

Adopting Archaeology

Sustaining Heritage Stewardship Communities by Digital Co-design

In light of continuing cuts to archaeological and heritage provision in local council budgets, the Council for British Archaeology and the Department of Archaeology at the University of York have developed the Adopting Archaeology project. The project divides its focus between the sustainability and impact of community-led heritage stewardship projects. The sustainability strand has three overarching questions:

- How sustainable are community groups that engage in taking care of their local heritage?
- What are key factors for sustainability in heritage stewardship communities?
- How can NGOs, like the CBA, best support local stewardship communities in an increasingly challenging financial climate?

Why Should I Complete this Survey?

- Contribute your views to work on understanding how “expertise” is perceived in the heritage sector
- Assist in correcting misperceptions of who can and who cannot take care of heritage
- Help us understand how paid professionals and unpaid volunteers can work together most beneficially
- Have your (anonymised) views discussed at a conference and knowledge exchange event in York on the 12th of August 2016.
- For a chance to be awarded a free place and travel bursary to the event in York on the 12th of August 2016. (See <http://new.archaeologyuk.org/negotiating-expertise> for more information)

What is the Survey about?

You will be asked a number of questions relating to how you understand “expertise” and whether or not you think you are a heritage expert. Your responses will help guide the event on the 12th of August 2016, where professionals, academics and volunteers will be discussing perceptions of expertise and how paid professionals and unpaid volunteers can most beneficially work together, without devaluing professionals or exploiting volunteers.

You may pull out for any reason at any time. Any data traceable to yourself will be deleted and destroyed.

How long will it take?

Completing the survey will take approximately 10-20 minutes; it will depend on how detailed your responses are. If you have had limited involvement in taking care of heritage, it may be considerably quicker.

Will I be anonymous?

Yes, your survey responses will be anonymous. Any identifying information will be removed. Your name will not be mentioned to others or published in any professional or academic reports.

How will my responses be used?

The answers you provide will be discussed and shared at a conference and knowledge exchange event at the University of York. A report about the event will be written, which may include some of your responses. Your contributions will also be included in a PhD dissertation, and may be referenced in workshops, conference presentations, journal articles and other forms of professional and academic research literature. Upon completion of this research project, your contributions will be combined with all produced research data, before being stored and shared in accordance with University of York policies on data sharing. Please do get in touch if you have any questions about the future use of your data.

Who is conducting this research?

(Leif) Harald Fredheim is a PhD candidate at the University of York, jointly supervised by John Schofield and Gill Chitty from the Department of Archaeology and Mike Heyworth, director of the Council for British Archaeology. Harald's background is in archaeology, but more recently in objects conservation and archaeological site management, having completed MA and MSc degrees at University College London.

Has this research been subject to ethical review?

This research project has been approved by the Arts and Humanities Ethics Committee at the University of York, chaired by Dr Kate Giles. Please do contact the committee with any ethical concerns regarding this project hrc-ethics@york.ac.uk

More information?

For more information about being a survey respondent in this research project, please do contact Harald at lhf506@york.ac.uk, or adoptingarchaeology@gmail.com with any questions about the broader Adopting Archaeology project.

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