WHAT IS ARCHAEOLOGY?

The study *(through research and recording)* of the human past through its material remains.
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

Creates a:

healthier nation
  through activity and providing a sense of place
wealthier nation
  contributing to our economy
smarter nation
  understanding who we are and where we come from to
  advance ourselves in today’s society
The vision

We want a Scotland where archaeology is for... **everyone!**

A place where the study of the past offers opportunities to...

(i) discover, care for, promote and enjoy our rich and diverse heritage

(ii) contribute to our wellbeing and knowledge

(iii) help to tell Scotland’s stories in their global context.
THE STRATEGY

AIM ONE
DELIVERING ARCHAEOLOGY

AIM TWO
ENHANCING UNDERSTANDING

AIM THREE
CARING AND PROTECTING

AIM FOUR - ENCOURAGING GREATER ENGAGEMENT

AIM FIVE
INNOVATION AND SKILLS

By the community...for the community!
AIM 1

Delivering Archaeology...

*through collaboration and raising standards*

1. Promote international collaboration
2. Review national approach
3. Improve commissioning and procurement
4. Promote best practice
5. Review compliance
6. Complete legacy projects
7. Remove Duplication of effort
AIM 2

Enhancing Understanding...
through research and open access

1. Stronger research ethos
2. Improve research frameworks
3. Encourage ‘big picture’ stories
4. Promote open access
5. Make information available
AIM 3

Caring and Protecting...

through management, expert advice, sharing knowledge and accessing collections

1. Measure expert advice in Scotland
2. Keep abreast of new knowledge
3. Review the protection of archaeology in the current system
4. Improve our approach to chance discoveries and emergencies
5. Review collection provisions
6. Improve collections and archive practices
Encouraging Greater Engagement
through engagement, education and presentation

1. **Promote public engagement** through workshops, producing best practice, strategic opportunities, measuring project success and encouraging re-use in other sectors

2. **Promote archaeology in education** by creating links between archaeologists and teachers and producing education resources

3. **Promote best practice in interpretation and presentation** by producing guidance, case studies and workshops
1. Skills audit
2. Define learning opportunities
3. Foster a demand for skills from clients and employers
4. Promote and support accredited training, apprenticeships and field schools
5. Promote archaeology as a career
6. Promote science development through themed workshops and new research ideas
To get the most benefit out of an archaeological project it should **meet best practice**
MORE INFORMATION

• Archaeology Review 2012
• Values and benefits of heritage: A research review 2016
• Archaeology Strategy
• Draft Delivery Plan

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