

Essentials of Community Development (ECD)

How do you implement sustainable community development in a context of government cuts and a challenging economic environment?

The 'Essentials of Community Development' is a series of four 1 day courses designed to give you the understanding, tools and skills you need to design, develop and project manage community development activity. Learn core skills such as community appraisal, collecting and using information, and partnership working. Enjoy a practical toolkit to take away including best practice project planning templates, checklists, policy and procedural protocols.

- Explore real world examples of community development projects and research
- Gain valuable input from practitioners and academics involved in community development
- Expand your thinking . . . enhance your skills
- Courses are Quality Assured by the University of Gloucestershire
- Potential for moving on to deeper learning and higher qualifications

These four short courses can be taken as a complete programme or individually, giving you the best value for money.

What is the programme about?

The four courses cover:

- 1. Making your community sustainable**
- 2. Projects and Partnerships – designing, managing & evaluating**

3. Collecting & using good quality information

4. Exploring alternative approaches to developing sustainable communities

Who is this for?

Anyone involved in:

- Local government / Local Authority
- LAG – Local Action Groups
- Rural development organisations
- Partnership working
- Transition groups / individuals

1. Making your community sustainable

- Exploring what makes a 'community' and what makes it sustainable
- Understanding local economy and society
- Less is more - What you can do when the money runs out
- Participation - developing and using social capital
- Community development as a tool for empowerment

2. Projects and partnerships – designing, managing and evaluating

- Project management - designing, setting up and running projects
- Demonstrating local benefits – evaluating the effects of your activities
- Partnerships for projects and people – creating, managing, and sustaining

3. Collecting and using good quality information

- Collecting information about communities
 - how to design, commission, carry out and evaluate community development information
- Analysing community information
- Using information to bring about change (influencing strategies, policy and planning)

4. Exploring alternative approaches to developing sustainable communities

- Developing your community through alternative economic systems – plugging the leaky bucket
- Service delivery in a time of austerity
- Adding value to local resources
 - Food and farming
 - Forestry and wildlife
 - Alternative energy sources
 - Recreation and leisure
 - Energy and water
- Managing shared resources

A certificate of attendance will be issued to participants - demonstrating Continuing Professional Development. There is an additional option for gaining credits for each of the courses attended by submitting a short written assignment after the programme.

Follow up activity could include:

- Community Engagement and Governance (Foundation Degree)
- European Rural Development (Postgraduate Certificate/Diploma, Masters Degree)

About the University of Gloucestershire

Successful organisations are built on expert knowledge and dynamic skills underpinned by the right attitudinal approach and values that support organisational change, growth and sustainability. The University of Gloucestershire has a strong track record of delivering business related undergraduate, postgraduate and professional courses to support staff in professional, management and leadership roles.

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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4 day programme (or separate 1 day courses)

How to book

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

Duration

4 days (over 2 months)

Course Fee (per person)

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

Time

9am - 4.30pm

Dates

Visit our website for the latest dates

Location

Park Campus
University of Gloucestershire

For directions go to:

www.glos.ac.uk/travel

Tutor

Dr John Powell
(Supporting academics)

Contact us

To discuss the course in more detail call the University of Gloucestershire's Centre for Enterprise and Innovation, tel: **01242 714104** or email shortcourses@glos.ac.uk



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