“Scotland’s earliest people, their landscape and houses”– Travel Bursaries

# Background

On the **17th May 2017**, there will be a day conference in honour of Alan Saville, past Society of Antiquaries of Scotland President and expert in Scotland’s early peoples.

The day will comprise of a set of brief talks but, more importantly, lots of discussion related to the Palaeolithic and Mesolithic occupation of Scotland, focused on the possible dwellings and ‘houses’ that have been excavated over the past few years. Since the 1999 conference and 2004 publication of *Mesolithic Scotland and its Neighbours*, with which Alan was very involved, we now have more evidence for those neighbours, the wider early prehistoric landscape, and indeed about the occupation of Scotland itself.

Alan was known to be concerned about the means by which such sites might be recognised during fieldwork and in the processes used in their excavation. The aim of the conference would be to disseminate information on and experiences of such sites since 1999; and it would be a fitting tribute to Alan if the result was greater understanding of these structures and their landscapes, feeding into their better detection, research and management in the future.

We anticipate that the audience to this open event will include anyone interested in or involved with researching the Palaeolithic and/or Mesolithic, or managing the remains the period.

The conference is being organised by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, ScARF and Wessex Archaeology (Scotland).

# Bursary Information

Attendance at the conference is free and there are also a number of travel bursaries available. These are intended to contribute to the cost of travel for students and early career researchers.

# Criteria

The competitive travel bursaries are open to any currently enrolled undergraduate or postgraduate students or researchers from commercial units or other organisations who would otherwise find the cost of travel to the conference prohibitive. There are no geographical restrictions to eligibility and we welcome applications from those who reside and/or study outside of Scotland. Successful applicants will, however, be expected to fulfil the following qualifying criteria:

1. Submission of a short report by the end of June 2017 which outlines how you have benefitted from attendance at the conference.
2. Understand that your work may be used to contribute part of a future newsletter or blog.

**Deadline for submission of application 1st May 2017**

**Applicants advised of outcome 6th May 2017**

Travel Bursary Application Form

Complete and return the application to: [emma@socantscot.org](mailto:emma@socantscot.org) by the **1st May 2017.**

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| First Name |  |
| Last Name |  |
| Home address |  |
| Student status (e.g. Undergrad/PhD) |  |
| Name of institution/organisation |  |
| Address of institution/ organisation |  |
| Please indicate briefly how you anticipate attendance at the ‘Scotland’s earliest people’ conference will enhance your research and/or professional development  (300 word limit) |  |
| Please indicate the full cost of your travel to the conference. |  |