



Institute of Archaeologists of Ireland

CPD theme – Environmental Impact Assessment

Environmental Impact Assessment – towards best practice

Course date: Friday 31 July 2009

(Registration 10.15-10.30am Finishing at 4.30pm)

Course venue: Helen Roe Lecture Theatre,

63, Merrion Square (south), Dublin 2

Course leaders: Mr Emmet Byrnes, Forest Service, Dept. of Agriculture Fisheries and Food

Ms Aislinn Collins, Cultural Resource Development Services Ltd

Mr Ed Danaher, National Roads Authority

Ms Catherine Desmond, Dept. of Environment, Heritage and Local Government

Course duration: 1 day seminar

Course fee: € 40 (IAI members) / € 50 (non-IAI members)

IAI credits: 10 credits

Course objectives:

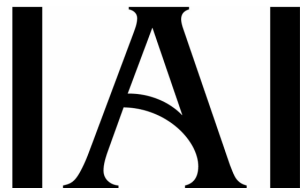
Upon successful completion of this course participants should be able:

- to be familiar with the historical development of the EIA process, to understand the structures and procedures through which it is implemented at EU level and to be able to identify and access relevant EU guidance documents
- to provide a clear understanding of the policy and procedures to identify, assess and mitigate the archaeological impacts of national road schemes
- to be familiar with the basic skills necessary to assess, mitigate and write a Cultural heritage section of an EIA

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Course outline:

The course will focus upon the current policies and procedures involved in the preparation of the cultural heritage section of Environmental Impact Assessments. The course will address the structure of the cultural heritage section of an EIA and how best to identify, assess and mitigate the archaeological impacts on a range of development type projects located in the Irish landscape. The presentations will outline how EIA has developed in Ireland and Europe since the mid 1980's and address the role of a consent authority and procedures for archaeological assessment in the context of different forestry developments (Emmet Byrne). The practice of preparing an EIA by an archaeological consultant will be explained with relevant case studies (Aislinn Collins). The policies and procedures for EIA's on national road schemes will be outlined (Ed Danaher) as will the basic skills necessary to mitigate and write the cultural heritage section on an EIA (Catherine Desmond). Each of the trainers will use appropriate case studies. The presentations will be followed by a suitable workshop that will enable the participants discuss the issues raised as part of small working groups and expand upon the topic in an open and informal setting.

Who should attend ?:

This course is suited to all practising archaeologists who are involved in preparing Environmental Impact Assessments. The course is suitable for EIA managers, EIA archaeologists, survey and excavation directors and supervisors, heritage professionals, policy makers, teaching staff and post graduate students.

Call for expressions of interest:

In order to optimise the facilities available for this event, the IAI requests that those who are interested in attending, would email an expression of interest before 5pm on Wednesday 22nd July 2009 to developmentofficer@iai.ie. This is solely to gauge the level on interest amongst IAI members. Pre-registration is recommended and forms are available on the institutes website.

Attendance certificates will be issued on the day for IAI CPD record and ISO record purposes.