



ALL-IRELAND
HERITAGE SKILLS
PROGRAMME
2022-23

**PROGRAMME
INFORMATION**

ALL-IRELAND HERITAGE SKILLS PROGRAMME 2022 - 2023

THE ALL-IRELAND HERITAGE SKILLS PROGRAMME SUPPORTS THOSE WORKING IN THE CONSTRUCTION SECTOR TO PUSH THEIR SKILLS TO THE NEXT LEVEL AND CONTINUE ON THEIR JOURNEY TO BECOMING THE NEXT GENERATION OF MASTER CRAFTSPEOPLE.

INTRODUCTION

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme partners believe that it is crucial to preserve the wisdom and knowledge that embody many of the traditional building skills which have shaped our historical built environment. As many workers in the sector now reach retirement age it is vital that these skills are passed on to the next generation of craftspeople. It is imperative that we can continue to restore and conserve our history, but also that we demonstrate the significant role that traditional craft skills can play in creating new spaces and places. The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme provides an opportunity to keep many of these traditional skills alive, and ensure they continue to play a role in conserving our past, and importantly defining the role that they can continue to play in the 21st Century.

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme brings together 6 students on a full-time 12-month course, providing an opportunity to gain practical experience in heritage building skills while undertaking a Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Heritage Skills (Construction).

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme brings together a diverse and skilled cohort of individual craftspeople who demonstrate a passion for their particular trade. Many of our candidates have followed pathways through college

programmes, or have acquired significant practical experience working within the sector. The Programme aims to galvanise this experience, providing participants the opportunity to work alongside like-minded individuals, expand their portfolio of skills, and build networks across Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

PROGRAMME AIMS

To upskill a cohort of craftspeople, providing specialist knowledge, interdisciplinary skills and on-the-job training.

To develop a showcase project that will build enthusiasm for heritage craft training in both the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

To create a network of practitioners, organisations and individuals, across borders, who can work towards the development of future programmes and initiatives within the heritage crafts sector.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme is a 12-month course starting in July 2022.



SUMMER SCHOOL

3 WEEKS

The course starts with an intensive three-week Summer School, delivered in Scotland. The Summer School is an opportunity to introduce participants to the broader teachings of The Prince's Foundation and will include activities such as drawing classes, geometry and structure exercises, as well as architectural tours. During the second week, participants will take part in a series of hands-on craft workshops with master craftspeople, gaining an appreciation for the many different skills and materials which make up our built environment.



INDUSTRY PLACEMENTS

PLACEMENT 1 = 17 weeks
PLACEMENT 2 = 10 weeks
PLACEMENT 3 = 10 weeks

37 WEEKS

The industry placements are an opportunity to work alongside heritage construction professionals to gain first-hand experience while completing projects on-site. The industry placements can be in either Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland and it is envisaged that participants will undertake one placement of 17 weeks in 2022 and another two placements in 2023 of 10 weeks each. The industry placements form a key part of the Level 3 NVQ Diploma in Heritage Skills (Construction).



WINTER SCHOOL

2 WEEKS

Following the completion of their first industry placement, participants attend a residential Winter School in County Kilkenny in the Republic of Ireland. Over the duration of 2 weeks, participants will engage with different aspects of the wider built environment, heritage and sustainability. It is envisaged that participants will examine a case study building and explore different aspects the conservation and repair processes of a heritage building through workshops and talks from industry professionals.



5 MATERIALS COURSES 1 BUSINESS COURSE

6x1 WEEK

The programme is interspersed with five week-long residential courses that focus on different materials that form part of our built heritage. Participants will trace the materials from source, production, craft and re-use. These courses will be spread over Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. The programme concludes with a week-long online Business Skills course designed to introduce participants to many of the core skills required when setting up and running a business in the heritage construction sector.

ALL-IRELAND HERITAGE SKILLS PROGRAMME DATES

2022-23

[Subject to change]

At the time of writing the All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme 2022-23 will run to the above time frame. As there continues to be uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic these dates are subject to change.

START	10TH JULY 2022
SUMMER SCHOOL	10TH JULY - 30TH JULY 2022 DUMFRIES HOUSE ESTATE, SCOTLAND
BREAK 1	1ST AUGUST - 5TH AUGUST 2022
PLACEMENT 1	8TH AUGUST - 23RD DECEMBER 2022
MATERIALS COURSE 1	12TH SEPTEMBER – 16TH SEPTEMBER 2022
MATERIALS COURSE 2	24TH OCTOBER – 28TH OCTOBER 2022
MATERIALS COURSE 3	28TH NOVEMBER – 2ND DECEMBER 2022
BREAK 2	26TH DECEMBER 2022 – 6TH JANUARY 2023
WINTER SCHOOL	9TH JANUARY – 20TH JANUARY 2023 KILKENNY, REPUBLIC OF IRELAND
PLACEMENT 2	23RD JANUARY – 7TH APRIL 2023
MATERIALS COURSE 4	27TH FEBRUARY – 3RD MARCH 2023
BREAK 3	10TH APRIL – 14TH APRIL
MATERIALS COURSE 5	17TH APRIL – 21ST APRIL
PLACEMENT 3	24TH APRIL – 7TH JULY 2023
BUSINESS SKILLS	12TH JUNE - 16TH JUNE
END DATE	7TH JULY 2023

