

## Sign Up Now - Training to Repair and Maintain Historic Property

**07 September 2017**

North East Scotland College is running a selection of traditional skills training courses throughout October and November. These courses are open to anyone who is involved in maintaining and repairing historic property in the region – particularly property owners, contractors and apprentices. This training is fully funded as part of the Fraserburgh 2021 Heritage Regeneration Scheme, being delivered by Aberdeenshire Council, and is focused on restoring and enhancing Fraserburgh's built heritage.

Two workshops are being offered – one in Sash and Case Windows and the other in Stone Masonry Repairs and Rendering. A Maintenance and Conservation Practice information evening is also being held for property and business owners which covers applying for funding grants, dealing with contractors and materials and work methods for restoration.

Duncan Abernethy, Director of Business Development comments, "The College will be running this training at our Fraserburgh and Aberdeen Altens campuses. We anticipate a high demand as there is no charge to successful applicants. Application forms can be obtained by calling the College on 01346 506026."

Chair of Aberdeenshire Council's Banff and Buchan Area Committee, Cllr Andy Kille, said, "The Fraserburgh 2021 Heritage Regeneration Scheme recognises the wonderful built heritage in the area and seeks opportunities to keep structures in good repair and, in some cases, bring them back into use.

"These courses provide a great opportunity for people to develop the skills that will protect these properties for future generations."

Committee vice-chair Cllr Mike Roy said: "We are very pleased to be working with North East Scotland College to deliver these important courses, which will support the regeneration of our communities and help keep traditional skills alive in Aberdeenshire. I am confident there will be strong demand for this training."

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#### Note to Editors

Aberdeenshire Council is currently delivering a Townscape Heritage and Conservation Area Regeneration Scheme in Fraserburgh. The scheme was officially launched on March 11th 2017. Investment of £5.8 million is planned for conservation and restoration work in the new Fraserburgh Central Conservation Area over a four year period to March 2021. The scheme focuses on restoring and enhancing Fraserburgh's built heritage making the town centre a more vibrant and attractive place for residents and local businesses.

#### Dates and Timings

- Stone Masonry Repairs & Rendering - 18th /19th October, 5 to 8pm, Aberdeen Altens Campus
  - Sash & Case Windows - 14th / 21st November, 6 to 9pm, Fraserburgh Campus
  - Maintenance and Conservation Practice Information Evening – 28th November, 6 to 9pm, Fraserburgh Campus
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