

A Changing Climate for Planning is one strand of activity in the Climate East Midlands Skills Programme which is funded by the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG). This is designed to support the decentralisation of power to the local level by enhancing the skills that local authorities and their communities need to take positive action on climate change.



A Changing Climate for Planning consists of four elements which are being delivered by different providers during 2011/12. They are designed to help planners embed climate change mitigation and adaptation into planning (policy and development control) and also enable communities to engage with the planning system.

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1. Planners' Climate Change Toolkit (April 2011)

CAG consultants will deliver a series of identical events across the 5 sub-regions, using a climate change toolkit initially developed for planners in the South West. Content will include current procedures and the policy context, developing an evidence base, translating evidence in to policy and monitoring and review. These will be workshop based and will be focused around real life examples. Further options may be available, subject to demand – climate change adaptation for planners, sustainable energy solutions for individual buildings and sustainable energy solutions for whole developments.

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2. Planning policy for Decentralised Energy (Feb – Dec 2011)

This proposal will provide in-depth support for around five projects that will lead to the development of low-carbon energy infrastructure, and provide practical experience in contributing to the development of an area-wide energy planning policy in rural and urban areas. Support will be tailored to each local authority.

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3. Planning policy for Adaptation (timescale tbc)

This project is at an early stage of development but will develop a transferable methodology to help integrate climate change adaptation into planning policy. It could be followed up by capacity building, possibly though working through relevant project proposals.

For further information please contact **Anne Gayfer** (details above)

4. Planning support for Communities (until Feb 2012)

Groundwork East Midlands are delivering a strand of the Skills Programme aimed at supporting communities on climate change. One element of this is designed to enable communities to better engage in local planning decisions, particularly where renewable energy, low carbon or adaptation related developments are proposed.

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Complementing this programme is East Midlands Councils' new low cost approach to CPD for local authority planners and other development professionals 'Planning for Localism'. More details are available from Andrew Pritchard:

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