

Welsh Research Framework

As you are aware the Research Framework Steering Group met on 24th September for the first time in a while. The meeting was very positive and everyone was keen to move forward to ensure that the research framework process is an ongoing one.

Alongside this on the 22nd September the Heritage Minister announced his Strategic directions for the Historic Environment and his Action Plan. One of the action points is a review of the Research Framework to be completed by December 2010 agreed with IfA Wales/Cymru previously. This gives us a timetable in which to achieve the next step.

During the Research Framework Steering Group meeting we drew up a programme of tasks and a timeline for how the review would be tackled.

We are proposing that each period/theme will be reviewed by the group responsible for it and report back via the chair for that group by the end of April 2010. Papers will then be collated and presented via the Research Framework website for discussion.

In order to concentrate minds and provide a focus for the outcome we will hold a two day conference in September/October next year where we will present the review information, and allow debate and discussion, to produce a final revision by the end of the year.

What we would like you to do as Chair of your period/theme is:

- a) Confirm that you are willing to carry on in this role. If you do not wish to do so, could you let us know as soon as possible and, if possible, suggest someone who might be able to take on the role.
- b) With the co-operation of your group, document the following:
 - a. Relevant recent research in the last five years.
 - b. Identify how it ties in with the research framework
 - c. Relevant recent literature to add to the bibliography for your period/theme.
 - d. Suggest any amendments to the research questions for your period.
 - e. Document where the research framework has been used - for example as a means of justifying research/funding

The deadline for this work is the end of April 2010. If you can send your responses to me by email, jennyhall@lineone.net, I will collate them.