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# POINTS OF YOU IN MEMORIAM - THERESA O'MAHONY

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Spring, 2016. It was Thursday, April 21 and I was presenting something called 'Fuck archaeology' at a session about public archaeology at the CIfA Annual Conference in Leicester. I saw Theresa for the first time, speaking on enabled archaeology. We said few words to each other, as I was trying to catch Peter Duxton from the Royal Navy—some friends were thinking about implementing something like Operation Nightingale in Spain.

Fall, 2017. I was on a research placement at UCL. When the call came out for the CIfA Annual Conference, Guillermo and I decided to do a seminar on health and archaeology, as we had both been working on physical and mental health back then. It went public and I got an email. It was Theresa. She was going to be around and wanted to meet. We met, on December 6. I still have it on my calendar. We were chatting for almost two hours. A great conversation.

Spring, 2018. Bath is a quite nice town. It was Friday, April 27, and we did have a very interesting workshop where Theresa was incredibly active and constructive. After the workshop, Guillermo, Theresa and I spent most of the afternoon chatting. She was really passionate about her life project, now legacy.

Fall, 2018. I am not in London anymore, but TAG is one of the conferences I try to attend every year. We were in Chester. This time we did not share a session, but I had a small table in the hall with information and books, and she came by. I do not remember exactly which day. We chatted again for a bit and talked about a paper for this journal. We crossed paths a couple of times more. I didn't know this was the last time I was going to see her.

Sunday, September 22, 2019. She passed away. I remember thinking something was wrong a couple of weeks before, during the 4th PATC, where she was a keynote but with Lorna tweeting for her. I was in Turkey and did not give it a second thought. I got the news from Twitter, two days later. It was quite shocking because I was not really expecting it. I felt sad.

Later this year, I stood in front of a memorial in her honour at TAG in London. I wanted to write something, but I did not even know how to start. Then I left and never came back downstairs, but I decided to devote this small obituary to her.

I spoke with Theresa a total of four times in my entire life. My inbox has just five of her emails. I recall a Skype with her too. We crossed paths sometimes while I was in London, but noting beyond a 'hi', and the deeper encounters I narrated before. Still, her impact was huge. I guess she is one of these persons whose energy pushes you, for good.

My biggest fear now is that what she started with the Enabled Archaeology Foundation dies with her. I am too disconnected right now from the reality in the UK so I'm not sure what is happening, and just hope all the people that took part in her dream continue working on it.

I learned something very important from her: we are all enabled archaeologists in a way, but the limitations that we suffer are very different, and for some become a real burden to access archaeology.

She dreamed of a world where our limitations would not be a burden, and where we could all access a career in archaeology. She did, and many with her. Let us honour her building a more inclusive practice in all levels of the discipline.

I will just finish by quoting her last words on Facebook:

Everything around us can become bad, negative and abusive, but to this I say we may at times be beaten down, not able to move or speak for a while, but we are not defeated. Battles come and go some are won, some are lost. But we will win with your enablers' support, with our enabled family team around us, we may be down for a while but we will get up, others have come and are still coming. We will speak out and fight for our equality, equity and inclusion.

Theresa O'Mahony, September 21, 2019



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