

## **Bursary Opportunity in Heritage Blacksmithing**

The National Heritage Ironwork Group is seeking students to participate in its **Heritage Blacksmith Bursary** project which it is running thanks to a £350,200 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grant awarded under its 'Skills for the Future' programme.

*Securing the future of our rich heritage of wrought ironwork*

### **STUDENTS**

Are you interested in learning the advanced skills of restoration work? If so the NHIG's Heritage Blacksmith Bursaries project will offer practical skill based training in the conservation of historic ironwork to semi-skilled blacksmiths over the age of 19 years delivered in a workshop environment. This will be enhanced by underpinning knowledge delivered by block release at Herefordshire College of Technology. Bursaries will last for 12 months and will involve students working at a number of different workshops throughout the country. The first 8 students will start their course in May 2011 and application is open to all UK resident candidates with some forge work experience. There is no upper age limit for applicants and it is hoped that the course will be of appeal to those who are interested in 'Continued Personal Development' through diversification and the advancement of skills and knowledge.

Lack of formal qualifications should not be seen a bar to entry on to the program and all are welcome to apply. Selection will be in the form of personal interview supported by portfolio. The bursaries are intended to encourage those with a keen interest in our ironwork heritage to submit applications who might otherwise have been unable to access other training provision.

### **BURSARY**

Each student will receive a bursary of £15,000 to cover all costs for the duration of the project.

### **APPLICATION**

Application forms are available on the bursaries page of the NHIG website and must be submitted by 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

### **MORE INFORMATION**

Please visit the Bursaries page of the NHIG website [www.nhig.org.uk](http://www.nhig.org.uk)

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