

Derbyshire Makes History 2026 - Heritage Building and Conservation Craft Skills Bursary

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About the funding

Derbyshire Makes is an ambitious three-year programme which celebrates making in all its forms and shines a spotlight on the county's extraordinary creative and cultural industries, inspired by the county's significant making and manufacturing heritage, unique landscape and the artists, craftspeople, designers and manufacturers who call Derbyshire their home.

Derbyshire Makes History is set up to complement the wider three-year Derbyshire Makes programme, with an exclusive heritage focus, which is funded by The National Lottery Heritage Fund, to champion and support the heritage sector. A key focus of the programme will be raising awareness of our traditional heritage craft skills and offering opportunities to engage.

Derbyshire's built heritage is key to its identity, with a great wealth of historic buildings, including 5160 listed buildings. Working with older and historic buildings requires a specific set of skills and expertise, which are increasingly difficult to find.

Project Overview

The bursary scheme will help subsidise the cost of training in heritage craft skills, with a key focus on traditional building and conservation skills used in the repair and maintenance of historic buildings, such as lime plaster, craft plaster, stone masonry and heritage joinery.

The bursary scheme will target Derbyshire based, early and mid-career heritage building and conservation practitioners.

Funding of up to £2500 is available per applicant, with total funding available for up to 4 bursaries.

Up to 30% of the bursary may be used to pay for costs associated with the training, such as travel, accommodation, tools or materials.

To complete an application you will need:

Full details of the training you would like to take part in. This could be informal one to one training or as part of a formal course, or a combination of both. If you are struggling to find the training you want, please contact regeneration@derbyshire.gov.uk as we have details of training providers.

Costs for the training and breakdown of how you will use the funds.

You will be asked to share the contact details of a referee who can provide a reference in support of your application.

Eligibility

Time is precious and we don't want you to complete the application if you are not eligible for this training bursary. If you cannot answer "yes" to any of the initial questions below, it is unlikely that you will be successful in your application.

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Are you based in the County of Derbyshire including Derby City? *

Yes

No

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Will your proposed training be completed by May 2027? *

Yes

No

Don't know - I haven't been able to find a suitable trainer yet

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Will there be a practical, hands-on element to your training? We cannot fund purely theoretical, knowledge based training. *

Yes

No

About You

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First Name *

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Last Name *

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Email Address *

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Phone Number *

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Address *

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Postcode *

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Date of Birth *



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Your heritage building and conservation craft *

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Your business or organisation (if applicable - answer N/A if you aren't part of a business or organisation) *

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Website/social media (if applicable - answer N/A if you don't have a website or social media) *

Your Qualifications and Experience

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Describe your heritage building and construction craft experience (200 words max). *

If you have already trained, please include title of course or qualification, grade, organisation or business where training took place with dates. If you are new to craft training but feel that you have transferable skills and a passion for developing your skills, please tell us about it here.

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Other qualifications *

Please include title of course or qualification, grade, dates.

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Describe any other relevant experience either inside or outside the building and conservation heritage craft sector (250 words max): *

Salaried and/or voluntary - please include job title, dates, place of employment and a brief description of work undertaken.

About the proposed training:

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Who will provide the training? Select all those relevant: *

- An independent professional craftsperson
- A crafts business
- A retired craftsperson
- A college, university or adult education centre
- A specialist craft training provider
- A craft guild, society or organisation
- I have not yet been able to find a suitable provider

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How will the training be delivered? Select all those relevant: *

- One to one mentoring with an experienced practitioner
- On-site supervised practical training
- Full time training course
- Part time training course
- Evening class
- Short course or workshop

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Who is/are the key person/people giving the training? *

Please include name, organisation/ business, email and phone number. This may be the craftsperson, small business, tutor or course organiser (if multiple trainers, please include details for all.) DCC may contact them for more details.

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Where will your training take place? (Include address and postcode) *

If you are training in multiple locations, please include details for all of them.

