



# SPRING EVENTS 2021

## Online Conference:

### New Directions in Research

Afternoons of Friday 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May we will be hosting an online conference detailing new directions in research in Neolithic studies in the UK and Ireland.

We would like to invite papers to be given at The Neolithic Studies Group Online Conference 2021. The online conference will be split over two half-day sessions over the afternoons of May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. We would welcome contributions detailing new research or approaches, research from the professional/developer-led research sector, and contributions from Early Career Researchers based in academia. Papers could include the presentation of new datasets, interpretations of existing data, broad syntheses, and include artefact studies, excavation results, archives work, or other approaches.

Academic-style papers should be presented in 20-minutes with five mins after each paper for questions. There will be space for discussion at the end of each day. Proposals and Abstracts: in English, 300 words. Deadline for proposals: **April 26<sup>th</sup>**. Announcement of accepted proposals and timetable: **April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Proposals and Abstracts should be sent to: Seren Griffiths [seren.griffiths@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:seren.griffiths@mmu.ac.uk)

### Registration

Afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> May

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neolithic-studies-group-online-spring-meeting-14th-may-tickets-150163995553>

Afternoon 15<sup>th</sup> May

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neolithic-studies-group-online-spring-meeting-15th-may-tickets-150164904271>

## Question and Answer Session:

### Focus on Passage Tomb Monuments

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 6-7pm we will be hosting a Question and Answer session and panel discussion between: Dr Kerri Cleary, Prof Chris Scarre, Prof Muiris O Sullivan, and Dr Elizabeth Shee Twohig.

We would like to invite questions to be submitted to the panel discussion 'Focus on Passage Tomb Monuments'. Questions could focus the specific research histories associated with individual sites, classes of material culture associated with these sites, rock art or architectural treatments, or much broader interpretive issues.

The Q&A will be structured around the pre-submitted questions, but the debate will develop with the panel responses. Deadline for submission of questions: **April 26<sup>th</sup>**.

**Registration**

Q&A: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/neolithic-studies-group-online-spring-meeting-qa-tickets-150043362737>



## The Neolithic Studies Group

The Neolithic Studies Group is a loose-knit collection of archaeologists, mainly from Britain and the Atlantic seaboard countries of the European Union, with an interest in the Neolithic period. It was formed in the Spring of 1984, the first meeting being held in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, UK.

Since then, the Group has met at least twice a year: Spring and Autumn. The Autumn day-long meetings are held in London and address a topical theme. Spring meetings are held outside London over a weekend in May to examine at first hand the Neolithic remains of a specific area and consider recent research relevant to the region. To date spring field meetings have included: West and Southeast Ireland, Southwest and Northeast Scotland, North Wales, North Yorkshire, Northumberland, Wessex, and the Channel Islands.

However, the spring meeting of 2020 was cancelled due to the pandemic and it has been decided for 2021 to hold a weekend online conference instead and to broaden access out to a wider group interested in the Neolithic.



*Perforated stone axe-hammer; polished with vertical groove on each face, running over perforation and protruding butt. 2800BC-2400BC, from Kolding, Denmark © The Trustees of the British Museum*