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Subj.: Letter of support

Dear Dr Gransard-Desmond,

it is with pleasure that I write you in support of the work of ArkéoTopia.

It is through my research into archaeology in contemporary society, and particularly into the social, economic and educational situation of students of archaeology that I became aware of ArkéoTopia's work. I found it particularly encouraging and impressive that an organisation like ArkéoTopia looks beyond the relatively narrow confines of professional archaeology in France, and engages with and provides opportunities for a much broader range of the public, as well as archaeology students, to engage constructively and productively with the archaeological process. I was also particularly impressed with the energy and enthusiasm with which ArkéoTopia supports and participates in very important European projects, like Studying Archaeology in Europe, which aim at examining and better understanding the situation of the next generation of archaeological professionals while they still go through higher education; and its activities to support archaeology graduates in finding employment in the archaeological sector. Equally, its practical activities in the areas of amateur and voluntary archaeology are impressive, and provide a welcome vehicle and voice for the public that archaeologists should be working for to participate in various archaeological activities and popular archaeological science. I thus wholeheartedly support the efforts of ArkéoTopia and wish it the success it fully deserves.

Yours sincerely,



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