Call for Contributions: Amplifying the Voices of Student and Early Career Archaeologists

Are you an archaeology student or early career archaeologist?[1]

If so, this event organised by the CIfA Early Career Special Interest Group and the Council for British Archaeology (CBA) is the perfect opportunity for you to gain experience presenting at a conference.

To be held on Wednesday 24th of July, as part of the 2024 Festival of Archaeology run by the CBA, this informal and inclusive conference is open to individuals with any level of presenting experience.

The aim is to make as many people as possible feel comfortable contributing, and with this in mind, we will be accommodating a range of presentation methods. These will include:
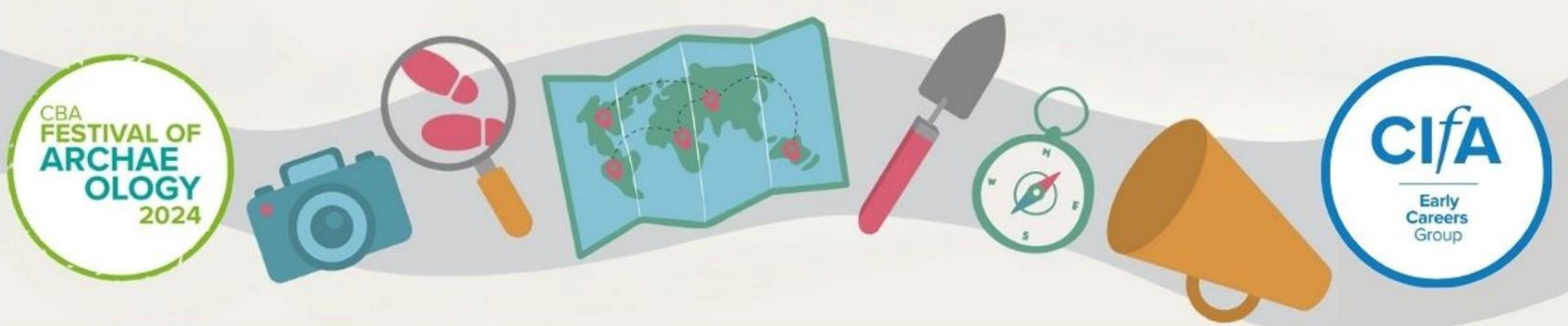
- Short talks
- Pre-recorded presentations
- Posters

What will I get out of contributing?

As there is no theme, participants will be able to present on any archaeological subject of their choice, creating a unique opportunity for individuals to showcase their specific interests, research or involvement in the sector.

Developing skills and confidence in this area could positively impact your future career. The flexible and relaxed nature of this conference makes it an ideal platform for any student or early career archaeologist to gain presenting experience.

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[1] The conference is open to anyone who is studying archaeology or an associated subject such as osteoarchaeology, anthropology, or cultural heritage management; those undertaking an apprenticeship/training scheme, or in early career employment in archaeology (contributors should be less than 36 months into their archaeology career).

How will the conference run?

Presentations will be grouped together in hour-long sessions, with questions to contributors at the end of each sitting. We are also looking for any students or early career archaeologists who may be interested in chairing these sessions.

There will also be a panel discussion and networking opportunities for participants.

What support will I get?

Ahead of the conference, a mentoring session with tips and advice on presenting and writing abstracts will be offered. A more experienced archaeologist will be on hand on the day to support each session if help is needed.

When will it happen?

Date: Wednesday 24th July 2024.

The event will run from the afternoon to evening, to make it easier for a range of people to contribute.

Time: Start 3.00 pm – Close c.8.00 pm

How do I take part?

If you are interested in participating, please submit a short abstract to earlycareerssig@gmail.com, **by Monday 9.00 am June 3rd**

We have created a handy guide to writing a conference abstract should you need it: **Abstract Guide**

In addition to your abstract please let us know:

- If you have presented before,
- the method by which you would like to present
- state if you would be interested in chairing a session

We have also created a short intro to Chairing a Session, should you wish to find out more: **Chairing a Session Guide.**