

OXFORD UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN THE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT
2010/11

In partnership with English Heritage
In association with the Archaeology Training Forum, the IFA and IHBC

1) Infrastructure Planning and the Historic Environment

Monday 18 October 2010

Course Director: Roger M Thomas, English Heritage

Infrastructure projects (typically, developments for energy, transport and water supply) can have a major impact on the historic environment. Because of their scale, such projects tend to pose considerable challenges for all concerned, and they are often dealt with under special planning procedures. This course will examine: the rapidly-changing legal regimes for such developments, environmental impact assessment for infrastructure, and some of the practical issues that infrastructure schemes can raise for historic environment professionals.

The course is aimed at professionals working in the historic environment sector (especially those in central government bodies, local authorities and consultants), but may also be of interest to professional planners with a particular interest in the historic environment, to other professionals who are involved with infrastructure, and to staff or members of amenity groups and specialist societies who have particular involvements with infrastructure projects.

2) Archaeological Desk-Based Assessments

Wednesday 3 November 2010

Course Director: Stewart Bryant, Herts County Council

Desk-based assessments are important tools in understanding archaeological sites and historic landscapes, and in managing change. Although these reports are increasingly required in the planning process or as an early stage in the development of conservation plans and environmental assessments, many historic environment professionals have little or no training in researching, compiling and presenting them. This course informs participants about the role of desk-based assessments in managing the cultural heritage resource and provides a practical guide to their production. It will also include guidance on the use of desk-based assessments to fulfil the requirements of the new PPS 5.

The course will be of interest to all those who are currently (or hope to be) involved in the commissioning or production of desk-based assessments. It is targeted towards new entrants to the profession and those who would like to develop skills in this area, and an additional subsidy to the course fee is provided by English Heritage under the Access to Training in Conservation (ATTIC) programme.

3) Researching Architectural Drawings and Historic Visual Sources

Thursday 18 November 2010

Course Director: Gordon Higgott, English Heritage

Architectural drawings, plans and related visual sources, including estate maps, topographical views and early photographs, often provide the most valuable evidence for dating and interpreting

historic buildings and sites. This course will explain the evolution of architectural drawing and survey conventions in Britain from the sixteenth to the twentieth centuries and will demonstrate, through practical case studies, the methods of interpreting such material.

The course will be useful to professionals in the field of archaeology and historic building recording and conservation, including historic building consultants and conservation architects and all those involved in the research of building histories for conservation plans and statements of significance.

4) Aerial Photography: Archaeological Interpretation and Mapping

Wednesday 12 - Thursday 13 January 2011

Course Director: Matt Oahey, English Heritage

Aerial photography is one of the most productive ways of identifying and understanding archaeological sites and landscapes. Aerial photographs are extremely valuable for effective archaeological research and conservation but few people have formal training in their use. This course is designed to inform historic environment professionals of the potential and practical use of aerial photographs for research and heritage management.

The course will be relevant to those who are currently involved in research, fieldwork and the planning process, and those who are regularly required to assess sites and landscapes from a broad range of periods.

5) Military Archaeology: Current Professional Approaches and Practice

Tuesday 18 January 2011

Course Director: Wayne Cocroft, English Heritage

Modern military sites due to their scale, complexity and the myriad of documentary sources are some of the most challenging historic assets to assess. This course will explore how historic environment professionals are adapting traditional practices and developing new methods of working to record, analyse, understand, conserve and manage these places.

The course is designed for those who wish to explore how large defence sites and landscapes might be investigated, and the practical approaches that are being taken towards their conservation. It will be of particular value to those who are required to assess modern military remains, or who wish to expand their knowledge of this rapidly expanding area of professional work.

6) Post-Excavation Assessment

Monday 24 January 2011

Course Director: Tony Wilmott, English Heritage

Post-excavation assessments became an integral part of archaeological project designs under English Heritage's MAP2 – replaced by Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) in 2006 – but, despite the formalisation of the review process, mechanistic over-documentation of data all too often takes the place of critical evaluation and interpretation. This course explores the principles of post-excavation assessments and discusses publication plans for post-excavation work.

The course will be of interest to all those who are currently (or hope to be) involved in the commissioning or production of post-excavation assessments. It will be particularly pertinent to

project officers, finds archaeologists, environmental archaeologists, graphics specialists, freelancers and consultants. It is targeted towards new entrants to the profession and those who would like to develop skills in this area, and an additional subsidy to the course fee is provided by English Heritage under the Access to Training in Conservation (ATTIC) programme.

