



Skills and Training Initiatives for Heritage Contractors

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Built Heritage Skills Development

Where are we now ?

- ICOMOS Capacity Building Agenda
- COTAC Role Profiles
- Understanding Conservation
 - Theory, Building History, Regional Styles
 - Legislation , Sustainability, Economics
- Skilled in Conservation
 - Competence, Accreditation, Practise

Background :

- Building Control Act 2007 – sectoral accreditation schemes
- Dept. of Education Apprenticeship Review 2014
- DAHG Policy Review
- Heritage Council Traditional Building Skills Working Group
- CIF Register of Heritage Building Contractors
- Construction Industry Registration Ireland

Recommendations : Training strategy

Mainstream Building Sector

- Revise/Develop relevant craft skills based on C&G and appropriate Occupational Standards
- Introduce CSCS Heritage Skills Card scheme
- Introduce awards for serving craftspersons
- Promote shared apprenticeship schemes
- Develop multidisciplinary accredited on line UC CPD

Vernacular Urban and Rural Building Craft Skills Training

- Traineeship model for core skill development
- Advanced craft training linked to regional styles
- Establish links with national and regional folk museums
- Include an appreciation of intangible heritage

Emerging Digital Skills

- HBIM as tool for recording and scheduling maintenance and repair work

Challenging times ahead for the Heritage Contracting Sector!