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Clayfest 2018, 24-29 September, Irish National Heritage Park, Ireland.

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Hello Earth Building enthusiasts, and welcome to this year's EBUKI Clayfest! - International Festival of Earthen Architecture in Wexford Ireland.

Following the last three years' tremendous successes in Scotland, Cumbria and Lincoln, we are delighted to be holding 2018's workshops from the 24th to the 29 September, at the beautiful Irish National Heritage Park. This central location not only brims with life, but also L of the local earth vernacular

This year we want to combine teaching core skills at beginners, semi-skilled and skilled levels with a spirit of curiosity and invention. Earth building is having a renaissance with people trying many new ways to work with some of the oldest materials and techniques. From the structural to aesthetic, thermal properties to colour we hope to encourage and show that earth in buildings can exceed all expectations past Clayfests, we have built (among other things) a rammed earth vault, a mobius strip in cob and Scotland's first turf wall in centuries. This year, what will it be?!

Last year Clayfest got a lot of great feedback, most people rated it as very good or excellent, 80% said they would recommend Clayfest to others. It's a chance to try things out with a group of experts working together, asking and answering questions over four days, the biggest earth building event in the UK and Ireland!

Workshops

We have 7 different earth building techniques on offer this year at Clayfest, from cob to wattle-and-daub, from decorative plasters to tiles from earth block to clay-hemp. Click [HERE](#) to find out more. Be sure to keep on scrolling down for information on all of the workshops.

Tickets for all Clayfest Events can be purchased [HERE](#)

All Clayfest workshops and Conference are Engineers Ireland and RIAI CPD Approved.

6.5 CPD hours per workshop.

6.0 CPD hours per conference.



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Conference

This will be EBUKI's 10th annual conference. The theme this year is the 'Secret Life of Earth', for more details click [HERE](#)

Price: €115

Date: Fri. 28th September

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Tour

Co. Wexford boasts some of the best preserved earthen buildings in Ireland. This self-drive tour will allow you to meet the owners and conservationists who have cared for and valued these characterful homes. Information on featured buildings, routes and timetable click [HERE](#)

For detailed Map and Directions click [HERE](#)

Price: Free

Sat. 29th September

Ceili in the Crannog

After a week of inspiring workshops and talks, let your hair down, get your dancing shoes on and have the craic with your new best frie at our annual hooley. Enjoy dinner and a bit of a céilí in the atmospheric surroundings of the Crannóg.

Price: €35

Date: Fri. 28th September

[BOOK NOW](#)

Getting Here and Staying Here

For everything you need to know about getting to Clayfest and where to stay, click [HERE](#)

European Funding

If you are in a position to apply for European funding to assist with the cost of your trip to Ireland for Clayfest 2018, EBUKI in Ireland is registered as:

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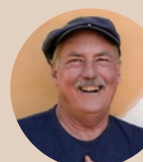
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Contact feile@ebuki.co if you need assistance (we might be able to help, but we might not!).

Clayfest Workshops and Leaders. Click [HERE](#) for all ticket sales

Artistry in Clay

Bill and Athena Steen, Monday to Thursday September 24th to 27th. [BOOK NOW](#)



Did you know that clay plasters can be applied to all types of surfaces, including plasterboard & block walls? Let natural building legends, Bill and Athena Steen, guide you through a wide vari



of decorative techniques, including Japanese plastering, sculpting, carving (sgraffito) and polishing.br>

You are welcome to join this workshop for one day or for more. Join in on any day.

Bill and Athena Steen – Authors of 'The Strawbale House' and 'Earthen Floors', U.S.A.

Price: €85 per day



Building with Stone and Earth Mortar.

Brian Tobin, Monday to Thursday September 24th to 27th. [BOOK NOW](#)



We'll let you in on a secret. Thousands and thousands of our traditional stone cottages were built with mud mortar, not lime. Tried and tested for centuries, earth mortars are surprisingly robust and enduring. Build a mud-bonded stone structure under the expert eye of local mason, Brian Tobin

You are welcome to join this workshop for one day or for more. Join in on any day.

Brian Tobin – Conservation Mason and Mud Man, Wexford

Price: €85 per day



Cob and Upcycled Domes.

Lizzie Wynn and Louise Halestrap. September 24th to 27th. [BOOK NOW](#)



Cob (or mud/mudwall, as it is sometimes called in Ireland) is probably one of our best known building techniques and is a firm favourite among eco-builders. This exciting workshop ticks another environmentally-friendly box by incorporating common waste items, such as plastic bottles into the structure. CAT lecturers are renowned for their experimental approach to projects; Louise Halestrap and Lizzie Wynn are no exception.

You are welcome to join this workshop for one day or for more. Join in on any day.

Lizzie Wynn and Louise Halestrap – Centre for Alternative Technology, Wales.

Price: €85 per day



Turf Walls and Turf Roof.

Daniël Postma



In bygone times, turf homes were considered the fast-track and affordable housing of the day. However, since they have disappeared from land and memory. However, thanks to links with Icelandic turf builders, a revival is underway in Scotland and Holland.

This workshop has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond EBUKI's control.

Mudwall Repairs.





