

Small traditional buildings in the countryside present a particular challenge for contemporary living. How can they accommodate 21<sup>st</sup> century uses without destroying their character?

This event, organised by the Ulster Architectural Heritage Society with funding from The Heritage Council and Donegal County Council, seeks to introduce professionals, contractors and especially owners to the techniques used in the restoration of traditional rural buildings.

Those participating will have the opportunity to visit Gola Island where a high concentration of largely vacant traditional buildings remain and are poised for re-use.

Come along to find out answers to questions such as:

How can I tackle damp?

Why should I use lime to repair traditional stone buildings?

Can sash windows be repaired?

Is grant aid available for repairs to my thatched roof?

How can I sensitively extend my building?



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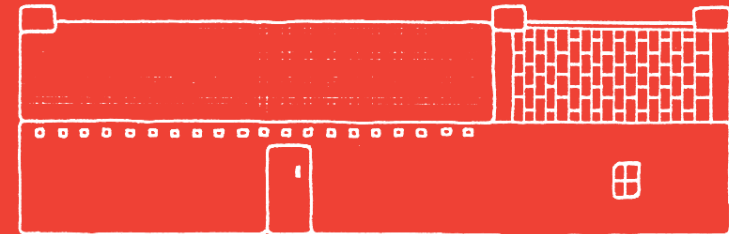
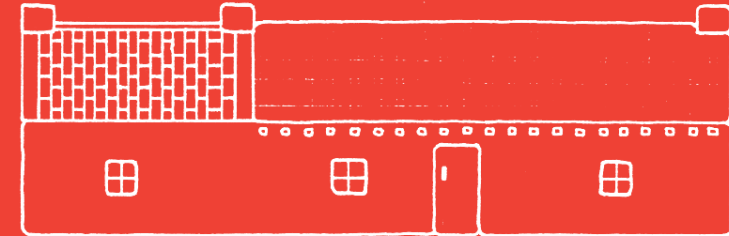
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**How to Restore  
Traditional Buildings**  
Co. Donegal, Friday 24th August 2007



House on Gola Island

Traditional dwellings form an important visual and cultural contribution to the character of our landscapes. However most of these buildings are offered no protection and many are being replaced with inappropriate modern houses. Though largely without services, many of these vacant dwellings are capable of being refurbished to high standards for modern living.

This event includes a trip to Gola Island off the west coast of Donegal, which was abandoned in the 1960s. The island is scattered with largely intact traditional buildings within clachans and provides unparalleled opportunities for conservation-led regeneration.

We are delighted that the architects and owners of a restored house on the island have agreed to give those attending a first-hand account of their experience of working with these buildings. It is hoped that the lessons learned from all our speakers will lead to good practice being realised in restoration schemes for traditional buildings elsewhere.

## How to Restore Traditional Buildings

Friday 24th August 2007

**Gweedore Golf Club, Magheragallen,  
Derrybeg, Co. Donegal**

- 9.45 **Tea/coffee and registration**
- 10.15 **Welcome and introduction**  
Primrose Wilson  
Ulster Architectural Heritage Society  
Joe Gallagher  
Heritage Officer, Donegal County Council
- 10.30 **Why conserve old buildings?**  
Colm Murray  
Architecture Officer, The Heritage Council
- 11.00 **Reusing historic buildings**  
Paul McMahon, Office of Public Works
- 11.30 **Restoring a traditional farmhouse**  
Gráinne Shaffrey, conservation architect
- 12.00 **Living under thatch**  
Margaret Gallagher, traditional building owner
- 12.20 **Picnic lunch handed out**
- 12.30 **Boats leave for Gola Island**  
- 1.15
- 2.00 **Visit traditional house**  
Nicholas Groves-Raines and Kristin Hannesdottir  
**Lime demonstrations**  
Ed Byrne, Building Limes Forum of Ireland  
Traditional Lime Company Ltd.
- 4.30 **Boats return**

## BOOKING FORM

I/we would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) at the HOME AND DRY event on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

Name: .....

Address: .....

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Telephone: .....

Email:.....

**Please note that places are limited to 45 and that priority will be given to owners of traditional buildings from north west Ulster.**

Please tick if you are an owner of a traditional building

Cost of attending includes tea/coffee, packed lunch and a copy of the Mourne Heritage Trust's Home Owners' Handbook.

£20 per person if paying by sterling cheque or credit card.

€35 if paying by cheque in euro to cover foreign exchange charges.

Further details will be forwarded on receipt of your cheque, made payable to 'UAHS', and completed booking form. If paying by Visa or Mastercard, please state which and provide your number and expiry date:

Number:.....

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Please provide dietary requirements if any:

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Post cheques to:

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Applications are to be received no later than Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.