all make daily ethical decisions, and these decisions will have consequences for you, the people you're working with, other archaeologists, clients, the public and potentially your and their families. They may affect how people trust you, your organisation, and archaeology.

The *Everyday ethics* module gives you an introduction to professional ethics and explains how the ClfA *Code of conduct*, standards and guidance help us to avoid acting unethically. It gives some tips on how to develop your ethical knowledge and sets out a series of everyday ethical scenarios you might encounter, asking you to consider how you might react. You can go through the case studies on your own, but we suggest it might also be beneficial to discuss them with your colleagues as listening to and discussing a range of perspectives may help you reach a conclusion.

Here's an example of one of the case studies in the module:

Site visitor: *Found any gold?*

Unusually, yesterday you did. How do you respond? What might the consequences be for the site, the client, your integrity and self-esteem? How do you weigh them up?

Alongside this module, the *Code of conduct* and Standard and guidance, ClfA has other ethical resources available to members, including the archaeological ethics database, *An introduction to professional ethics* practice paper, ethical case studies, and *The Archaeologist* 106. All these can be accessed on our website at www.archaeologists.net/membership/ethics. From this summer onwards we will be running another series of ethics CPD workshops, which can be booked via our events page. We would also be happy to run bespoke sessions for Registered Organisations; if you would be interested in discussing these please contact alex.llewellyn@archaeologists.net.

The other e-learning resources available to members are

- Professionalism in historic environment practice, an introduction
- Making sense of the planning system: an introduction for ClfA members
- Planning your career: understanding Personal Development Plans and Continuing Professional Development

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An introduction to professional ethics and developing your ethical knowledge

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