Data Fellowship Project 2025

CivED CIC - Measuring Local Heritage Skills Demand

Organisation and Team

CivED CIC - The engine room

Application Criteria

Essential:
- Interest in heritage, conservation, or local history.
- Ability to carry out independent research using online sources and reports.
- Good written and communication skills.
- Organisational skills to manage tasks and meet deadlines.

Desirable:
- Some familiarity with data analysis or mapping tools (e.g., spreadsheets, Google Maps).
- Awareness of planning applications and local government resources.
- Confidence in speaking to professionals or members of the public for informal research.

Project Outline

This two-month data fellowship will enable an undergraduate researcher to analyse and measure the demand for heritage skills in the Southport area and the broader Northwest region. The research will focus on both explicit demand (current job vacancies and skill shortages) and latent demand (heritage buildings in need of repair and restoration). This study will help estimate the feasibility and necessity of establishing a heritage building arts training provider in the coming years.

The fellow will conduct quantitative and qualitative research, engaging with local businesses, craftspeople, and conservation organizations, as well as using GIS data, public records, and surveys to map demand and skills gaps.

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Practical Considerations

- Hybrid: The student can work remotely but will be encouraged to visit The Engine Room, Southport for discussions and, where possible, visit relevant heritage sites.
- Some research may involve visiting archives or speaking with local conservation professionals (where feasible).

Selection Method

Interviews will be held online (Zoom or Microsoft Teams)

Supporting Information

Support and Training

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