



# Excavating the Roman Fortress at Caerleon: university research & public engagement in practice

Wednesday 10th December 2008  
12 - 2 p.m. Humanities Building, LT 0.31

Staff and students from Cardiff University spent 6 weeks excavating a building inside the legionary fortress of Isca at Caerleon earlier this year - the first research excavation in Caerleon for almost 80 years. While the team recovered some remarkable evidence for the town's Roman and medieval past, an important aim of the excavation was to involve the public in the excavation and thereby engage people in one of the university's largest archaeological research projects. This Ideas Café will present some the results of the excavation and also show how different departments came together to bring Cardiff University's research to a wider audience.



## Outline timetable:

- 12 noon Welcome and introduction from Geoffrey Samuel, CHRI Director
- 12 – 1 p.m. Presentations from Peter Guest, Gemma Turner, Scott Williams
- 1 p.m. Questions, discussion, lessons for wider public engagement activities
- 1.30 p.m. Further networking opportunities

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The Ideas Cafés are open networking opportunities, where anyone interested can come along and join in the conversation. Each Café has a particular theme or topic, intended to stimulate interest in particular issues or emerging research interests. Hot and cold drinks are provided, but feel free to bring your own lunch. Please RSVP for catering numbers to: [BlackwellRM@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:BlackwellRM@cardiff.ac.uk)