Colin Ritchie and Féile Butler, Tuesday to Thursday September 25th to 27th. [BOOK NOW](#)



Mudwall (or cob as it also known) is a surprisingly durable material. And even when it does fail almost always repairable, often with the original material. There are hundreds (and possibly ev thousands) of traditional earth-built homes hidden all over Ireland. Learn about some of the mc common causes of mudwall failure and how to fix them under the guidance of Mud and Wood' Colin Ritchie and Féile Butler.

This workshop will build on the previous day's activities. You are welcome to join this workshop one day or for more. Join in on any day. Please note that there will only be a very brief recap o techniques taught on previous days.

Colin Ritchie and Féile Butler – 'Home of the Year 2015', EBUKI, Mud and Wood, Sligo

Price: €85 per day



Clay-Hemp Walls.

Tom Woolley, Monday to Thursday September 24th to 27th. [BOOK NOW](#)



Professor Tom Woolley is no stranger to championing innovation in natural building. This cutting edge technology combines all the health benefits of clay with the insulating properties of hemp his clay-hemp workshop, explore the ways that this ancient material can be adapted for contemporary use.

You are welcome to join this workshop for one day or for more. Join in on any day. The conten the workshop will be repeated every day, but different mixes will be trialled each time.

Tom Woolley – Author of 'Natural Building' and 'Low-Impact Building', Northern Ireland

Price: €85 per day



Traditional Wattle-and-Daub.

Niall Miller, Monday to Thursday September 24th to 27th. [BOOK NOW](#)



Wattle and daub is probably one of the oldest earth building techniques used in Ireland. Wood: Niall Miller will show you how and when to harvest hazel and willow, how to grade it in prepara for wattle construction, how to build a wattle wall, and how to mix and apply the daub. With tips covering everything from health and safety to the aftercare of the wall itself, this one-day cours gives a complete overview of this ancient method of construction.

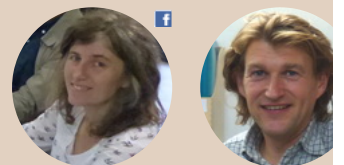
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Niall Miller – Muintir na Coille, Fuinseog Woodland Crafts, Leitrim

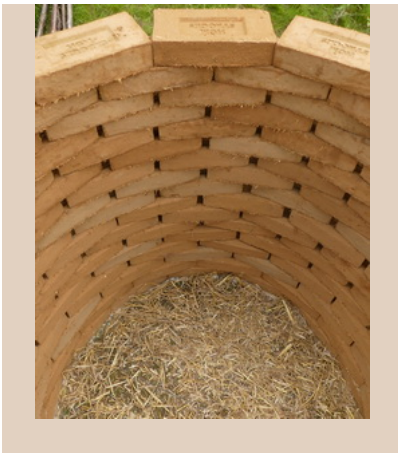
Price: €85 per day

Experiments in Earth Block and Natural Materials

Becky Little and Tom Morton, Monday to Thursday September 24th to 28th. [BOOK NOW](#)



Discover the joy of clay blocks – quick, recycleable and low carbon – and work with a wide ran finishes. Tom Morton and Becky Little have been getting their hands mucky for 25 years in nev eco-buildings, repairing traditional structures, research and training. In their workshop, the pair draw inspiration from the Irish landscape to build a cluster of earth block forms finished with ne materials such as sand, shells, heather, seaweed and straw.



Monday and Tuesday will focus on corbelled form making, with finishes building up through the week. Tom will be there all week, Becky on Wednesday and Thursday, and they will be joined other guest craftspeople on different days. Join us to experience the potential of earth sculptur this workshop for one day or the whole week.

Becky Little and Tom Morton – EBUKI, RebEarth and Arc Architects, Scotland.

Price: €85 per day



Sewn Reeds and Earth Plaster Pavilion.

Anna Altemir



Reeds-and-plaster construction is an ancient tradition in Spain, but unknown in Ireland. Be part of a collaborative design process. Learn how to select, prepare and assemble the reeds into a sturdy, alone organic structure. Make and apply a naturally water-resistant earth plaster. Will this pavilion stand up to the Irish rain? We can't wait to find out.

This workshop has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond EBUKI's control.



Cob Meitheal.

Ulrike and Thomas Riedmuller, Monday to Thursday September 24th to 27th.



These veterans of Irish earth building will run a cob-based work party during Clayfest. A meitheal is an Irish tradition, where a group of people come together to work towards a common goal. The cob meitheal will be an informal set-up. It cannot be booked in advance and will be open to passers-by, subject to space. It's a chance to get your hands mucky and get a feel for mud without committing to a full workshop. Stay for a few minutes or a few hours, but please be mindful of others who might want to join in.

Please note that this is not a workshop. While it will be hands-on, Thomas and Ulrike will not be teaching the specifics of cob construction.

Ulrike and Thomas Riedmuller – The Hollies Centre for Practical Sustainability, Cork

Price: Free – if people are waiting, you may be asked to give up your spot.

Conference

The Secret Life of Earth

This will be EBUKI's 10th annual conference. The theme this year is the 'Secret Life of Earth'. Up for debate could be topics such as our hidden earth-built heritage and how to increase its visibility, innovations pioneered by under-the-radar builders, will contemporary earth building remain in the margins, the role of water in earth at a microscopic level and much, much more. More information on our homepage and international speakers and their presentations will follow.

Price: €115

Fri. 28th September

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