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New Research on conservation skills launched

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The IHBC contributed to two new reports by the National Heritage Training Group (NHTG) which were launched on Tuesday 29 April. Research highlights serious skills and knowledge gaps affecting specialist workers in England and building professionals working across the UK built heritage sector. The IHBC also hosted a reception to highlight their importance.

In particular 'This research exposes extensive skills and knowledge gaps among building professionals working on pre-1919 buildings, particularly regarding the appreciation and application of conservation principles, traditional materials and building practices appropriate to a historic context. The findings are used to inform a detailed Skills Action Plan for future action by NHTG and its partners'.

The IHBC will continue to play a key role in promoting and implementing the Action Plan.

References: Traditional Building Craft Skills in England:
http://www.constructionskills.net/research/researchactivity/nationalandregionalreports/2008_review.asp#TopOfPage

Built Heritage Sector Professionals:
http://www.constructionskills.net/research/researchactivity/nationalandregionalreports/professionals_2008.asp#TopOfPage

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