

The Programme

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Introductory Workshops

- Tuesday 4 October
Eastcroft, Nottingham
- Tuesday 11 October
Winding Wheel Chesterfield
- Wednesday 12 October
Orange Rooms, Leicester
- Tuesday 18 October
County Offices, Lincoln
- Wednesday 19 October
Hunsbury Hill Centre, North'pton



As part of the **Climate East Midlands Skills Programme**, which is designed to enhance the skills of planners and local communities to take action on climate change, the **UK Climate Impacts Programme** (in conjunction with the **Town and Country Planning Association**) has been commissioned to deliver a support programme on **Planning for Adaptation**. This series of training events and in-depth support will help planners better understand the implications of developing and implementing long term spatial plans in a changing climate. It will enable planners to build adaptation into robust planning policy and draw upon the latest scientific projections (UK Climate Projections 2009).

Face to face support will be provided through three workshops held over Autumn - Winter 2011 and at a concluding dissemination conference in February 2012. All planning authorities in the East Midlands are encouraged to participate, to help ensure the knowledge and skills are systematically transferred and build upon the extensive adaptation work already done by and with councils over the last three years.

- **An Introductory Workshop** will explore the concepts of climate change in a planning context, and the current and future impacts and consequences of a changing climate. This event will be repeated in five locations (listed left).
- **Locality Workshops** will focus on four different landscape types e.g. rural, coastal, urban and regeneration and explore adaptation in each locality-type. There will be one event on each Landscape type and appropriate locations will be agreed with participants at the Introductory Workshops.
- **In-depth Thematic Workshops** will be based around selected themes and detailed policy support documents e.g. transport, infrastructure, built environment. There will be three of these events - with Themes and appropriate locations to be agreed.
- **A Conference** will conclude the programme next February and provide opportunities for dissemination amongst a wider stakeholder audience.

Planners will gain maximum benefit by attending the full programme, but it is not essential to book on one of each workshop type or restrict themselves to one thematic workshop.

In addition to the hands-on support a searchable database of UK and European case studies and further relevant supporting information will be developed. This will form part of the new Adaptation Resource on the Climate East Midlands website:

www.climate-em.org.uk/resources/adaptation-resource

'The UK is coping now, but it is near its limits in some key sectors and could be pushed over the edge by climate change. But by preparing now, the UK can reduce the adverse effects of climate change and take advantage of opportunities'

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How to Book

These are **free** training events with places offered on a first come, first served basis via Lois Dale at East Midlands Councils on 01664 302663 or lois.dale@emcouncils.gov.uk

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Locality Workshops

- Tuesday 15 November
Lincoln (Coastal)
- Wednesday 16 November
Northampton (Rural)
- Tuesday 22 November
Nottingham (Urban)
- Wednesday 23 November
Chesterfield (Regeneration)

Thematic Workshops

- Tuesday 10 January
- Tuesday 17 January
- Tuesday 24 January

Locations/venues to be confirmed

Concluding Conference

Tuesday 21 or 28 February, tbc

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Planning for Adaptation



Other Support to Planners This is one of three Skills Fund projects designed to support planners and is complementary to the Climate Change Toolkit training provided by CAG consultants and the Decentralised Energy project run by the Carbon Trust and Aecom. Full details of these projects are online at: www.climate-em.org.uk/projects/skills-programme

What's in the Programme?

Introductory Workshops These all-day sessions will start from a shared understanding of the main planning priorities, generally in the East Midlands, specifically in different parts of the region, and in individual authorities. This understanding will shape the day. The UKCIP team will then explore the main impacts of weather and climate that represent threats and opportunities to these planning objectives. How then can the latest climate projections be used to understand these impacts better? What are the implications of uncertainty and long planning horizons? What else to include in subsequent workshops?

Locality Workshops Again, the starting point will be the key planning objectives, this time focusing on different localities. What are the main planning agendas in rural, urban, coastal and other localities? These workshops will move on to explore adaptation options, under two broad headings: Building Adaptive Capacity and Delivering Adaptation Actions – in other words, planning for longer term adaptation as well as doing certain things straight away. They will be informed by practical examples drawn both from the East Midlands and beyond.

Thematic Workshops LDFs, Core Strategies and other planning policy documents are all typically structured around sectors/land uses/etc. These workshops will be based on adaptation to those land uses that, through the course of the project, have been identified as priority. These might include, for example, housing, transport; employment, but these topics will be determined by you as the programme proceeds. By this stage we will be also able to reflect upon the new National Planning Policy Framework and consider some of the strategic implications for adaptation and resilience planning.

Conference Although the programme is aimed at spatial planners, we are aware that planners can only be effective through the active involvement of other partners and agencies. So, the target audience for this conference will be, not just planners, but politicians, investors, landowners, housing associations, community groups etc. Again, we will be happy to be advised by participants on topics, speakers, and other delegates.

Beyond the Programme

Further support, to help cascade adaptation knowledge to planning teams in each council is potentially available from Climate East Midlands, who are based at East Midlands Councils in Melton Mowbray and have a team of 8 Project Officers hosted by the upper tier local authorities across the East Midlands. They have helped to drive progress on adaptation over the last three years.