



ALGAO Training Day

Culture Change: The Culture White Paper and the Future of Local Government Archaeology

**Birmingham Midland Institute
Margaret Street, Birmingham, B3 3BS
<http://bmi.org.uk/location.html>**

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2016 saw the publication of the first white paper for culture (including heritage) in more than 50 years and yet it came at time when government funding is becoming ever more constrained and political pressure for reform of the planning system ever more insistent. The Training Day will explore what this could mean for local government archaeology services. How can we respond positively to these challenges, strengthen our engagement with place-making, modernise our systems and improve the outcomes of our interventions?

Chair: Quinton Carroll, ALGAO England

10:30 Arrival & Coffee

Keynote speaker:

11:00 – 11:20 Future of Local Government Archaeology (Chris Smith, National Planning Director, Historic England)

11:20 – 11:30 Q&A

Changing Places

The white paper recognises that culture is integral to the identity of local areas up and down the country and has the potential to transform a place. The Government wants to see more partnerships being formed between the national and local levels to put culture at the heart of place-making. This session will explore initiatives which seek to highlight the value of heritage to place-making, and provide an opportunity to consider how archaeology might engage with them.

11.30 – 11.45 Heritage Action Zones (Historic England speaker TBC)

11.45 – 12.00 Great Places (Heritage Lottery Fund speaker TBC)

12.00 – 12:15 Nottingham Heritage Strategy (Alice Ullathorne, Heritage Strategy Officer, Nottingham City Council)

12:15 – 12:30 Kent Heritage Strategies (Simon Mason, Kent County Council)

12:30 – 12:45 Q&A

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch (provided TBC)

Changing Processes

Britain faces a housing crisis and massive requirements for new infrastructure. To address these needs the Government perceives extensive reform of the English planning system to be necessary, although accompanied by reassurances that existing environmental safeguards will be maintained. How can local government archaeologists help improve delivery of sustainable development? Alongside changes to planning, the culture white paper recognises that technology is expanding the ways in which we make and experience culture; the digital dimension is becoming a 'place' in itself. The Government has asked Historic England to work with local authorities to enhance and rationalise national and local heritage records over the next ten years, so that communities and developers have easy access to historic environment records. How might that happen? We will explore how we might better link our work in planning to our sector's wider cultural offer.

13:45 – 14:05 Planning Reform: the legislative challenge (Tim Howard, ClfA)

14:05 – 14:15 Q&A

14:15 – 14:45 Heritage Information Access Strategy (Sarah Poppy, HIAS Programme Manager Historic England)

14:30 – 14:45 OASIS: A Role for Planning Archaeologists (Jo Gilham, ADS)

14:45 – 15:00 New Initiatives in Greater London (Sandy Kidd, Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service, Historic England)

Discussion

15: 30 Close

ALGAO members can book two places free of charge with additional places at a cost of £15 per person

Non-members will be charged £30 per person

To book your place please email Alex at england@algao.org.uk