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Urbanism, Architecture and Building Culture

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Our Mission

The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment is an educational charity founded by HRH The Prince of Wales to improve the quality of people's lives by teaching and practising timeless *and ecological* ways of *planning, designing and building*.

We are one of 17 charities for which The Prince of Wales is President, together we comprise the largest multi-cause charitable enterprise in the United Kingdom.



The Relationship Between the Crafts of Architecture and Building



Building Craft

- The United Kingdom has a remarkable building tradition – but traditional building skills are in short supply both in heritage and new build sectors..
- There is a current shortage of 6500 building craft apprentices to meet the construction industry demand.
- We believe there is a great deal to be learned from building traditions, where functional building elements and structures have been gradually adapted and refined over time to create solutions that are not only functional but delightful.
- Previous Foundation programme of scholarship, superceded by HLF bursaries.

The Prince of Wales's Building Crafts Apprentices



- Launched in 2006, The Prince of Wales's Building Crafts Apprentices programme aims to help tackle the acute shortage of traditional skilled crafts people.
- 2007 class of 14 Apprentices – 10 from the UK and four from the US: stonemasonry, carpentry, bricklaying and plastering

2007 Programme

A seven month programme of education, work placements and mentorship:



- Residential Summer School
- Keith Critchlow education course:
The Inner Language of Architecture
- Seven-week heritage placement
(locations including Windsor Castle
and Hampton Court)
- Seven-week new build placement
- Business Skills course
- Award Ceremony in January 2008

Residential Summer School 2007



- A two week intensive programme of lectures, workshops, drawing and building exercises, all to create a tradition of building fit for the new millennium.
- The programme will focus on two design systems – masonry and timber. Students will construct two wall sections and several building elements. They will also create a construction code and begin to collate a pattern book and lexicon of types that will show its variety and complexity.

New Orleans

- The Building Crafts Apprentices programme provides an opportunity to contribute to the Katrina re-build efforts.
- Through partnerships with Mr. Joe Canizaro, Delgado Community College and New Orleans Trade Councils, four US apprentices will participate in the programme.
- The US apprentices will return to New Orleans to apply their new skills specifically to the re-build effort. The goal is to “teach the teachers.”

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