7) Understanding PPS 5: Archaeology and Development

Wednesday 26 January 2011

Course Director: Roger M Thomas, English Heritage

Planning Policy Statement 5 on Planning for the Historic Environment is very broad in scope. One of the specific topics that PPS 5 covers is the process of development-led archaeology, previously dealt with under PPG 16. This course will examine the approach of PPS 5 (and its accompanying Practice Guide) to development-led archaeological work. Topics to be covered will include the differences between PPG 16 and PPS 5, and the implications of PPS 5 for archaeological practice in planning and development-related contexts.

The course is aimed at archaeologists in central and (especially) local government, and archaeological consultants and archaeologists involved in designing and undertaking development-led archaeological work within the planning system.

8) Health and Safety for Historic Environment Professionals

Monday 31 January - Tuesday 1 February 2011

Course Director: Paul Jeffery, English Heritage

Historic Environment practitioners operate in many different types of locations and situations, which can result in a variety of risks and personal hazards. Urban and built up areas can present as many challenges as more remote rural sites. This course offers a detailed review of Health & Safety Law and demonstrates how to identify and reduce risks to both staff and the public. It also includes practical advice on how to identify and select appropriate tools and clothing for outdoor working, and addresses some issues for those working or travelling alone, or in small teams.

The course will be useful to those who manage staff or work as staff on archaeological excavation sites, and to those who carry out building recording and surveys. In particular, it addresses issues related to the additional concerns related to lone working in the historic environment.

9) Presenting Historic Places

Tuesday 8 - Wednesday 9 February 2011

Course Director: Anna Keay, English Heritage

The presentation of historic sites is a complex science involving many disciplines, but for which little formal training is available. This course is designed to help those involved with presenting historic sites decide how best to show them to visitors. Strongly practical in focus, it is concerned with the reality of running heritage sites, and will include sessions on historical research, audience research, site interpretation, the physical presentation of buildings and interiors, and the management of objects in non-museum conditions.

The course is aimed at those with actual or potential involvement in managing and caring for historic places that are visited by the public: these might be, for example, historic houses, museums, archaeological sites, industrial buildings, places of worship or civic buildings.

10) Tools for Appraising and Managing Conservation Areas

Friday 11 February 2011

Course Director: Charles Wagner, English Heritage

This course investigates the different techniques that have emerged over recent years for appraising and assessing historic areas, now under the 'Understanding Place' umbrella. It will consider the different uses of these techniques to help in the management of Conservation Areas, including the assessment of "at riskness". It will also aim to explain the Planning Policy Statement 5 (PPS 5) approach to historic areas.

The course will be particularly relevant to those working in local authorities managing Conservation Areas and those in historic environment consultancies offering surveying services, as well as those in the voluntary sector who are seeking partnerships with their local authority to better understand and manage their historic areas.

11) Archaeological Survey Using Airborne Lidar

Wednesday 23 February 2011

Course Director: Simon Crutchley, English Heritage

Archaeological survey using airborne lidar is a relatively new technique to be added to the tool box of the archaeological surveyor, and when used in the appropriate circumstances it can reveal archaeological remains in exceptional detail. This course aims to inform historic environment professionals of the potential and practical use of lidar data and lidar derived imagery for research and heritage management.

The course is designed for a professional audience, particularly those who are currently involved in research, fieldwork and the planning process and who are aware of lidar, but have little or no practical experience with its use.

12) The Setting of Heritage Assets and Places: Current Approaches

Wednesday 9 - Thursday 10 March 2011

Course Director: George Lambrick, Archaeology and Heritage Consultant

The setting of buildings, monuments and historic areas is fundamental to how people appreciate the cultural value of historic places, but it is a complex and contentious issue for decision makers. In the context of new official guidance, this course explains why the setting of historic places matters. It also examines the principles of assessment and decision-making, and provides an opportunity to learn or enhance key practical skills.

The course will be of particular interest to those involved with heritage issues in planning decisions, especially major developments affecting sensitive locations. Such involvement could be as a planning or heritage consultant, planning officer, agency regulator, or historic environment curator; or alternatively as a member of staff of a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) or other organisation that commissions conservation plans, heritage assessments or specialist studies for Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) or Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs).

13) Public Inquiry Workshop

Wednesday 16 - Friday 18 March 2011

Course Director: Roger M Thomas, English Heritage

This practical course introduces potential witnesses and advocates to the techniques and procedures of Public Inquiries dealing with the historic environment. Training will be given in the

preparation of proofs of evidence and a mock Inquiry will be staged in front of an experienced Inspector and led by practising advocates. The Inquiry process will be videoed as a basis for detailed feedback.

The course will be particularly useful to those who have to appear, or expect that they may have to appear, as a professional witness at a Public Inquiry. This is likely to include local authority staff, consultants, English Heritage staff and staff of amenity societies.

