

VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE GROUP

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WINTER CONFERENCE BURSARY – 2024

This year's Winter conference is taking place on Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th January 2024 at College Court Conference Centre in Leicester.

The theme is "New developments in dendrochronology and its impact on vernacular architecture" and the attached brochure provides full details of the programme.

The Vernacular Architecture Group is able to offer **two** bursaries to assist registered full or part-time students, recent graduates or professionals in the early years of their career to attend the conference. The Committee is aware that the cost often makes attendance difficult for students and others who might benefit from the lectures and discussions, and from the opportunity to meet people active in the field.

Applicants must be current students or recent graduates, with a preference for those studying vernacular architecture or a related discipline, or early career professionals working in the field.

Candidates will be expected to:

1. show evidence of an active interest in historic buildings, ideally vernacular architecture, including a list of relevant courses undertaken
2. show evidence that they are active in the field, e.g. by membership of the VAG or other relevant groups, or through relevant work experience
3. explain how they hope to benefit from attending the conference

Applications from students must be endorsed by a course tutor, and applications from early career professionals must be supported by a professional referee. Any other financial support available to the applicant for attending the conference should be declared.

Applications and tutor endorsements/references should be sent by email to the VAG Secretary, Claire Jeffery, email secretary@vag.org.uk to reach her no later than Friday 8 December. The bursary will cover the full cost of the £198 residential conference fee but will not cover travel to or from the conference or any other expenses. Applicants who are already members of the Group and propose to attend the conference with or without the support of a bursary should ensure a place on the conference by booking in the normal way. Anyone who has reserved a place at full cost but subsequently obtains a bursary will receive a full refund.

Bursary recipients will be asked to write a resume of the conference for the VAG Newsletter. We hope that they will be sufficiently inspired by the conference to join the VAG if they are not already members. The VAG Committee would be grateful if you could bring this item to the notice of anyone who is eligible and whom you feel would benefit from attending the conference.



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