

EIA Training

Knowledge of how the EIA process is implemented via the UK planning system is vital for development practitioners if they are to ensure that regulatory requirements for EIA are integrated with project management cycles.

The Environment Practice provides EIA training for consulting engineers, architects, landscape architects, and planning consultants. Our courses combine lectures and case study presentations based on our EIA project experience, demonstrating how to achieve best practice in development feasibility, design, and construction management. Key skills that may form the focus of a course include:

- Understanding the application of EIA legislation.
- Determining what type of developments require EIA.
- Defining the scope of site investigations for EIA studies.
- Applying impact prediction techniques.
- Determining and expressing impact significance .
- Preparing mitigation and monitoring strategies based on feedback between EIA studies and project design.
- Understanding the features of a high quality Environmental Statement (ES), and implementing ES quality review procedures during EIA studies.
- Undertaking effective consultations with regulatory and voluntary organisations.

Our professional training courses build on our long track-record of preparing and delivering academic training in EIA: we currently deliver modules on EIA practice for the University of Sunderland MSc in Environmental Management and for the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne s BSc Planning degree. Previously, we were contracted for 8 years to teach a 10-week undergraduate unit on EIA for final-year students on the Environmental Management BSc at the University of Durham, and we have authored a 1/2-day unit on EIA and Strategic EIA for a Foundation Course in Environmental Auditing accredited by Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA).



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