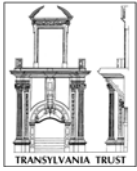


# Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre (BHCT) Bánffy Castle, Bontida - Romania



Civil Society Engagement in community building through the understanding, development, management and preservation of the built cultural heritage of the Western Balkans

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Dear Sir/Madame,

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We would like to introduce you to the **Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre (BHCT)** at Bánffy Castle, Bontida, which was established by the **Transylvania Trust Foundation (Romania)** and the **Institute of Historic Building Conservation - IHBC (United Kingdom)**. The main objective of the Centre is to re-introduce traditional building craft skills, and encourage the use of locally sourced materials. The training project is designed for students and craftsmen of different levels and experience.

The Centre's teaching modules have been organized since 1999. The Built Heritage Conservation Training Centre has been based at **Bánffy Castle, Bontida** since 2001. The courses provided through the centre are available to specialist in this field, architects, structural engineers, art historians, etc., and craftsmen, as well as to undergraduate students in architecture, structural engineering and conservation, to undertake their vocational training through the BHCT Centre.

Students attending the courses have come from Romania, Albania, Australia, Belgium, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Brazil, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, UK and USA.

The courses are offered in two parts; a formal teaching element and practical workshops teaching conservation skills directly on the buildings of the castle. The formal teaching element of the course will be delivered by qualified lecturers from the United Kingdom and Romania. Simultaneous translation is provided in Romanian, Hungarian and English. The practical workshops mainly will be led by specialists from the United Kingdom and Romania, while the decorative painting/Introduction to fresco technique course will be jointly presented by a guest specialist from École d'Avignon, France and the craftsmen from the BHCT Centre. At the end of the teaching modules participants will receive a certificate of participation.

**The dates for this year's teaching modules of the BHCT Centre are:**

Module I. - 23 June - 7 July 2012 (*Carpentry and Rendering*)

Module IV. - 4-18 August 2012 (*Carpentry, Rendering, Stonemasonry and Decorative Painting/Painting with Lime/Introduction to Fresco Technique*)

Note: the number of available places is limited.

The training modules will be held within the framework of the project *CSE in Heritage: Civil Society Engagement in community building through the understanding, development, management and preservation of the built cultural heritage of the Western Balkans* (supported by the European Union), coordinated by the Transylvania Trust in partnership with Cultural Heritage without Borders (Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo), Europa Nostra Serbia, Exeditio (Montenegro), Europa Nostra (pan-european organisation) and Emancipimi Civil Ma Ndryshe (Kosovo).

Full details of the courses and the work at the Centre can be found at [www.heritagetraining-banffycastle.org](http://www.heritagetraining-banffycastle.org).

The deadline for applications is **2 April 2012**.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely:

