

TAKING ON A TRADITIONAL HOUSE: *The Repair and Reuse of Vacant Traditional Buildings*

Date: Friday 11th of July

Time: 9.15am to 5pm. Registration at 9.15am sharp

Venue: National Museum of Ireland, Turlough Park, Gortnafolla, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 HY31



EVENT INFORMATION:

Are you an architect, engineer, surveyor, planner or other related building or local authority professional who wants to understand best practice in the repair and reuse of our traditionally constructed buildings?

Or are you a building owner and/or builder who wishes to better understand how traditional solid walls work and how best to repair and reuse them?

If so, the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in their upcoming one-day course: **Taking on a Traditional House: *The Repair and Reuse of Vacant Traditional Buildings***.

The aim of the day is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of these buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of earth mortars and traditional lime mortars to professionals.

The one-day course will include the following:

- What is a traditional building?
- Available funding streams
- Best practice energy upgrades for traditional buildings
- Advice from a conservation professional and conservation contractor
- Visit to a traditional house
- Tour of works at a traditional building
- Demonstration of traditional skills

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable outdoor attire. Long sleeves recommended. **Participants need to provide their own hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection.**

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The event is free but places are limited and must be booked in advance. To book your place, please contact vernacular@housing.gov.ie

Certificates of attendance can be provided on request from vernacular@housing.gov.ie



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USE OF TRADITIONAL LIME MORTARS (PLASTERS & RENDERS) *with the Building Limes Forum Ireland (BLFI)*

Date: Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Location: Killoran House, Thurles, Co. Tipperary

Price: €140



Event Information

Use of traditional lime mortars for plasters and renders on solid masonry walls with the Building Limes Forum Ireland.

A 2-day course, led by experienced practitioners and specifiers. The workshop's main focus will be on preparing and applying traditional mortars, delivered through presentations, demonstrations and practical 'hands-on' learning.

The course is aimed at experienced plasterers and practitioners looking to upskill and apprentices looking to gain experience in using traditional lime mortars for the plastering & rendering of solid masonry walls.

What to Bring

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a subsidised rate of **€140**.

Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place and for further information see:

<https://buytickets.at/buildinglimesforumireland/1742685>

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.

The workshop is supported by the National Built Heritage Service

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One-Day Workshop on the Repair and Maintenance of Historic Sash Windows

Date: Tuesday 22 July

Time: 9.30am-5pm

Location: Killoran House, Thurles, Co Tipperary, R41 Y925

Price: €70

Event Information

This is a one-day onsite course designed to teach participants how they can maintain their own sash windows and see how traditional repairs are done.

The course is open to all levels, beginners, and professionals. Participant numbers are limited to ensure that everyone has the best opportunity to learn

The course will be delivered by Dr. Nessa Roche and joiner John Shorley at Killoran House in Co. Tipperary where work is currently ongoing, giving you a rare opportunity to learn about the theory and practice of window repair, while witnessing the work being carried out in real time by our conservation joiner who will also be on-hand to answer any questions you have.



The day includes;

- Learning how sash windows were made, and how they were designed to work
- The evolution of historic windows and their importance as an architectural element
- How to remove a sash window from its internal frame
- The demonstration will cover putty, glass and care for the frame
- How to remove and replace rotten damaged or decayed glazing bars and frame parts within the window
- Window weights and pulleys, how they work, and how to get them working correctly
- Catches, what goes wrong with them and how to get them working right
- How to prepare a window for repainting and what paint to use
- Sealing the joints between window frame and masonry

Biographies:

Dr Nessa Roche is a Senior Architectural Advisor with the National Built Heritage Service, Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. She is the author of the Department's Advice Series: A Guide to the Repair of Historic Windows (2007) and The Legacy of Light: A History of Irish Windows (1999).

John Shorley is a conservation carpenter and joiner with more than 20 years experience. He has been working on the repair of historic joinery (windows, roofing, shutters etc.) since 2009 and has been working for CALX Restoration since 2020.

Refreshments

Tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided.

What to Bring

Participants should prepare for wet and/or cold weather and should bring suitable attire.

Participants must bring their own PPE including eye protection (safety glasses), gloves, hi-vis vest and sturdy footwear. Open or soft top footwear such as runners and wellies are not suitable.

Ticket and Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at €70 but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. Contact coursescalx@gmail.com to book a place and arrange payment.

