



Conserving Your Dublin Period House: In person & Online Talks 2026



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The Irish Georgian Society and Dublin City Council have assembled a team of conservation experts to present a series of talks on the history and significance of Dublin's period houses and practical advice on their conservation.

Attendance at the talks will greatly benefit owners of all periods and types of houses, from the modest Edwardian artisan dwelling to the substantial red-bricks of the Victorian suburbs and the fine townhouses of our Georgian city squares, providing an 'A to Z' for their care and conservation.

It is possible to book talks individually (€15 each) or book for the whole course for a discounted rate (€150: three talks for free). Bookings are made through the Irish Georgian Society's website.

[Click here to book through the Irish Georgian Society's website.](#)

Talk subscribers can choose to attend the talks in person at the IGS's City Assembly House, 58 South William Street, Dublin 2 or watch the talks remotely by joining on Zoom. The talks take place at 1pm each Tuesday during March, April and May. There will be an opportunity at the end of each talk to ask conservation questions relevant to your period house, either in person or through the live Zoom Q&A chat function. All subscribers will also be sent a link to the recording of the talks, which will be available to watch for a further two-weeks.

The Conserving Your Dublin Period House Course is an action of the Dublin City Strategic Heritage Plan 2024-2029 and fulfils Dublin City Council's conservation policy to provide architectural advice to homeowners.

The course will be useful for those considering an application to the Living Cities Initiative, a tax incentive scheme to assist and encourage people to live in the historic inner city areas of Dublin City. www.dublincity.ie/livingcity



These talks will also benefit building professionals and practitioners and are approved for CPD by the Construction Industry Federation, Engineers Ireland, Heritage Contractors, Irish Planning Institute and the Royal Institute of Architects of Ireland.





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Tuesday 3rd March

*Dublin's Domestic Architecture:
its historic stylistic evolution*

Charles Duggan, Heritage Officer, Dublin City Council

Tuesday 10th March

Protected Structures: legislation, policy and guidance

Jacqui Donnelly, Senior Architect, National Built Heritage Service & editor of the Department's Conservation Advice Series

Wednesday 18th March

Maintenance and Controlling Damp in your Period House

Frank Keohane, Chartered Building Surveyor accredited in Building Conservation & author of Irish Period Houses: a conservation guidance manual

Tuesday 24th March

*Sensitively Extending your Protected Structure
& Advice on Grant Applications*

Mary-Liz McCarthy & Sinead Hughes, Executive Architectural Conservation Officers, Dublin City Council

Tuesday 31st March

Historic Doors & Staircases: their history & conservation

Peter Clarke, retired lecturer, Technological University Dublin

Tuesday 7th April

*Disaster Planning for your Period House and
Insurance Considerations*

Margaret Quinlan, Principal, Margaret Quinlan Architects and author of Department's Advice Series, Disaster: a guide to prevention and preparedness in the historic built environment and **Paul Collins**, Head of Risk Management Ireland for Ecclesiastical Insurance

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Tuesday 14th April

Historic Windows: their history, significance & conservation

Dr Nessa Roche, Senior Architectural Advisor, National Built Heritage Service, author of the Department's Advice Series, Windows: a guide to the repair of historic windows & Legacy of Light: a history of Irish windows



Tuesday 21st April

History and Conservation of Brick

Susan Roundtree, conservation architect & co-author of Department's Advice Series: Brick: a guide to the repair of historic brickwork and Brickmaking in Ireland



Tuesday 28th April

Taking Care of Traditional Roofs and their Features

Nicola Matthews, Senior Architect, National Built Heritage Service & co-author of the Department's Advice Series, Roofs: a guide to the repair of historic roofs

Tuesday 5th May

Energy Performance in Protected Structures: planning implications & practical advice

Carl Raftery, Architectural Conservation Advisor, National Built Heritage Service & co-editor of Department's Improving Energy Efficiency in Traditional Buildings



Tuesday 12th May

The Importance of Using Lime & Historic Pointing Techniques in Dublin

Grainne Shaffrey, Principal, Shaffrey Architects, Grade I RIAI Conservation Practice and co-author of the Department's Advice Series, Bricks: a guide to the repair of historic brickwork.

Tuesday 19th May

Historic Decorative Plasterwork: its history, significance and conservation

Andrew Smith, consultant decorative plasterwork conservator



Tuesday 26th May

Historic Ironwork: its history, significance & conservation

Ali Davey, Historic Environment Scotland & author of the Department's Advice Series, Iron: the repair of wrought and cast ironwork



About Dublin City Council

The Dublin City Council Heritage Office is part-funded by The Heritage Council and is concerned with refining and promoting an understanding and appreciation of the architectural, archaeological and cultural heritage of the city.



The Conservation Office of the Planning & Property Development Department provides professional advice to owners of protected structures on conservation issues, and oversees conservation grants and planning in relation to protected structures.

About the Irish Georgian Society

The Society's purpose is to encourage the appreciation and conservation of Ireland's architecture and decorative arts. It is a charitable organisation founded in 1958 with 2,000 members. Membership is open to everyone; by joining you support the four programmes: Conservation Projects; Buildings at Risk; Scholarship & Publications; Conservation Education.

This conservation course is an action of the latter programme, which is supported by the National Built Heritage Service. Members attend the Society's special events such as talks, seminars, walking tours, day trips and overseas tours of architecturally significant buildings in Ireland and abroad, many of which are not accessible to the general public.



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