



NEW BUILDING CRAFT PROGRAMME FOR ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA WITH THE KING'S FOUNDATION, UK

St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda (January 29, 2026) — A new Building Craft Programme for Antigua and Barbuda has been launched by The King's Foundation (UK) in collaboration with the Antigua and Barbuda College of Advanced Studies (ABCAS) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, offering a unique, fully funded international training opportunity for skilled individuals in the construction and craft sector.

The programme is a four-week intensive course delivered in April 2026 at The King's Foundation's training sites in the United Kingdom, including Dumfries House Estate in Scotland and Highgrove Gardens in Gloucestershire. It is designed specifically for participants from Antigua and Barbuda who already have experience or training in building crafts and are seeking to advance their skills in heritage conservation and climate-resilient construction.

The course will focus on traditional building techniques, materials, and sustainable construction methods, with particular relevance to the historic built environment of Antigua and Barbuda. Past participant Dion Desamours, from The Bahamas, reflected on his experience of the programme, stating, *"It not only strengthened my technical skills but also gave me a deeper appreciation of how craftsmanship and heritage can work together to preserve historic structures."*

Workshops will be led by master craftspeople and will cover areas such as carpentry, stonemasonry, ironwork, roofing, plastering, technical drawing, and architecture. The programme is intended for individuals who already have a foundation in these areas and are committed to applying their skills to the conservation, repair, and sustainable development of buildings in Antigua and Barbuda.

Only eight candidates will be selected for the programme. All successful participants will receive a full scholarship, which includes tuition, accommodation, return flights to the United Kingdom, and programme materials.

Upon returning to Antigua and Barbuda, participants will take part in Live Build projects led by local partner organisations. These projects will provide an opportunity to apply newly acquired skills in real-world settings and demonstrate the value and impact of traditional building crafts in practice.

Dr Simon Sadinsky, Executive Director of Education at The King's Foundation, said, *"We are delighted to offer this opportunity to talented individuals from Antigua and Barbuda who are looking to deepen their skills in traditional building crafts and climate-resilient construction. We look forward to welcoming the next cohort to our UK training centres."*

High Commissioner for Antigua and Barbuda to the United Kingdom, Karen Mae-Hill, added, “Guided by the Government’s mandate for people-focused growth and development, the Building Craft Programme with The King’s Foundation is strengthening our national skills pipeline, supporting heritage conservation, and building climate-resilient capacity. Most importantly, it gives participants world-class training, confidence, and real career opportunity, so they return ready to contribute, earn, and help shape the future of Antigua and Barbuda.”

Applicants must be over 18 years old, have existing experience or training in a building craft, and be available for the full duration of the programme. Participants will also be required to apply for and receive a United Kingdom Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) prior to travel.

Applications are now open. Interested individuals may request an application form by contacting Raynel Carroll at +1 (268) 727-8785 or Jennie Hartley at jennie.hartley@kings-foundation.org.

Application Deadline: Friday 20 February 2026.

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The King's Foundation is a charity founded by King Charles III and was first formed in 1990. His Majesty is Royal Founding President of the charity.

Inspired by the vision and values of His Majesty, the Foundation builds and supports communities where people, places and the planet can coexist in harmony. The charity offers education courses for almost 15,000 students annually, health and wellbeing programmes for nearly 2,000 people every year, and spearheads placemaking and regeneration projects in the UK and overseas to revitalise communities and historic buildings.

The King's Foundation is headquartered at its flagship regeneration project, Dumfries House in Ayrshire, Scotland, and acts as custodian of other historic Royal sites including the Castle of Mey in Caithness, Scotland, and Highgrove Gardens in Gloucestershire. The Foundation also carries out its work at educational and cultural hubs in London, based at The King's Foundation School for Traditional Arts in Shoreditch, Trinity Buoy Wharf on the River Thames and the Garrison Chapel in Chelsea. In addition to its UK

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