This traditional skills workshop is supported by the National Inventory of Architectural Heritage and is an action of the National Vernacular Strategy <https://www.buildingsofireland.ie/>



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Two-Day Workshop: Old House Masonry Repair & Lime Plastering Course

Date: Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August

Time: 9:30am-4pm

Location: Ards Friary, Creeslough, Donegal

Price: €140

Event Information

If you own a traditionally constructed old house, then this course is for you! Get hands on practical experience in:

- Choosing the right mortar for the right job.
- Wall preparation for lime plastering and rendering.
- Lime plastering.
- Understanding solid wall systems and how they function.
- The like for like approach when repairing old buildings.
- When and where to use lime based insulating plasters.
- How to naturally insulate solid walls.
- Whitewashing/ shelter-coats and how to add colours to them.
- How to seal around windows and doors with natural materials.

This two-day workshop will be delivered by Eóin Madigan of Madigan Traditional Masonry, a sixth-generation stonemason.

The workshop will raise awareness of traditional skills, promote the sensitive repair and reuse of our traditional vernacular buildings using appropriate materials and techniques, and encourage the sharing of knowledge between owners of traditional vernacular buildings with plenty of time to ask questions.

Refreshments

Tea/coffee and a light lunch will be provided.

What to Bring

Participants should prepare for all wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire. Participants must bring their own PPE including eye protection, gloves, hi-vis vest and safety boots.

Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at **€140**, but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18.

Contact madigantraditionalmasonry@gmail.com to book a place and arrange payment.

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INTRODUCTION TO DRY STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION WEEKEND: *Learn how to build sturdy and beautiful dry stone walls with hands-on training and expert guidance with the Drystone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI)*

Date: Saturday August 30th and Sunday 31st (Participants must be available to attend both days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Hollywood, Co. Wicklow
Price: €108.23



Event Information

Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction at the beautiful location of Hollywood, Co Wicklow.

Learn the ancient art of building sturdy walls without any mortar. Our experienced instructors will guide you through the process, teaching you the techniques and skills needed to create your own masterpiece.

Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this event is perfect for anyone interested in dry stone construction or just looking for a fun and educational day out in nature.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the past and leave your mark on the landscape!

Refreshments

Refreshments, lunch and snacks will be provided.

What to Bring

Hard toed work shoes/boots are essential. Wear work clothes or gear you don't mind getting dirty. Gloves will be provided. The workshop is outdoors so be prepared for the weather whatever the forecast may be. Bring a showerproof coat.

Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at **€108.23** for the weekend but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. For more information and to book a place click here:

<https://www.ticketspotapp.com/e/kjo9c>

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Two Day Workshop on the Repair of Traditional Mud Walled Houses: *The Use of Traditional Earth Mortars & Hot Lime*

Date: Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 August

Time: 9.40am to 5pm

Location: Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)

Price: €140

Event Information

Do you have a vernacular mud walled structure (sometimes referred to as cob) and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you an architect, engineer, surveyor or heritage professional who wants to understand best practice in the repair of our vernacular mud walled buildings, the use of earth based mortars and traditional hot limes? If so, the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in a one day, hands on work-shop at a mud walled house near Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick.

The workshop will be hosted by Dr. Barry O'Reilly of the NBHS in partnership with Tom Pollard, who specialises in repair to vernacular structures using lime and earthen based mortars and plasters and Noel O'Shaughnessy, stone mason.

The aim of the two days is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of mud walled buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of earth mortars and hot lime mortars to building owners. It will also address: how to source and use materials to keep their buildings in better shape; assessing damage and suitable repair; creating and applying suitable repair mortars and binders; aftercare of repairs leading to finishes of plasters and renders.

What to Bring

This will be a hands on module and participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire. Participants need to provide their own Hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection. Long sleeves recommended.

Attendees should bring any information, drawings, plans of their own project for advice and discussion.

A full site induction, health and safety meeting will be held at 9.45am prompt, prior to commencement at 10.00 am.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a reduced rate with subsidised tickets of €140. Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place contact [**heather@pollardconservationrestoration.ie**](mailto:heather@pollardconservationrestoration.ie)

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.



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One-Day Lime Mortars Workshop for Beginners

Date: 9.30am-5pm Saturday 6th of September

Location: Strokestown Park House, Cloonradoon, Strokestown, Co. Roscommon, F42 H282

Event Information

One-day lime mortar workshop using Natural Hydraulic Limes (NHLs), aimed at beginners who are owners of traditional buildings. Aims to provide knowledge of lime mortar repointing works as part of repairs or more extensive renovation projects to traditional masonry buildings. The course will give an understanding of traditional building technology, repair techniques and the materials to use when carrying out repointing. You will gain an introductory knowledge of lime, and some of the philosophies of its use. The course includes a full safety talk.

Candidates will get the opportunity to prepare the old walls, recognise cement mortars inappropriately applied, before learning about mixing and applying the lime mortar, including how joints and beds should be prepared to receive new lime pointing, use of pinning stones, and understanding about curing conditions for lime mortars to harden.

