**Online CPD resources for archaeologists**

This document has been collated by Diggers' Forum to provide archaeologists who are either self-isolating or in quarantine as a result of the Covid-19 outbreak. However these resources are available for all and can be used to develop your knowledge and improve your employment prospects no matter where you are in your career. If you have any additional resources that you see are missing from this document, please contact the DF committee through our Facebook page and let us know. We'll update the document as and when we can.

**Please note these resources have not necessarily been approved or verified by CIfA or by DF. The document only lists suggestions. It is not exhaustive and any omission is accidental.**

**CIfA**

CIfA have three e-learning modules that will automatically be placed on your e-learning profile once completed. They are available to all:

- Professionalism in historic environment practice, an introduction - this module will test your understanding of what it means to be in professional practice in any job related to the historic environment. It is relevant to you if you sell professional skills to others; are building your career; wonder why we have a professional institute; care about doing the right thing. Duration: 15-20 minutes (free for CIfA members; £5 for non-members)
- Making sense of the planning system: An introduction for CIfA members - this module relates professional standards to the planning system, examining where archaeologists fit in in the current and evolving system. It is relevant to you if you work in development-led archaeology, need an introduction or a refresher on the planning system, or would like some more detailed background to how the system works and why it exists. Duration: 20-25 minutes (free for CIfA members; £5 for non-members)
- Planning your career: understanding Personal Development Plans and Continuing Professional Development - having an outline plan for your career development is important for any professional archaeologist. This e-guidance module will help you understand how to set out your Personal Development Plan and identify relevant Continuing Professional Development to support this. Duration: 10-15 minutes (free for CIfA members; £5 for non-members)

**Historic England Technical Guidance**

- Recording Heritage- Historic Building Recording etc
  https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/recording-heritage/
- Archaeological science- Enviro sampling etc https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/archaeological-science/
- Info management https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/information-management/
- Project management https://historicengland.org.uk/advice/technical-advice/project-management-for-heritage/

- General resources for researchers- reference collections etc
  https://historicengland.org.uk/research/support-and-collaboration/resources-for-researchers/

## Historic Environment Scotland Technical Guidance

HES publications on all sorts of things- very useful for getting a better understanding of Scottish archaeology and practice. https://www.historicenvironment.scot/archives-and-research/publications/ Section on Technical, Advice & Guidance in particular.

## CADW Guidance

Professional practice guidance for work completed in Wales https://cadw.gov.wales/advice-support/placemaking/legislation-and-guidance/policy-advice-and-guidance. Good stuff on Setting, HERs and building recording.

## BAJR guides

Lots of practical free online guides covering all aspects of archaeology- from finds to H&S and professional practices.

http://www.bajr.org/BAJRread/BAJRGuides.asp

## Future Learn

There are 5 courses currently available free on Future learn
https://www.futurelearn.com/subjects/history-courses/archaeology

- Archaeology: from Dig to Lab and Beyond- Get an introduction to studying archaeology, exploring exciting discoveries in the Vale of Pewsey, near to Stonehenge and Avebury.
- Forensic Archaeology and Anthropology
- Archaeology and the Battle of Dunbar 1650: From the Scottish Battlefield to the New World- Discover how science, history and archaeology unlocked the stories of the soldiers from the Battle of Dunbar 1650.
- Hadrian's Wall: Life on the Roman Frontier- Explore the archaeology of the most heavily fortified frontier in the Roman Empire, its people and their lives.
- Rome: A Virtual Tour of the Ancient City- Explore the architecture and history of Rome, walking around a 3D digital model of the ancient city, with this free online course.

## Archaeology Skills

Information about the Skills Passport and some online resources
http://www.archaeologyskills.co.uk/

**MOLAS Manual**

It's the bible. Read it, learn it, quote chapter and verse to your supervisor.

https://achill-fieldschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/molasmanual942.pdf

**OASIS**

How to fill out an OASIS form- https://oasis.ac.uk/pages/wiki/HELP

**Research agendas- National and regional**

Always worth having a read through national and regional archaeological research agendas- you might find a gap in knowledge that you can develop a project to fill

England- https://historicengland.org.uk/research/support-and-collaboration/research-frameworks-typologies/research-frameworks/

Scotland- https://www.scottishheritagehub.com/- contains links to Argyll Regional and soon to others (in development)

Wales- https://www.archaeoleg.org.uk/intro.html - splits down into 4 regions as well

**OpenLearn – OU**

3 courses on OU

https://www.open.edu/openlearn/science-maths-technology/across-the-sciences/archaeology-the-science-investigation

The OpenLearn courses available through LearningSpace are available online or through content feed and may be printed or downloaded.

