Annual Awards for Excellence 2024

Categories:

1. **Exhibition, Display or Interpretation Project** (developed in house, i.e. not bought-in or touring).

2. **Collections based project** (collections development, such as rationalisation, storage, documentation, conservation programme; or collections research undertaken by an organisation or individual related to museum archaeological collections).

3. **Engagement and/or Collaboration Project** (engagement at a museum venue or led by a museum on behalf of a city/region or community. Or a partnership project between a museum and other organisation(s) of benefit to the wider archaeological sector and /or museums and their audiences).

4. **Volunteering Award** (a celebration of all aspects of volunteers in museum archaeology, so this category is very broad. We would welcome nominations for an individual volunteer, groups of volunteers, projects involving volunteers, a volunteer-run museum, etc).

Please note that entries can be for physical or digital projects.

Entry Conditions:

- Entry is free of charge.
- CLOSING DATE for entry is midnight on **29TH SEPTEMBER 2024.**
- All nominated projects must have a clear museum archaeological collections focus.
- Entries can only be nominated by individual or institutional members of the Society for Museum Archaeology.
- All projects which are the subject of an entry must have been completed in the calendar year to 31st July 2024 and be within the UK.
- Information must be supplied in electronic format using the headings listed below.
- The written entry paper must consist of no more than two sides of A4 written at a minimum font size of 11 pt. plus one side of A4 with up to four images. Entries must respond to the criteria of the category for which the entry is made.
- Each entry may be accompanied by up to 3 supporting pdf documents (e.g. brochures, posters or additional images) that illustrate the project and/or its outcomes that comprise in total of no more than 3 sides of A4.

- All entries will be assessed by a panel made up of 5 members of the SMA Committee – no correspondence will be entered into with applicants and the panel's decisions will be final.
- Winners will be notified by **Friday 11th October 2024** but not publicly announced until the SMA Annual Conference in Cardiff on **8th November 2024**.
- Winners will be asked to write a short article for the SMA newsletter about their project.

Application headings

1. Contact Details (Name, Job Title, Email Address, Contact Telephone Number)

2. Category Entered

3. Organisation(s)/ Museum(s)

4. Title of project/exhibition/event being entered

5. Brief summary of team involved

6. Description of the project/exhibition/event being entered

7. Overall objectives of the project

8. Implementation (including budget where applicable)

9. Impacts and outcomes – e.g. for the organisation, museum archaeology, collections, audiences,

staff or volunteers.

10. Why this project should win.

Completed entries should be emailed to the SMA Vice Chair:

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