

World Archaeological Congress sponsors groundbreaking exhibition

What do Francis Bacon, ranging rods and white plinths have in common? They will all play a part in *Abhar agus Meon / Materials and Mentalities*, a contemporary art exhibition being hosted by the 6th World Archaeological Congress at University College Dublin next summer.

Curated by Ian Russell, Keogh Fellow at the University of Notre Dame, *Abhar agus Meon* will take the form of a programme of visual arts exhibits, temporary and permanent installations, performances, demonstrations and workshops throughout UCD's campus as well as web-based exhibitions and field trips to rural arts projects.

This exhibition will celebrate this long-

standing relationship between art and archaeology and bring the possibilities of collaborative work between artists and archaeologists to greater awareness internationally. The exhibition staff is accepting submissions from both artists and archaeologists who feel their work is in keeping with the spirit and brief of the exhibition. Further information, submission guidelines and forms can be found at: <http://www.amexhibition.com>. You may also email the curatorial staff at: info@amexhibition.com. More information on WAC 6 is available at: <http://www.ucd.ie/wac-6>.

ABHAR agus Meon
Materials and Mentalities

Smalltalk

27 NOVEMBER

Lecture on the Berkeley Castle Estates Yate & District Heritage Centre, South Gloucestershire

Tim Davies gives a talk on the history of the Berkeley Castle Estates from medieval times to the present day. Booking essential. For further information, please call 01454 862200 or email us at yate.heritage@southglos.gov.uk.

22 NOVEMBER

Workshop: Discovering the Hidden History of your House
Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

Discover who lived in your house and how they used it. Was it always a family house or does it have a more interesting past? Uncover its secrets with Pat Harding using the internet and archival sources. £25 per person. Brochure and booking form available. Please telephone 01993 814115 or ask at the Museum.

12 DECEMBER

Archaeology Finds Afternoons
Weston Park Museum, Sheffield

Bring your archaeological finds for identification and recording by our experienced museum staff and your Local Finds Liaison Officer. Then, find out more about the Portable Antiquities Scheme. For more information, please call 0114 278 2740 or email for general enquiries, info@sheffieldgalleries.org.uk.

20 DECEMBER

Christmas Family Fun!
Gods House Tower Museum of Archaeology, Southampton

FREE Drop-in event for all the family. Why not start the Christmas holidays with some festive fun? Find out what Christmas was like in the past, look at some artefacts and make a Christmas card to take home. Come anytime between 10.30-12.30pm, or 1.30-3.30pm. All children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult throughout the session. No booking required. For further details please call 023 8063 5904 or email museums@southampton.gov.uk.

News from the Council for Scottish Archaeology



The Council for Scottish Archaeology is delighted to announce that its yearly journal *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* is now available as an online resource. *Discovery and Excavation in Scotland* has long been at the centre of CSA's role in promoting and preserving Scotland's archaeological heritage. The annual production of DES is always eagerly awaited by CSA's membership, providing a complete and up-to-date account of all fieldwork undertaken in Scotland throughout the year, and it is a valued research tool for anyone with a keen interest in the recent archaeological discoveries in Scotland.



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