



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

### Are you an archaeology student or early career archaeologist?\*

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 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> of July, as part of the 2026 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 (10-15 minutes)
- Pre-recorded presentations (10-15 minutes)
- 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.

The presentations are recorded (with permissions) and made available via the CBA YouTube Channel and on our socials. This provides a platform for your work and an opportunity to share it with large and varied audience.

## 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.

## What support will I get?

Ahead of the conference, a mentoring session with tips and advice on presenting and writing abstracts will be offered. Support will be on hand on the day to help with each session if needed. We also offer 121 mentoring for those Chairing sessions.

## When will it happen?

**Date:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

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

**Time:** Start 3.00 pm – Close c.7.30 pm

## How do I take part?

If you are interested in participating, please submit a short abstract to [conferences@archaeologyuk.org](mailto:conferences@archaeologyuk.org), by **Monday 9.00 am June 8th 2026**.

We have created a handy guide setting out how to write 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](#).

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*\* Individuals within 7 years full time equivalent (FTE) from completion of their first archaeology-related degree or apprenticeship, or for those without formal education in archaeology, within 7 years FTE from the start of their first professional archaeological position.*