I4) Climate Change and the Historic Environment: Flooding and Flood Risk Management

Monday 21 March 2011

Course Director: Dr Jen Heathcote, English Heritage

In recent years there has been a shift away from flood prevention towards flood-risk management and this is set to increase in the face of climate change. The approach requires the use of adaptive strategies to reduce the likelihood of flooding and to minimize the impacts when it does occur. This course provides an overview of the policy, research and practice relevant to understanding both risks to the historic environment and opportunities for enhanced management.

This course is aimed at historic environment professionals working in the public or private sector, and others who need to be conversant with legislation, research and practice relevant to flood-related issues for historic environment assets.

I5) An Introduction to Architecture for Archaeologists

Monday 28 - Tuesday 29 March 2011

Course Director: Dr Adam Menuge, English Heritage

This course is a brief introduction to dating architectural styles and provides a simple 'tool kit' for archaeologists who may need corroborating dating evidence to unravel the sites or landscapes on which they are working. It will outline approaches to the interpretation of architectural evidence and explore the evolution of architectural styles from the pre-Conquest period to the 20th century. It will also look at a series of key building types – especially churches, polite and vernacular housing, and industrial buildings – emphasising the principal characteristics which assist dating.

The course is aimed at archaeologists working in a range of research, fieldwork, planning and curatorial roles who find that buildings figure prominently in their workload or are likely to do so in the future.

I6) Places of Worship: Conservation and Management

Thursday 31 March 2011

Course Director: Diana Evans, English Heritage

English Heritage's Heritage at Risk programme is focusing on Places of Worship in 2010/11 and this course will provide an opportunity to learn more about the research and explore its methodology and implications. This work, plus the new Planning Policy Statement 5 (PPS 5), Ecclesiastical Exemption Order and Guidance, and new consideration of future uses for former Places of Worship, means that this is an exciting time for re-evaluation and positive reconsideration of their future.

The course will be relevant to conservation officers, local authority heritage champions and those interested in the regeneration of places of worship, including Diocesan Advisory Committee, Historic Churches Committee and Historic Churches Advisory Committee chairs, secretaries and members.

17) Understanding Place: Historic Area Assessments

Wednesday 6 April 2011

Course Director: Dr Adam Menuge, English Heritage

Historic Area Assessments aim to ensure that historical understanding informs the management of change in the built environment not just at the level of individual buildings but across the small and medium-scale historic landscapes that constitute 'places', particularly when these are threatened by rapid change or steady incremental loss. They provide an overview of the historical development and present-day character of towns, suburbs and rural settlements and an assessment of their current state and future value. This course will introduce the principles and methods of area assessments, allow participants to explore the approach through a practical exercise, and illustrate ways in which it can lead to appropriate strategies for management, conservation and protection.

It will be useful to those who are, or are likely to be, involved in the preparation, commissioning or use of Historic Area Assessments in a wide range of contexts, including the preparation of Masterplans, Conservation Area appraisal and management, Housing Market Renewal Initiatives ('Pathfinder' schemes), Heritage Partnership Agreements and the strategic management of the built heritage.

18) Conservation Management Plans and their Practical Use

Monday 11 - Tuesday 12 April 2011

Course Director: Dr Stephen Bond, Historic Environment Consultant

Conservation management plans are either a great waste of paper or a vital tool for managing our heritage. This course will introduce the process of conservation management planning, show you what is involved in writing a plan, teach you how to read and assess a plan, and explore the ways in which they can be used. At the end, you should be convinced about the value of the process!

The course is aimed at historic environment professionals and all those working with conservation management plans, such as consultants, lottery-funding applicants, historic environment advisors, heritage managers, managers of historic properties and professionals working in local planning authorities.

19) Designed Landscapes at Risk and their Conservation

Thursday 14 - Friday 15 April 2011

Course Director: John Watkins, English Heritage

Recent research (including *Heritage at Risk*, 2008), has shown that many of England's historic gardens, parks and designed landscapes, both urban and rural, are at risk from development pressures and decline. This situation has arisen due to under-investment and a deficit of skills to effectively manage and maintain them. This course aims to examine and understand these threats and challenges whilst identifying and evaluating strategies and solutions for protecting, conserving and managing sites.

The course will be of particular interest to conservation officers and others engaged in practical garden and landscape conservation, including estate managers, land managers and local authority parks and gardens staff.

20) Planning and the Historic Environment

Friday 13 May 2011

Course Director: Dr Paul Barnwell, OUDCE

This is an annual course that explores current issues relevant to the historic environment. In order to respond to those topics that are of most importance to the profession, the exact subject will not be chosen until the autumn.

The course will be relevant to those in commercial, national agency, local authority, independent and university environments.



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Professional Training in the Historic Environment

Name: -----
Job title: -----
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Forms to be returned to Anna Aldous, Waterhouse Square by Wednesday 1st September 2010

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Section to be completed by your line manager

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