The role of local societies in archaeology in the 21st century

2–3 March 2013

A forum for local archaeological, architectural, historical and antiquarian societies and community groups, and interested individuals, coordinated by the Council for British Archaeology and held at St William’s College, York, YO1 7JF.

Saturday 2 March

12:15 Welcome and coffee

13:00 Introduction and conference aims

13:15 Society case studies

13:45 Questions

14:00 Panel discussion and questions: Local societies: their relevance today

14:40 Coffee

15:00 Keynote speaker: Professor Rosemary Cramp, DBE

The value of societies: past, present and future

16:00 Breakout groups and feedback: A SWOT analysis for local societies

17:00 Close and optional one-hour tour

19:00 Networking buffet dinner, Bedern Hall

Sunday 3 March

9:30 CBA Director: The outlook for UK archaeology

9:45 Panel discussion and questions: Local advocacy for national impact

10:30 Breakout groups and feedback: Value of partnerships in challenging times
11:00 Coffee

11:20 Breakout groups and feedback:
   - Broadening membership
   - Publications and the digital age

12:00 Council for British Archaeology Winter General Meeting

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Keynote speaker: Carenza Lewis MA, ScD, FSA
   HEFA and beyond: community engagement, young people and local societies

14:30 Keynote speaker: Julian Richards. FSA, MIFA: Under your School: hands-on history for the whole community

14:45 Breakout groups and feedback:
   - Working with young people
   - Research and fieldwork

15:15 Case study and discussion: communications

15:40 Analysis: Forum outcomes and ways forward

15:50 Closing address: CBA President

16:00 Close