

IHBC East Midlands Branch 2026 Annual School Bursary

IHBC Annual School – Newcastle 2026

Adaptive Reuse

Full School - 18th to 20th June 2026

Day School - 19th June 2026

The East Midlands Branch is pleased to announce that once again it is able to offer bursary options for the IHBC Annual School, which this year will be hosted from Newcastle. The event will explore the increasingly relevant and rich topic of adaptive reuse.

Enjoy, engage and learn at IHBC Schools across:

- 1 day conference (Day School, with in-person and online)
- 3 day conference (Full School) including the Day School as well as tours, receptions, Awards and Annual Dinner.

Talks, Tours and more: delegate options in more detail:

- Day School, Delegate, in-person and online options Friday 19th June: A day of presentations, networking, discussion and learning.
- Full School delegate in-person option Annual School, 18-20th June: A multifaceted programme including the above programme. Expert and specialist tours and on-site investigations, across two days, building on the School theme and location. Plus unique networking and celebratory opportunities including the School Reception on the Thursday evening, and the Annual Dinner on the Friday (including IHBC Student Award and Marsh Award presentations).

See the website for more information as it becomes available, you can also sign up for updates on this year's school.

<https://newcastle2026.ihbc.org.uk/>

1. Our Branch Bursary Eligibility Requirements

The Bursary options are open to all IHBC East Midlands Branch supporter, affiliate, associate and full members.

2. Bursary Information

The East Midlands Branch is providing **options for the Branch Bursary Award(s)** to cover to cost of the school (please specify which option you are seeking on your application i.e. full school in person, day school only in person, or, day school online).

Due to low uptake in previous years, we have rolled over un-used bursary budget therefore for 2026 we can offer greater flexibility.

Potential options are as follows:

- 2 awards of £320+VAT towards the full school (non-residential) with Annual Dinner excluding travel and subsistence; or,
- 4 x £160+VAT for the day school on Friday 13th June excluding accommodation, travel and subsistence; or,
- 2 x £160+VAT for the day school on Friday 13th June excluding accommodation, travel and subsistence AND 9 x £35+VAT online day school places; or,
- Up to 18 x online day school places.

The successful recipient(s) must confirm they can commit to attendance for the option they are seeking.

It will be a requirement of the successful recipient to also confirm they are willing to:

- a. Attend at least two branch committee meetings and one in person event per year, and;
- b. Produce a short article and photographs from an IHBC event to include on our branch webpage.

If you are interested in applying for the Bursary you should submit your application in writing to the Branch's Chair, Felix Mayle, by email to felix.mayle@northlincs.gov.uk by **Tuesday 31st March 2026**.

3. Selection Criteria

Your application should set out, in no more than 500 words, your case for receiving the award and what you would be able to contribute in return that would benefit the activities and/or promotion of the IHBC either at Branch or national level (in addition to the eligibility requirements).

A team from the Branch Committee will be responsible for selecting the recipient of the Bursary, based on the merits of the case and according to need. Whilst the Bursary is open to all IHBC East Midlands Branch members, in selecting the successful candidate the Branch Committee will give preference to applicants who are:

- a) Either unwaged and/or full time student on a conservation course;
- b) New entrants to the profession (under 5 year's full time employment in a heritage related role) and whose employer is unable to fund a place on the school; and
- c) Members wishing to upgrade to their membership this coming year.

NB Please be aware the Branch bursary is independent of the national IHBC Bursary on offer which you could also apply to separately.