Course will be led by Dominic Keogh of Memento Mori Stonework <https://www.mementomoristone.ie/> Dominic is a multidisciplinary stonemason and conservation worker who specialises in traditional stonemasonry, letter cutting, monumental masonry, traditional lime mortars, craft training and the conservation and restoration of vernacular structures. Aine Doyle, Mayo based Conservation Consultant will also be in attendance.

Refreshments

Tea/coffee and lunch will be provided.

What to Bring

Participants should prepare for all weather events and dress accordingly. Participants must bring their own PPE including eye protection / safety glasses, gloves, hi-vis vest & safety boots. Participants should also bring a bricklaying trowel, pointing bars, brush and a bucket

Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at **€70** for the day but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. Concession tickets are priced at **€50** for apprentices and students over 18. Contact dominic@mementomoristone.ie to book a place and arrange payment.

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USE OF TRADITIONAL LIME MORTARS (PLASTERS & RENDERS) *with the Building Limes Forum Ireland (BLFI)*

Date: Friday 26 and Saturday 27 September (Participants must be available to attend both days)

Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm

Location: Westport House, Westport, Co. Mayo

Price: €140



Event Information

Use of traditional lime mortars for plasters and renders on solid masonry walls with the Building Limes Forum Ireland.

A 2-day course, led by experienced practitioners and specifiers. The workshop's main focus will be on preparing and applying traditional mortars, delivered through presentations, demonstrations and practical 'hands-on' learning.

The course is aimed at experienced plasterers, practitioners and DIYers looking to upskill and apprentices looking to gain experience in using traditional lime mortars for the plastering & rendering of solid masonry walls.

What to Bring

Participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire.

Ticket & Booking Information

These workshops are being offered at a subsidised rate of **€140**.

Concession tickets are priced at **€120** for apprentices and students over 18. To book your place and for further information see:

<https://buytickets.at/buildinglimesforumireland/1759111>

Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.

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Two Day Workshop on the Repair of Traditional Mud Walled Houses: *The Use of Traditional Earth Mortars & Hot Lime*

Date: Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 September

Time: 9.40am to 5pm

Location: Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick (exact location provided upon confirmation of place)

Price: €140

Event Information

Do you have a vernacular mud walled structure (sometimes referred to as cob) and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you an architect, engineer, surveyor or heritage professional who wants to understand best practice in the repair of our vernacular mud walled buildings, the use of earth based mortars and traditional hot limes? If so, the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in a one day, hands on work-shop at a mud walled house near Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick.

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The aim of the two days is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of mud walled buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of earth mortars and hot lime mortars to building owners. It will also address: how to source and use materials to keep their buildings in better shape; assessing damage and suitable repair; creating and applying suitable repair mortars and binders; aftercare of repairs leading to finishes of plasters and renders.

What to Bring

This will be a hands on module and participants should dress for wet and/or cold weather and bring suitable attire. Participants need to provide their own Hi vis vest, safety footwear, hard hat, gloves and eye protection. Long sleeves recommended.

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A full site induction, health and safety meeting will be held at 9.45am prompt, prior to commencement at 10.00 am.

Ticket & Booking Information

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Refreshments

A light lunch will be provided.



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The Repair and Reuse of Vacant Traditional Buildings

Date: Saturday 27 September & Sunday 28 September

Time: 11.30am to 4pm. Registration at 11.30am sharp

Venue: Comharchumann Chléire Teoranta/Cape Clear Co-op, Oileán Chléire/Cape Clear Island, Cork



EVENT INFORMATION:

Do you have a traditional (vernacular) structure and want to learn how to repair, upgrade and maintain it? Or are you considering buying a vacant traditional building to restore?

If so, the National Built Heritage Service (NBHS) invite you to take part in their upcoming one-day course: **Taking on a Traditional House: *The Repair and Reuse of your Vacant Traditional Building.***

The aim of the weekend is to raise awareness in traditional skills, to promote the sensitive reuse of vernacular buildings using appropriate materials, and to pass knowledge of traditional repairs.

