

## CBA Festival of Archaeology – Volunteer Advisory Group member

### Role description

The CBA [Festival of Archaeology](#) is the UK's largest celebration of archaeology. The Festival is co-ordinated by the [Council for British Archaeology \(CBA\)](#) and made possible by the collaboration of event organisers, large and small. These range from community archaeology groups and individuals to museum services and national organisations.

Alongside the events delivered by third parties, the CBA promotes involvement in archaeology through in-person events such as our launch and closing events, flagship days including “A Day in Archaeology” and “Youth Day” and allows individuals to get involved from wherever they are, all year round, through our wide range of downloadable resources.

The Festival helps people to participate in archaeology, explore stories of place, and connect with the environment around them and in 2025 we expect there to be around 700 Festival events reaching a quarter of a million people.

As a Festival of Archaeology Advisory Group member you will provide a sounding board on a range of strategic issues relating to the Festival such as the theme, providing feedback on support received by organisers from the CBA, development and updating of organiser materials, training, and the evaluation process. The advisory group could help address issues such as regional variations and improving event organisers skills sets as well as signposting key individuals, groups or venues that the Festival team can engage with.

The CBA is an educational charity that helps people to experience and participate in archaeology. We provide opportunities for people to take part through our network of local groups, our annual Festival of Archaeology and through the Young Archaeologist's Club for children aged 8-16. We speak up to safeguard the future of archaeology and the historic environment and bring together everyone involved in archaeology.

Our mission is to inspire individuals to explore their heritage and engage with the historic environment, fostering new connections among people and the places where they live, work, learn, and grow. We champion a people-centred approach to archaeology, promoting shared heritage and innovative practices that highlight the social impact of archaeology.

We are a membership organisation and have around 6,500 members and subscribers who also receive our magazine, *British Archaeology*.

We work alongside volunteers in a number of different ways – both at our offices in York and through our projects, such as the UK-wide network of Young Archaeologists' Clubs, our Festival of Archaeology event moderators and our Listed Buildings Casework volunteers.

<b>Title</b>	<b>Festival of Archaeology – Advisory Group member</b>
<b>Main tasks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend Advisory Group Meetings online</li> <li>• Responding to enquiries from Festival Coordinator</li> <li>• Contributing to online discussions with the Advisory Group</li> <li>• Feeding back on Festival materials and providing regional insight into opportunities in your geographical area</li> </ul>
<b>Hours/frequency</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Four, one hour meetings a year online in January, April, early July and October</li> <li>• An introductory meeting in September 2025</li> <li>• Correspondence time which is likely to be a maximum of one hour a week</li> </ul>
<b>Where</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteering will be carried out remotely</li> <li>• There will also be the opportunity to attend a Festival event in your local area with travel bursaries available from CBA</li> </ul>
<b>Skills and interests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friendly and enthusiastic</li> <li>• Effective communicator</li> <li>• Enjoy being part of a team</li> <li>• Have or had a role in archaeology and/or heritage (paid or voluntary)</li> <li>• A good knowledge of IT</li> <li>• Willingness to learn new skills</li> </ul>
<b>Training given</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The work of the Council for British Archaeology</li> <li>• How to use the online forum</li> <li>• Using the groups area of the Festival website</li> </ul>
<b>Outcomes &amp; benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gain an insight into how a charity works</li> <li>• Build communications skills</li> <li>• Help to increase access to the Council for British Archaeology and Festival of Archaeology</li> <li>• Meet new people across our networks</li> <li>• Free one-year <a href="#">digital membership</a> of the CBA</li> <li>• Opportunities to attend Festival events</li> </ul>

To apply for this role please complete an application form and return it to Debbie Frearson, Festival Coordinator at the Council for British Archaeology at [debbiefrearson@archaeologyuk.org](mailto:debbiefrearson@archaeologyuk.org).

Deadline is 5pm on Friday 31st August

We may invite you in for a short informal interview online. This will take place sometime in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> September.