- Archaeology: The Science of Investigation includes audio podcasts of archaeologists from the British Museum explaining their processes of discovering, investigating and interpreting. Users may also read transcripts with PDF viewers, such as Adobe Reader.
- Introduction to Material Culture examines what can be found out from objects that can't be learned just from reading. Students learn what material culture is and how to study objects.
- World Archaeology presents the methodologies and challenges inherent in archaeology, through audio podcasts and PDF transcripts. This unit examines what can be learned from the remains of various cities and empires.

**Sidestone online open access**

https://www.sidestone.com/books/flint-in-focus

https://www.sidestone.com/books/sacrificial-landscapes

https://www.sidestone.com/books/background-to-beakers

https://www.sidestone.com/.../megalithic-research-in-the-neth...

https://www.sidestone.com/books/from-primitives-to-primates


**Archaeology Podcast Network**

A collection of archaeology related podcasts looking at periods, technology and developments in theory/practice across archaeology.

https://www.archaeologypodcastnetwork.com/


**UnionLearn**

Online trades union courses on topics like employment law. Generally for those wanting to become reps but useful for all. You may need to redirect through your own union website.

https://www.unionlearn.org.uk/online-learning


**Cambridge University Press**

Over 700 textbooks etc on all sorts of subjects available until May as a free download

https://www.cambridge.org/core/what-we-publish/textbooks?fbclid=IwAR0sd0M6_-8zvXQs7LaxsX4RQJuxyQMIMze-w4XtznL3j-KBfURUAt71OxM


**QGIS tutorial**

QGIS- https://www.gislounge.com/learn-gis-for-free/?fbclid=IwAR1V5GhC6iBii20jYQSp0cq3AuoZ88s4Zkp4_Ssf0L6uL4ayKJWcFegWXcM


**Youtube tutorials**


ArcGIS- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s-DERzmbIgM&list=PLwkKEPEeGzk5EVWvkHEo2GSPUz-_Q9oEd (many out there, this is just an example one)

MS Word-

- example is formatting https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fvrtt0h84Mg

MS Excel-

- Beginners https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwbho0CgEAE
- intermediate https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxq_46nY43g

MS Access-

- Basic database design and use https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1IA4SeajZRw

MS Teams- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CH2seLS5Wb0

Autocad-

- Basic- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHrfxjgFQt8
- 3D modelling- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wY3rezjj9es

**HSE**

H&S in the construction industry online guidance- get your knowledge up to date

https://www.hse.gov.uk/construction/?fbclid=IwAR1lB2VRQliMTGurQSRyiZcviYKLVhs1AF1JcLLK1q7v9rqLDBBpU-bAdVU

**Blogs and online presentations**

A lot of good blogs are out there containing resources for online training. Here are a few we've found.

Huge amount of resources (slight North America focus) available at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aGq85WU70SVjx22OJXqwA2mwzq2fMS5sVghlzvTlb5I/edit?fbclid=IwAR3GygN2vykKsTQjcWbDMhlAbEh1iRtXFYf3Bct4faO2liddke-9zSiY6YI#gid=0

http://urban-archaeology.blogspot.com/ a blog about deep strat excavation, post-medieval archaeology and a load of other stuff. Lots of training factsheets created for it which are very relevant

https://prezi.com/qtamncl4gxvq/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy&rc=ex0share
Underwater archaeology course into aviation archaeology

**Museum of London Collections Care**

Some useful stuff for looking after historic objects https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/supporting-london-museums/specialist-support/collections/e-learning-tools?fbclid=IwAR2tJwB4epHZ0sXwExO9E0yE5R9PnFKY2Wc4M1EmJG2x0vi-GTj_Xp-UZ18

**Reed Careers- general free H&S courses**

Not archaeology related but might be of use

https://www.reed.co.uk/courses/free/health-and-safety?fbclid=IwAR0a7qTLs0GmH4wFqXqbhTIsRV4hgENDTocH76Ed6S-MdaGfq-XMQU9rQmA

**MIND- Mental Health courses**

Certificated course in mental health awareness

**University of Oxford Department of Continuing Education**

Online courses- these cost money but you do get a certificate upon completion.

https://www.conted.ox.ac.uk/about/online-courses-in-archaeology