

VERNACULAR ARCHITECTURE GROUP

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SPRING CONFERENCE BURSARY – 2024

This year's Spring conference is taking place from Tuesday 11th to Saturday 15th June 2024 at Stranmillis College, Belfast.

During the day members will tour the locality, visiting and interpreting lesser traditional buildings. The visits will cover southern County Down (Wednesday), central Ulster including a circuit of Lough Neagh (Thursday) and the Ulster Folk Museum and a guided tour of Belfast (Friday). Lectures will take place in the evenings.

The Vernacular Architecture Group is able to offer **three** bursaries to attend this year's conference. Applicants must meet at least one of the following criteria:

1. Undergraduates, masters or doctoral students or those who have graduated within 5 years (with a preference for those studying vernacular architecture or a related discipline) or
2. Early career professionals working in the field or those with a junior professional role e.g. assistant heritage consultant, project officer or similar

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 5 April. The bursary will cover the full cost of the £610 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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