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What date will you start the training? *

Must be after 1st June 2026



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What date will you finish the training? *

All training must be completed by 31st May 2027



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What is the duration of the training? Please provide details of the course length, hours etc *

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How will the training be structured to work around other commitments? *

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Explain why you need this training bursary (250 words max). *

Remember up to 30% of the bursary can include costs of tools, materials, travel to support your training. If you intend to spend some of the bursary on these please include this in your answer.

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What are your plans for continuing your craft when this training finishes (250 words max)? *

For example, will there be employment opportunities with your trainer? Do you plan to set up your own business?

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Please use this space to provide any further details of your training not covered above (250 words max): *

You might want to share why you have selected a specific trainer or training style.

Your financial circumstances

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Please tell us about your employment status (tick all that apply) *

- Employed - Full time
- Employed - Part time
- Self - employed
- Student - Full time
- Student - Part time
- Full-time carer
- Full-time parent
- Unemployed - benefits
- Unemployed - not receiving benefits
- Unemployed - other income

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Please tell us about your annual income from salary or self - employment *

- £15,000 or under
- £15,000 to £25,000
- £25,001 to £35,000
- £35,001 or above

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Please use this space to tell us more about your financial circumstances and why you need this bursary to support your training: *

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The training bursary will be paid in 2 parts. The first 50% will be upfront and the remaining 50% will be when training is complete. Please confirm if you are able to cover the costs in the interim: *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure

Costs of the training

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How much do you wish to apply for (up to £2500)? *

You may apply for funding to cover a major cost (e.g. payment to the training provider/s) and a number of smaller associated costs, including tools, travel/accommodation or materials (not more than 30% of the bursary total). Please note also that if the bursary will be used to pay the training provider, Derbyshire County Council will ask the training provider to confirm your apprenticeship/training start date before the bursary funds are released. DCC cannot fund retrospectively (for training or support costs that have already taken place)

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Please give a breakdown of how the money will be used (specify individual items of expenditure and the costs associated with them). *

If you are asking for a part-contribution to your training, please include the full financial breakdown and highlight the elements that this bursary would support, an explanation of how you would intend to finance the rest. Please include delivery charges, VAT or additional costs associated with purchases.

Reference

Please give the details of someone who can provide a reference in support of your application. The referee could work for a craft organisation, or be a previous trainer/teacher. They should not be a family member or an individual you are planning on training with. DCC may contact the referee for further information, so please ensure that they are aware you have included them in your application.

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First Name *

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Last Name *

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Organisation/Business Name *

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Email address: *

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Phone Number *

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Address including Postcode: *

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Please provide some information about how you know each other: *

Declaration

If you are awarded a Bursary you will be required to agree to the declaration below:

- I undertake to keep the Grants and Awards Officer fully and immediately informed of all developments connected with this project.
- I agree to use the bursary only for the purposes listed above.
- I will keep and forward to DCC all receipts/proof of purchases for items and costs associated with this training bursary.
- I understand that I am liable for costs if accurate receipts are not supplied to DCC for purchases made as part of the bursary.
- The bursary and all funds will be used within 12 months of the grant offer (unless otherwise agreed with DCC).
- I will share updates on progress of my training at key points.
- I will provide DCC an image of me plus an image of me carrying out my training that DCC will be able to use for publicity purposes.

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In the event of being offered a bursary please confirm that you agree to the above declaration: *

Yes

No

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Should you wish to raise any concerns about how we have processed your personal data you can contact the data protection officer:

email: access2info@derbyshire.gov.uk

Data Protection Officer

County Hall

Matlock

Derbyshire

DE4 3AG

If you would like this information in an alternative format, or would like help in completing the form, please contact us at regeneration@derbyshire.gov.uk

Sorry we are unable to proceed with your application.

Please contact the Heritage Craft Building and Conservation Skills Bursary Application team by email at regeneration@derbyshire.gov.uk or telephone on: 01629 539771.

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