

An isometric illustration of a cityscape, rendered in white lines on a teal background. The buildings are represented as simple rectangular blocks of varying heights and orientations, creating a sense of depth and perspective. The city is densely packed, with streets and alleys visible between the structures. The overall style is clean and modern, typical of architectural visualization.

Essentials Programme 2023/24

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Welcome to our new programme !

This set of UDL training and networking events will allow your local authority to gain essential knowledge and skills in key planning and street design issues.

The sessions will provide up to date information in a practical and enjoyable way. They will highlight best practice from which you can learn and explain how to use tools and techniques to deliver the great places your communities need and deserve.

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Foundations & Briefings

Providing a good foundation on how we create places. It will be especially useful for people new to the built environment sector or those who want to refresh their knowledge.

04/05/2023

Housing design

We will explore how to ensure our homes and residential neighbourhoods are well-designed and sustainable.

08/06/2023

The principles of good placemaking

A look at the characteristics that make for successful places, considering how different layouts, building forms and land uses interact and function best.

14/09/2023

The planning system

All you need to know about the management, control and regulation of development and how planning can provide public benefit and enhance our built environment.

18/01/2024

The development process

This session will take us through the stages of development and activities required to transform ideas and concepts into reality.

11/07/2023, 10/10/2023, 08/02/2024

Briefings

Updates on significant new policy, guidance, funding streams or other built environment news.





Essential Planning Learning

This essential planning series will underpin existing knowledge providing information and skills useful for anyone involved with plan-making or managing planning applications

27/04/2023

What's new from DLUHC?

This event will give us an up to date briefing on new planning legislation, policy, guidance and funding programmes.

27/06/2023

Climate resilient places

We will provide an overview of how to ensure our places best manage extreme heat and rainfall events while still being resource efficient and kind to nature in themselves. successful outcomes.

09/11/2023

Understanding your plan-tech options

This event will provide an update on how tools for managing data, mapping, visual representation and application management can make planning work easier, and more efficient.

07/03/2024

Understanding plans and drawings

A practical and helpful overview of the types of graphics planners use with advice on best practice.





Essential Streets Learning

Focusing on vital knowledge and skills for those involved in creating or improving our streets. This series will cover key concepts and principles behind current best practice in street design.

02/05/2023

The art of engineering and creating healthy streets

Looking at how practitioners can best deal with culture change within the industry and in particular requirements for them to create climate responsible streets that are great places to spend time in.

14/06/2023

DfT Update and the new Manual for Streets 3

An overview of latest DfT policy and guidance including Manual for Streets 3 - what it covers and what it means for your work. We will also consider funding approaches, and ways in which active travel, bus and public realm requirements can best fit together.

05/10/2023

The diverse role and function of streets

This session will explain the different roles and functions of streets, how to prioritise and design for different functions.

06/12/2023

Understanding different types of journeys

We will consider why people travel and the different modes they choose in travelling to different destinations and how these choices should inform street design and

19/03/2024

An holistic design approach to climate resilient public spaces

We will look at how we design the public realm to mitigate the impacts of the climate emergency including reducing air pollution and carbon emissions and supporting greater





Design Codes & Clubs

These design code events will take you through the process of what codes are, where and how best to use them and why design codes can be helpful to ensure a quality framework for great placemaking.

03/05/2023

Introduction to design coding

Explaining what design codes are, their role in today's planning system and where best to prioritise and use them.

21/06/2023

Character appraisals and the evidence behind codes

We will look at different ways of understanding an area to be coded, including gathering information about what local people want, local landscape, environmental, architectural and townscape character.

12/07/2023

Different kinds of codes explained

We will explore the difference between area wide, site specific and town centre codes, and consider how much flexibility and certainty might be appropriate for each type and how to decide what to code where.

28/09/2023

Masterplans as spatial hooks for codes

We will look at the relationship between spatial plans which explain where development should go, and codes that explain what form it should take.

29/11/2023

Coding buildings

This event will cover the physical aspects of buildings that can be coded, such as layout, elevations, roofs, and materials, with advice on ensuring the codes respond to the local vernacular.

25/01/2024

Coding streets

We will investigate the key elements of streets that can be coded such as layout, building interface, traffic speed, widths for different types of movement, parking, junction design and spacing and critical green infrastructure for all street types.

14/03/2024

Coding blue and green infrastructure

This session will cover the key elements of critical green and blue infrastructure that can be coded such as bio-diverse and climate resilient public spaces and streets, natural habitats and sustainable drainage with advice on how to decide what these should be like.

18/07/2023, 10/10/2023, 05/03/2024

Code Clubs

Informal sessions where members can share their work, ideas, questions and concerns with others doing similar work for different types of places.



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