

Department of Geography

Urban Renewal and Health

Strategies for health impact assessment

*A comprehensive training course with a strong practical element.
Use it to conduct health impact assessment within your organisation*



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Renewal and regeneration seek to improve people's quality of life by reversing decline in disadvantaged neighbourhoods.

They have a huge potential to improve people's quality of life and health.

But do they always succeed?

- In the short term programmes can be disruptive
- In the longer term change and improvement may not be sustained when funding finishes.

Improving services together

A range of initiatives under the National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal require different sectors to explore ways to work in partnership and improve public services.

Changes must be driven using both area-based and mainstream resources.

Impact on people's quality of life must be demonstrated by outcome indicators.

Improving health

Health has not been a traditional partner in regeneration. It is now seen as a cross cutting theme. All major policy areas from education to employment, from transport to community safety, affect our health.

Health impact assessment (HIA) is a practical approach that firmly locates evidence and good practice in policy-making. It also helps with monitoring and evaluation.

This course is for decision-makers and managers, involved in neighbourhood renewal and the provision of services, who are developing ways to move the agenda forward.

Best way forward

How can decision-makers identify the best ways to work in partnership and gain maximum value from resources while achieving programme objectives?

How can decision-makers demonstrate the effects of programmes?

This course will help you to answer these questions.

"Doing HIA with QMUL gave staff the opportunity to look at the project and 'think outside the box' and see wider links. It also helped us to think what was missed out when the bid was written and what had changed since the bid was written and take steps to address the gaps."

**Richard McDermott, Programme Manager
Forest Gate and Plaistow SRB**

"HIA is a valuable planning and development tool. This course will significantly increase capacity within your organisation for linking different themes of work, integrating health and delivering a single service agenda."

**Liza Cragg, London Health Commission
Co-ordinator, Health Development Agency**

"Gives you a welcome chance to fine tune and improve projects and programmes of work."

**Sian Penner, Independent Regeneration
Consultant**

What you can expect

The sponsoring organisation

- The course is part-time so that staff are not away from their post for long periods
- The course is practical, using issues from working life as material for learning
- Participants will be able to facilitate HIA and apply evidence to their practice at work and so help in delivering the local and the national agenda
- Participants are required to undertake a HIA and to learn from issues and challenges from the workplace. The course is designed so that learning can feed into delivery plans for 2003/2004.

The participants

- Opportunity to deepen and update your understanding of current issues in renewal and regeneration as they relate to the wider health agenda
- Examine issues involved in developing and delivering strategic approaches to public services



- Teaching and learning is integrated and practical. Theory is used to inform discussion of policy issues. Case studies including local, national and international examples are key resources
- The course uses live projects to look at approaches to problem-based learning. External speakers will provide the opportunity for participants to critically evaluate current approaches
- Opportunity to think about the wider implications of neighbourhood renewal
- Challenging and stimulating course which will require participants to do some work in their own time
- Postgraduate certificate from Queen Mary University of London.

The wider community

- Programme managers who understand the importance of listening to, responding to and acting with communities
- Integrated programmes which clearly take account of health and sustainability.





Course tutors

Professor Sarah Curtis has an international reputation for work on health change related to urban development.

Ben Cave is working with LSPs, PCTs and local authorities to integrate health into existing procedures and planned programmes.

Both tutors have written extensively on HIA and on urban development and advise local, regional and national bodies. They wrote the East London & City HAZ Guide to HIA for regeneration projects which is available at www.geog.qmul.ac.uk/health/guide.html

Cost and duration

The course costs £2,000. A number of bursaries are available. The fees include access to postgraduate facilities at Queen Mary University of London including computer and library services.

The course will run for one day a week from October 2002 to April 2003.

Entry requirements

We want to ensure that the course is open to anyone who will benefit and has the potential to gain the postgraduate certificate.

Applicants with qualifications or experience gained through paid or voluntary sector work are encouraged to apply. Current or past experience of urban development is an advantage. Normal academic standard for entry is a good honours degree in a relevant social science or related discipline.

Proficiency in English is required. TOEFL score of 590.

How to apply

Application forms are available either from j.j.page@qmul.ac.uk or s.pervaiz@qmul.ac.uk or ring enquiries on +44 (0) 20 7882 5400.

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