

Projects and partnerships - designing, managing and evaluating

One of the University of Gloucestershire's **Essentials of Community Development (ECD)** series

Project management and partnership working have a lot in common! Both aim to make sure that the use of resources (people, skills, time, and finances) are used efficiently in order to maximise positive outcomes and relationships – it's all about getting the most out of sometimes limited and scarce resources.

Good projects and partnerships mean tailoring the management process and approach to the scale of work and the overall context in which it is operating. As many community development partnerships commission, implement, and manage projects, these skills become all the more important.

This course explores the design, management and assessment of both projects and partnerships for effective implementation and added value. It also explores the power of partnership work for enhancing outcomes, evaluating impacts from activities that provide tangible evidence to sponsors, donors, and funders.

This is a stand-alone one day course, but can be taken as part of the ECD programme (4 x 1 day courses).

What is this course about?

The aim of this course is to develop knowledge and skills about a range of approaches to project management, and introduce the participants to simple, tailored project management approaches geared towards efficient delivery of outcomes within partnerships and small organisations.

Who is this for?

Managers of projects/programmes at local and regional levels of government, NGOs, local authorities, regional bodies

- Anyone involved in designing or letting projects, setting up or implementing action through partnerships
- Professionals involved in: local government, community service delivery, health, education, recreation, natural resources management, rural or urban service delivery
- Anyone with an interest in becoming more effective and efficient in managing the limited resources at their disposal



What are the learning objectives?

At the end of this course participants will be able to:

- Appreciate the strengths and weaknesses of partnerships and how to manage partnerships and partnership work
- Explain the basic principles of project design, implementation, and evaluation
- Demonstrate an awareness of a range of approaches to project management and their suitability in different contexts
- Design a basic project management system to suit the context in which they are operating
- Identify mechanisms for monitoring activity over short or long time frames
- Undertake basic evaluation of their management and partnership activities to provide feedback and enable delivery improvements and greater organisational effectiveness

How will participants benefit?

- Increases understanding of project management approaches and structure
- Increases understanding of partnership working
- Develops confidence to undertake partnership development work/project work
- Improves capacity to design, implement and evaluate project activities

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- Builds capacity to save their organisation money through developing locally tailored management and evaluation approaches

Follow up activity could include:

- Community Engagement and Governance (Foundation Degree)
- European Rural Development (Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma, Masters Degree)
- Prince2 Project Management (short course)
- Managing Successful Programmes (short course)
- Essentials of Community Development (ECD) programme (short course)
- Events Management (Honours Degree)
- Leadership and Management: Social Work (MSc and PG Diploma)

About the Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI)

The CCRI is a partnership between the University of Gloucestershire, the University of the West of England, the Royal Agricultural College and Hartpury College. The CCRI undertakes research and teaching on a wide range of issues relating to the economy, society, environment and governance in the UK and Europe emphasising sustainable development, economic regeneration, sustainable environments, local distinctiveness and inclusive participatory processes.

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1 day course (one of 4x1 day courses making the ECD programme)

How to book

To book please visit:
www.glos.ac.uk/shortcourses

Duration

1 day

Course Fee (per person)

£175 per 1 day course
£600 full 4 day programme

Time

9am - 4.30pm

Date

Visit our website for the latest dates

Location

Park Campus
University of Gloucestershire

For directions go to:

www.glos.ac.uk/travel

Tutor

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