The two-day course will include the following:

- What is a traditional building?
- Available funding streams
- Best practice energy upgrades for traditional buildings
- Advice from Cork County Council, National Built Heritage Staff, a Grade 1 Conservation Architect and an experienced Conservation Contractor.
- Case Studies showcasing the reuse of traditional buildings on islands.
- A Conservation Clinic with 5 consultations (45 minutes) available with a Grade 1 Conservation Architect
- A lime mortar workshop (5 places)
- A drystone wall workshop (5 places)

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

To get to the island for the seminar, you must take the 10.45am ferry from Baltimore. The last ferry back to Baltimore is 4.30pm. Anyone attending the workshops must stay on the island on Saturday night www.capeclearferries.com

Accommodation on Island:

Bed and Breakfast: <https://cluainmara.com/contact/>

Ard na Gaoithe (bed only) 0860771281

<https://www.capeclearferries.com/planning-your-trip/where-to-stay-on-cape-clear-island/>

<https://www.airbnb.ie>

The event is free but places are limited and **MUST be booked in advance. See following page for details.**

SEMINAR:

Saturday 27th of September

11.30am to 4pm

Booking: The event is free but places are limited and must be booked in advance. To book your place on the **seminar**, please contact vernacular@housing.gov.ie with the subject line **Oileán Chléire Seminar**.

LIME MORTAR WORKSHOP:

Sunday 28th of September

10am to 3.30pm *must stay over on island Saturday night to be available for start time. Last ferry back is 4.30pm.

What to bring: The workshop is outdoors so be prepared for the weather whatever the forecast may be. Bring a showerproof coat. Wear work clothes or gear you don't mind getting dirty. Participants need to provide their own hi vis vest, safety footwear, work gloves and eye protection (safety goggles). Long sleeves recommended.

Booking: Since there are only **5** places available, early booking is vital. To book your place on the **lime mortar workshop**, please contact vernacular@housing.gov.ie with the subject line **Oileán Chléire Lime**.

DRY STONE WALL WORKSHOP:

Sunday 28th of September

10am to 3.30pm *must stay over on island Saturday night to be available for start time. Last ferry back is 4.30pm.

What to bring: The workshop is outdoors so be prepared for the weather whatever the forecast may be. Bring a showerproof coat. Hard-toed work shoes/boots are essential. Wear work clothes or gear you don't mind getting dirty. Participants need to provide their own hi vis vest, safety footwear and work gloves.

Booking: Since there are only **5** places available, early booking is vital. To book your place on the **drystone wall workshop**, please contact vernacular@housing.gov.ie with the subject line **Oileán Chléire drystone wall**.

CONSERVATION CLINIC:

Sunday 28th of September

10am to 3.30pm * Last ferry back is 4.30pm.

Advice is for repairs and conservation led repairs only. extensions or new builds are not covered.

How applicants can make the most of their 45min appointment:

- You must arrive 10 minutes before your appointment.
- Be able to clearly describe your property type (cottage, two-storey house, etc.)
- Be prepared to give details about your concerns (damp, heating, retrofit, etc.)
- Bring photos of site, building interior and exterior, any outbuildings, etc.
- Bring along a floor plan if available and know roughly the dimensions of rooms - this is often provided in an auctioneer's floor plan links from myhome.ie or daft.ie can be useful.
- You should also be able to find your building quickly on google maps/street view in case this is needed.
- Consider any other issues such as land access, overlooking buildings, protected status of the structure, etc.
- You may find it useful to write out some notes for yourself to act as points of discussion.

Booking: Since there are only **5** places available, early booking is vital. To book your place for the **Conservation Clinic**, please contact vernacular@housing.gov.ie with the subject line **Oileán Chléire Clinic**



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INTRODUCTION TO DRY STONE WALL CONSTRUCTION WEEKEND: *Learn how to build sturdy and beautiful dry stone walls with hands-on training and expert guidance with the Drystone Wall Association of Ireland (DSWAI)*

Date: Saturday 4th October & Sunday 5th October (Participants must be available to attend both days)
Time: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Location: Clonmines, Bannow Bay, Wexford
Price: €108.23



Come join us for a hands-on workshop on dry stone wall construction at the beautiful location of Clonmines, Bannow Bay, County Wexford.

Learn the ancient art of building sturdy walls without any mortar.

Our experienced instructors will guide you through the process, teaching you the techniques and skills needed to create your own masterpiece. Whether you're a beginner or have some experience, this event is perfect for anyone with a vernacular property containing dry stone walls in need of repair or maintenance.

Or, anyone interested in dry stone construction or just looking for a fun and educational day out in nature. Don't miss this opportunity to connect with the past and leave your mark on the landscape!

Refreshments

Refreshments, lunch and snacks will be provided.

What to Bring

Hard toed work shoes/boots are essential. Wear work clothes or gear you don't mind getting dirty. Gloves will be provided. The workshop is outdoors so be prepared for the weather whatever the forecast may be. Bring a showerproof coat.

Ticket & Booking Information

Subsidised tickets are priced at **€108.23** for the weekend but places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. For more information and to book a place click here:

or <https://www.ticketspotapp.com/e/pqbfq> or **BOOKINGS -
Introduction to Dry Stone Construction - Wexford October 4th & 5th**

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