



Strategic Objectives - Value; Collaborative Opportunities; Accessibility

Working Group 7 - Advocacy and Sectoral Communications - Delivery Plan (recommendation numbering should be read against the published strategy document [i.e. R4.1]: [Archaeology 2030 - A Strategic Approach for Northern Ireland.pdf](#)), and the individual actions coming from the Way Forward Working Groups [i.e. .c], which will be made available to each Working Group.

Action	How can this be achieved?	Suggested Key tasks	Working Group/ Collaborators	Potential Outputs (to be developed by working groups)
R4.3.a to R4.3.c R4.3.e R4.1.a and .b	i. Improved communication within the NI heritage sector ii. create a sustainable sectoral structure to progress the Arch 2030 strategy for NI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop communications and media channels for progressing the Archaeology 2030 strategy for NI which allows for effective communications within and beyond the sector - Arch2030 website and other communication vehicles Create a sectoral newsletter and develop networking opportunities within the NI heritage sector Develop innovative and easily accessible online resources, for a range of audiences established as a quarterly forum, or semi-regular/ quarterly thematic training sessions, where we link up with other working groups to ensure work areas being taken forward by other Arch2030 working groups is being disseminated/ training is being rolled out etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sectoral Communication Sub-Group NIEL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved networking Active and focused working groups! Improved web offering via Archaeology 2030 and Heritage Delivers site(s)
R4.4	iii. Improved communication with key bodies, district councils, developers and the community and voluntary sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Articulate Executive Obligations in relation to heritage – Project for Government Improve communication and collaboration with umbrella organisations through industry events and shared learning opportunities Continue to ensure that news and updated heritage policy and guidance are easily available and accessible/ provided to local councils, organisations and bodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Sub-Group HED, local authorities Council engagement could include Tourism officers, heritage officers, community planning officers etc. Historic Environment Stakeholder - key collaborator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved networks Create resources and presentations Collaborative events to share learning

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engagement with DAERA and local councils for instance on matters including Agri and management of graveyards 		
R4.4	iv. Improved engagement and understanding with local authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with district councils, including elected members and other bodies: through council workshops etc. Review learning opportunities with other authorities/ Historic England and HELM approach? Suggested topics based on the Way Forward working groups include archaeology and development management, archaeological significance and decision making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Sub-Group HED, local authorities Historic Environment Stakeholder - key collaborator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop training – similar to Historic Environment Local Environment (HELM) skills and training?
R3.11	v. Continue to provide input to Local Development Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HED not policy writers in this process but continue to provide strong detailed comment and advice/ challenge where plans are considered unsound Continue to demonstrate the value of heritage sites and archaeological remains to the local economy, tourism and regeneration through engagement Continue to push for <u>best practice standards/ professional standards</u> - outreach and engagement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Sub-Group HED Council engagement could include - Tourism officers, Heritage officers, Community planning officers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop DC engagement tool Develop training – similar to Historic Environment Local Environment (HELM) skills and training?
R3.10.a, R3.10.b R3.12.a	vi. Ensure that heritage is integrated within policy to ensure the ongoing maintenance and survival of heritage assets for future generations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integrate heritage within policy including land-use policy and when actively exploring climate change impacts and mitigation measures at regional levels. Undertake Condition and management survey of the archaeological resource - include coastal heritage. Position on Climate Change in sister agencies should be reviewed - HE currently developing their Heritage at Risk Framework and Climate Change Strategy etc. DAERA/ UK fishing policy for marine and costal sites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Sub-Group DAERA/ agricultural sector Councils Key links to LDPs Historic Environment Stakeholder - key collaborator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAMSAR vol 2 or equivalent DfC/ HED Position on Climate Change and Sustainability

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore potential for implanting Heritage Protection Agreements between owners, local authorities, HED. Existing farmland cross-compliance through DAERA could be improved with Outreach/ education. 		
R3.10.c R3.12.b	vii. Encouraging active care and management of heritage assets by landowners and communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key stakeholders and audiences, and potential funding for management. Explore the impacts of threats to heritage assets on social, economic and environmental prosperity in NI. Encourage community care and management of the historic environment. This could include existing schemes like Adopt a Monument [FODC considering adopt a monument pilot project with graveyards. HED should be actively involved]. Link with Landscape Partnerships with HED offering advice and assistance where SMC or licencing was a requirement of proposals Potential for development officers to work up community projects, possibly using SC or scheduled monuments? Link in with Outdoor recreation NI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocacy Sub-Group HED led initially but could pass ownership to an engaged working group with HED advice/ assistance Historic Environment Stakeholder - key collaborator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop networks and deliver a range of projects