



## **A Fourth Shared Learning Project at the London Archaeological & Archive Research Centre, Museum of London**

LAARC is based at Mortimer Wheeler House in Hackney, where it holds the archaeological archives (the finds and records from excavations) for over 5000 sites and projects undertaken in Greater London over the last 100 years. Nowadays the records and finds from nearly all archaeological work in London come here.

The LAARC is not only the primary source of evidence for early London but also a resource of international significance. Because of the richness of the material and the historic importance of London, it continues to make an essential contribution to studies of the Roman Empire, of prehistoric and medieval Europe and of early modern colonialism.

U3A members have been invited by the Museum of London for a fourth time to work at its Archaeological Archive and Research Centre with the staff on a Shared Learning Project as part of the Volunteer Inclusion Programme which aims to make the Archive more accessible to the public and researchers. The project involves the repacking of artefacts, reorganising boxes and cataloguing the material with the aim of improving its storage conditions, documentation and accessibility. Participants will work together but probably doing different tasks at different points and will receive training from archive and museum curators.

One of the aims of the project will be to record by video/still camera various aspects of LAARC and the finds as the team are repacking, with the intention of developing a media presentation at the end of the project. The team will use the newly available facilities of the E-Learning Studio at the Museum of London where tuition and guidance will be given to the team on manipulating their images. This is a new and exciting opportunity for those interested in the archaeology of London and its presentation. Whilst an interest in archaeology and media technology would be an asset, prior knowledge and experience are not essential. However, your willingness to work in a team, enthusiasm and commitment to the project are paramount!

The project will start on Wednesday, 22 September 2010 with an introductory session from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. and then continue weekly until the project presentation on 8 December 2010. There will be no meeting on 27 October 2010. This is a total of eleven meetings.

If you think you might be interested, please contact Liliias Gillies Project Coordinator: email: [liliias.gillies@btinternet.com](mailto:liliias.gillies@btinternet.com) for an application form.

Closing date for application forms to be returned to Liliias: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010.