

LBC Winter School - 2022 for Professionals

The Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies (LBC) is planning to conduct a **Winter School for professionals-2022**. As we all know, the Covid-19 pandemic situation disrupted much of the educational activities in our country during the past one and-half years. In view of the improved scenario, the LBC is planning to conduct a **Winter School for Professionals**. However, final year students of architecture may also participate in the programme.

The participants should have administered 2 doses of vaccine against Covid-19 and shall bring RTPCR negative certificate conducted within 72 hours at the time of arrival for the programme. The LBC will follow the existing Covid-19 protocol laid down by the Government of Kerala during this programme.

The Winter School aims to imbibe the spirit of sustainable habitat development through sharing of knowledge on alternative approaches in architecture and construction of buildings drawing from the principles and examples followed by the legendary architect Laurie Baker. These include use of mud, bamboo, brick, granite and recycling of used building materials. Architectural designs suited to given climatic conditions, optional use of natural lighting and ventilation are also part of the training programme.

Target Group: Practitioners, final year students of Architecture and Researchers in the field of sustainable habitat.

Duration: Fifteen days' workshop during **17-31 January, 2022**.

Venue: The programmes will be held at Laurie Baker Centre for Habitat Studies, Vilappilsala, Thiruvananthapuram (also known as Trivandrum) in Kerala.

Curriculum: The Curriculum will consist of a combination of (i) Classroom sessions (ii) Learning-by-Doing; Hands-on sessions and (iii) Field visits. In terms of subjects, the curriculum will cover topics that include (i) Sustainable habitat and green economy (ii) Laurie Baker's philosophy and approach to architecture and building construction (iii) Alternative construction techniques and material (vi) Climatic responsive architecture. The hands-on experience will be in such areas as (i) Masonry using brick and rubble (ii) Construction with mud (adobe, cob, etc.) (iii) Use of bamboo as an alternative construction material (e.g; bamboo surface beam, bamboo beams) (iv) Filler slab and other structural systems. Field visits will consist of visits to institutions and selected buildings designed and constructed by Laurie Baker and COSTFORD.

Boarding and Lodging: Food and accommodation will be provided in the LBC campus. During field visits, food will be arranged by the LBC.

Fees: The course fee is Rs.30,000/-(inclusive of 18% GST). This will cover boarding (Veg and Non-veg food), non-AC lodging and local transport (non-A/C) for field visits.

Location : The LBC campus is located in the Nooliyode village in Vilappil Panchayat, 13 kms away from the centre of the city. It is 14 kms away from the Thiruvananthapuram Central Railway Station and 18 kms from the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport.

Arrival and departure: On arrival in the LBC campus, participants are required to produce a RTPCR test performed result conducted within 72 hours. Participants are expected to arrive on the previous day of the workshop (i.e. 16th January, 2022). They are expected to depart within 24 hours of the completion of the

Workshop. Free pick-up and drop will be arranged by the LBC on the previous evening (7.00PM) of the workshops and the next day morning (8.00AM) after the workshops.

Registration: Number of participants is limited to 20 and registrations will be done on a first-cum-first-served basis. Persons who are interested to participate are requested to send an e-mail to <lauriebakercentre@gmail.com> expressing their interest.

Dress Code & Etiquette: Compulsory wearing of face masks (preferably N95) throughout the period. Sufficient dress material for 15-days stay. Smoking and consumption of alcohol are not permitted in the LBC Campus. LBC is a Plastic Free campus and use of 'single use' plastic is banned.

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