



SPAB Ireland & BLFI Workshop 2022

Keeping Traditional Walls Warm

18th June at Shankill Castle, Paulstown, Co. Kilkenny

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The workshop will follow on from our successful workshop last year, which covered an introduction to repairing traditional walls (stone or bricks) using lime or earth mortars.

This workshop will focus on **wall finishes**, i.e. plasters and renders, and will look at both **traditional** (lime/earth plaster directly onto solid walls) and **contemporary** (insulating cork/hemp/other lime plasters, internal insulation) approaches.

The workshop is aimed at homeowners, but will also be relevant to anyone working with or caring for old buildings.

The speakers and organisers will finish the workshop with a discussion/debate on the various options available and their place in traditional buildings, which will help inform owners of traditional buildings which wall finishes to go for as they aim to make their homes more energy efficient.



PROGRAMME

9:00	Registration Tea & coffee	
9:15 – 9:45	Introduction The BLFI and the promotion of Lime. The SPAB & its approach to conservation. Health and Safety briefing	BLFI Chair SPAB Chair
9:45 – 10:30	Back to basics Traditional walls and how they function. General principles of keeping water away from walls, 'a dry wall is a warm wall' e.g. French drains, working gutters. Overview of lime mortars; hot mix, gauged hot mix, NHLs. Importance of choosing appropriate mortar.	SPAB & BLFI
10:30 – 11:00	Energy Efficiency in traditional buildings; key items to consider, where to look for trusted, impartial advice, further training available	Peter Cox (Carrig) Jacqui Donnelly (Senior Architect, Dept. Of Housing, Local Government & Heritage)



11am – 11:30am	Tea break	
11:30am – 1pm	TRADITIONAL APPROACH	
	Eoin Madigan (practitioner) Damien Condon (practitioner) Ger Edwards (practitioner)	Demonstration of & discussion on traditional lime plastering, harling & rendering. Internal plastering layers. Importance of a good harling coat.
	Tom Pollard (practitioner)	Overview of earth plasters & mortars, appropriate plasters/renders for buildings built with earth mortars
1pm – 2pm	Lunch	
2pm – 3:30pm:	CONTEMPORARY APPROACH	
	Brian Tobin (practitioner) Henry Thompson (practitioner) Niall Crossan (Ecological Building Systems)	Demonstration of & discussion on the pros/cons of insulating plasters/renders (hemp, cork, etc.) and internal insulation on solid walls
3:30pm – 4:30/5pm	Tea & coffee Debate and Q&A	
	Jason Bolton to moderate panel discussion of demonstrators on the pros/cons of contemporary vs. traditional plasters/renders. Participants Q&A	

Cost:

€ 100 for the day for BLFI & SPAB members;
 € 160 for non members – buys BLFI or SPAB membership.
 Students or under 30's / Unemployed / discounts on application.

Tickets available from the SPAB website:
<https://www.spab.org.uk/whats-on>

