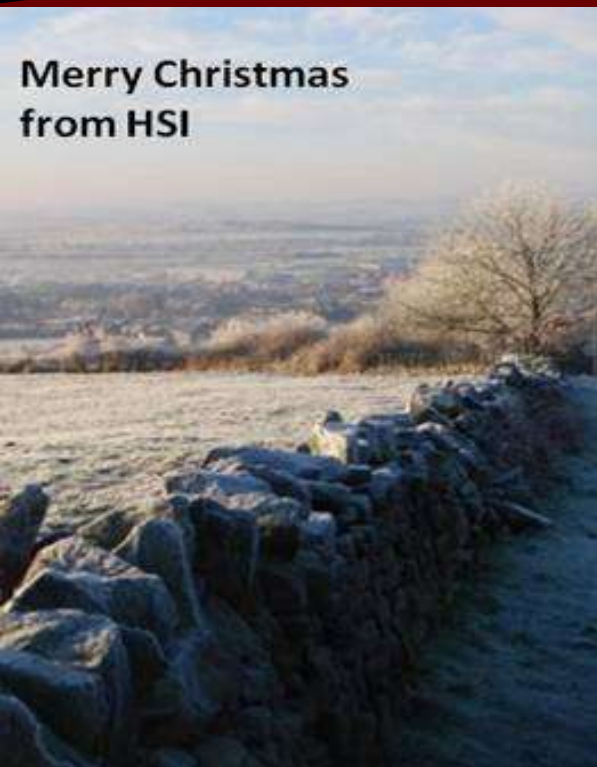


Get your

hands on Heritage Skills

**Merry Christmas
from HSI**



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The Heritage Skills Initiative in 2011

This year HSI has been active in the North East, North Yorkshire and Cumbria. We have delivered 62 different training events and lectures. Completed over 9100 hours of training and engaged over 4600 people with heritage skills training.

Highlights this year included a conference in Cumbria which attracted 250 delegates, and the first Cumbrian Heritage Skills Fair. In the North East we undertook our third Heritage Skills Festival and 'Took the Plunge' for Heritage with our patron Dr Jonathan Foyle and Grand Design's Kevin McCloud – raising £10,371.87. In North Yorkshire we kicked off our first training and events programme with 5 events which proved very popular with a 88% very satisfied and a 12% satisfied rate.

We are looking forward in 2012 to the prospect of expanding our offer in North Yorkshire, continuing to develop our projects in the North East and Cumbria and working more closely with schools, colleges and universities.

Many other projects are currently in top secret development – so watch this space!

We look forward to seeing many of you at events in 2012, best wishes the HSI team.

Heritage Skills Festival 2012 – Call for exhibitors and demonstrators

HSI are pleased to announce that next year we are holding a Heritage Skills Festival at Tynemouth Station to celebrate the completion of the English Heritage grant aided restoration works on the station's historic canopy!

The festival will take place on 22,23,24 June from 10am until 4pm each day.

This year we had 2092 attendees at our Souter Lighthouse Skills Festival, with several demonstrators and exhibitors reporting that they have gained work as a direct result of their attendance, as well as some great local press and radio coverage.

Demonstrators and Exhibitors offering hands on activities to the public can attend all three days of the festival for FREE!

More details will be released in January 2012. If you would be interested in taking part next year please get in touch with Kathryn Banfield at kathryn.banfield@nect.org.uk or 0191 232 9279.

HSI Training and Events Programme 2012 – Call for partner events

We are well underway with the 2012 programme in the North East which features taster days, advanced courses, lectures and guidance days for homeowners.

If you are offering a relevant course regarding traditional skills or conservation in 2012 please let us know and we may be able to include them in the booklet.

Courses which are free to attend will be included in the booklet free of charge, courses which charge for attendance will be subject to a small fee for inclusion.

Please send course details in the following format to Kathryn Banfield at kathryn.banfield@nect.org.uk or 0191 232 9279:

Date and time

Title of course

Venue

Further details of activity(50-100)

Cost and Contact details

Not all courses submitted will be included, final decision on inclusion rests with HSI.

This year the Heritage Skills Initiative in the North East was funded by:



With additional support from many craftspeople across the region.

Jobs, Training and Volunteering Opportunities

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) makes awards ranging up to £15,000 to craftsmen and women of all ages to help them further their careers.

Since 1991 the Trust has awarded £1.5 million to 242 craftspeople aged between 17 and 50 plus for study, training and work experience.

QEST, the charitable arm of the Royal Warrant Holders Association, was established in 1990 to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Association and the 90th birthday of Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother. The Trustees look for well thought out projects, which will contribute to the pool of talent in the UK and reflect the excellence of British Craftsmanship as symbolised by the Royal Warrant of Appointment.

Scholarships are awarded twice a year. Completed forms for Spring 2012 scholarships must be received by no later than Friday, 20 January 2012.

To apply, download the form available at <http://www.qest.org.uk/howtoapply.html>.

EHSI Bursary Scheme

The Engineering Heritage Skills Initiative are currently recruiting for eight full-time and one part-time traineeships for our 2012-13 intake of trainees. Details of the individual traineeships are listed in the EHSI section of the NECT website: www.nect.org.uk.

An application form can also be downloaded from the website or alternatively you can contact Kevin Malone: kevin.malone@nect.org.uk, 07787699159

The Prince of Wales's Building Craft Apprenticeship

An eight-month programme of practical experience and study which offers building craftspeople the opportunity to enhance and advance their design knowledge and experience in traditional and sustainable building crafts.

Applications are welcomed from craftspeople who have studied any of a wide variety of building skills. Applicants must have attained either a United Kingdom NVQ/SVQ Level 3 or equivalent from a centre of vocational excellence, or an equivalent qualification in traditional building skills from a recognised authority. Successful applicants will receive a monthly bursary for the duration of the programme.

To apply, applicants must send the following information:

A printed copy of the completed application form downloaded from this site or contact The Education Manager on 020 7613 8514 or edith.platten@princes-foundation.org for one to be posted to you.

A full and complete reference and the name and contact details of your referee, who should be your tutor or employer.

Copies of all relevant academic or professional certificates (please do not send originals).

A portfolio of your work

Applications should be sent to: Edith Platten, Education Manager, The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment, 19 - 22 Charlotte Road, London, EC2A 3SG or by email to: edith.platten@princes-foundation.org More information can be found on our website: <http://www.princes-foundation.org/our-work/education>

Closing date: 2nd March 2012

If you have an event or news story which you think we may be interested in including in our newsletter please contact Kathryn Banfield at kathryn.banfield@nect.org.uk.