

Queen's trio uncover Spain's ancient past

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Three archaeology students from Queen's University Belfast have just taken part in the dig of a 2,400-year-old settlement in Spain to unearth a Celtic Iron Age necropolis/burial ground.

Rachel Moffitt from Omagh, Mark McCorry from Dromara and Garth Stewart from Belfast joined archaeologists and other students at Pintia in Valladolid in central Spain for the month-long dig. Their tasks included excavating and mapping the site, extracting and cataloguing the artefacts for an exhibition. Besides their work on site and in the lab, there were seminars and workshops, as well as cultural trips put on by the organisers, ArchaeoSpain.

Who can take part

Anyone over 18 can participate in ArchaeoSpain's programmes. Previous fieldwork experience is not required, and you don't need to be a student of archaeology, history or anthropology.

You don't need to know Spanish either. As one of the organisers explains: "Language has never been a barrier for people to participate in ArchaeoSpain programmes, though our programmes offer plenty of opportunities for those willing to practise a second language."

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