

'Our Tower' Heritage Bursaries Scheme

Beckford's Tower and Museum (Bath Preservation Trust) is nearing the end of a major programme of repair (made possible by The National Lottery Heritage Fund) to transform the museum, restore the Tower and reconnect the landscape. As part of the project, Bath Preservation Trust is launching a training bursary scheme to sustain and strengthen building Conservation skills in the local Bath contractors.

The aim is to increase, enhance and develop practical building conservation and heritage craft skills within the local area, particularly where these are seen as in decline. It is aimed at trade/artisans/apprentices looking to upskill, develop new skills or progress in their career, rather than at those already advanced in conservation building trades. These bursaries may be of particular interest to individuals who have some experience or training in practical skills such as plastering but, who are interested in developing these skills in a heritage context.

Timescale

The training must be undertaken between May - November 2024, with all costs and claims submitted before 30th November 2024.

Eligibility

Applicants need to live within the local region to Bath, and priority will be given to those within the local authority of Bath and North East Somerset (B&NES).

The fund will cover course fees, travel costs at 80%, and overnight subsistence costs capped at £60 per 24-hour period.

Applications are welcomed from individuals who are self-employed, or those employed who have the support of their employer to pursue the training opportunity the bursary offers.

Bath Preservation Trust to pay applicants 80% of the course fee (subject to seeing course registration confirmation) upfront and the final 20% upon confirmation of course completion, along with evidence for travel costs and overnight subsistence if required.

Applicants will be subject to the course requirements.

The Scheme will be administered by Bath Preservation Trust. Bath Preservation Trust will review the applications as we receive them.

Applications will be considered by the Beckford's Tower Project Team and the decision of Bath Preservation Trust is final.



How to apply

Applicants should identify the course they wish to attend, date, required travel costs and overnight subsistence costs. Our approved training courses are listed below. If you would like to apply for any other similar course not on this list, please get in touch with us to discuss it.

Maximum one course per applicant.

Completed application Forms to be sent to Marie Brewer - Tower@bptrust.org.uk

Deadline for Applications 30th April 2024.

Approved Training Courses

What	who	When	Cost
Introduction to Pargeting	SPAB	8/6/24	£195
Introduction to Ornamental Lime Plastering	SPAB	20-21/9/24	£399
Historic Flint Masonry Repair	SPAB	18-19/4/24	£350
Historic Brick Masonry Repair	SPAB	25-26/4/24	£350
Conservation of Historic Concrete	West Dean	8-11/7/24	£854
Conservation of Metalwork	West Dean	9-12/9/24	£854
Intro to lime & lime plastering	Ty Mawr	30-31/5/24	£320
Intro to lime & lime plastering	Ty Mawr	20-21/6/24	£320
Intro to lime & lime plastering	Ty Mawr	29-30/8/24	£320
Intro to lime & lime plastering	Ty Mawr	26-27/9/24	£320
Intro to lime & lime plastering	Ty Mawr	24-25/10/24	£320
Limecrete Floors	Ty Mawr	11/10/2024	£140
Various	Carrington Lime	TBC	TBC