FURTHER INFORMATION

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme is aimed at those with quantifiable experience in craft areas such as: **stonemasonry, carpentry and joinery, bricklaying, blacksmithing, plastering, thatching, roofing and tiling, painting and decorating.**

In addition to practical experience in a building craft discipline, applicants should have an interest in developing their craft with a focus towards heritage and traditional methods whilst striking a balance with 21st Century ways of working. The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme aims to highlight the holistic nature of our built environment and as such promotes multidisciplinary learning, providing exposure to elements of architecture, design and a range of craft skills.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate at least one of the following:

- **NVQ Level 2 or 3 / Level 4 or 5 Certificate in a building / construction subject
and / or**
- **Qualification in a building craft / construction subject from a recognised authority
and /or**
- **Significant working experience in your chosen craft / trade area**

Please note, you will be required to submit a portfolio in PDF format containing examples of work / projects you have undertaken in relation to your craft / trade area.

FUNDING & BURSARIES

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme is a fully funded course.

All participants of the All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme 2022-23 will be awarded a full scholarship covering the course fees, as well as being provided with a monthly bursary of £1,250 or €1,500.

Participants will be required to arrange and pay for their own travel, accommodation and living costs while on the course. The majority of materials needed for the course will be provided.

The All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme is a full-time 12-month course and participants will be registered with the HED's Heritage Skills Centre based at Moira, County Armagh for their NVQ assessment.

The course is generally delivered Monday - Friday, however, you may occasionally be required to attend additional hours during particular aspects of the course such as the Summer School, residential Materials Courses and the Winter School. Placement providers will advise participants of hours on-site. Breaks are scheduled throughout as per the course timetable. No holiday leave can be taken outside of this period.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Acceptance onto the All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme alone is not sufficient to obtain the appropriate residency / study visa. Please note that The Prince's Foundation, the Heritage Council or the Historic Environment Division cannot assist you in obtaining a visa.

In most cases you will be required to hold one of the following in order to be eligible for the All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme:

- UK passport holder
- Normally resident in the Republic of Ireland
- Normally resident in Northern Ireland
- Settled status / Indefinite leave to remain in the UK
- Pre-settled status

If you require a visa to work or study in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland, please contact the Programme Coordinator prior to submitting an application.



“ EVERY DAY OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL INTRODUCED ME TO ACTIVITIES, SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE THAT I HAD NEVER ENCOUNTERED BEFORE. ”

- PARTICIPANT 2021-22

PROGRAMME PARTNERS

THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION

The Prince's Foundation is a registered educational charity operating in the UK (Charity number SC038770) under the patronage of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. The Prince's Foundation supports people to create community. Whether through championing a sustainable approach to how we live our lives and build our homes, teaching traditional arts and skills and restoring historic sites, or by looking after places to visit for everyone to enjoy, The Prince's Foundation is leading the way forward.

THE HERITAGE COUNCIL

Established under The Heritage Act 1995, the Heritage Council is a public body based in the Republic of Ireland whose mission is to develop a wide understanding of the vital contribution that our heritage makes to our social, environmental and economic well-being. The Heritage Council has a particular responsibility to promote interest, education, knowledge and pride in national heritage. The Heritage Council also provides policy advice for government on heritage including issues impacting the built, natural and cultural heritage.

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT DIVISION

Department for Communities is the largest of Northern Ireland's nine government departments. Within the Department, Historic Environment Division records, protects, conserves, enhances and promotes the historic environment to secure its benefits for current and future generations. It passionately believes that the historic environment is of value to us all and that we should all be able to enjoy it and participate in sustaining it. It believes that protecting and investing in our historic environment is essential to creating a better future, because it supports our prosperity, strengthens our society, and shapes our character. These beliefs have shaped its aim: 'Helping communities to enjoy and realise the value of our historic environment'.



APPLY NOW

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS
MONDAY 23RD MAY 2022, 12 NOON

Applications for the All-Ireland Heritage Skills Programme 2022-23 are now open. To apply, download the application form at:

<https://princes-foundation.org/education/all-ireland-programme>

Send your completed application form and accompanying portfolio via email to Ben Mc Cabe at:

ben.mccabe@princes-foundation.org

Interviews will take place online, week commencing 6th June 2022.

Deadline for applications : Monday 23rd May 2022, 12 noon

