

Understanding Sustainability for Councillors

The Councillor Professional Development Program Full Day Workshop

Councillor Sustainability course

This workshop has been designed to provide councillors and senior staff with skills and knowledge to clarify the legislative and ethical requirements relating to Ecologically Sustainable Development. Participants will work interactively to identify how councils can improve their current level of activity in this area and understand the sustainability tools available to councils, using the quadruple bottom line to consider social, economic and environmental sustainability, within a good governance framework. The workshop will be participatory with case studies used to illustrate examples of good sustainability practice occurring in local government.

Aim of the workshop

The broad aim of this full-day workshop is to develop a better understanding of how councillors can champion sustainability thinking in their council.

Objectives

- Gain a greater understanding of the leadership skills needed to integrate sustainability into your council's policy and practice;
- Gain a greater understanding of drivers and barriers to integrating sustainability into council work;
- Gain a greater understanding the sustainability tools available to councils to assist in decision making for sustainability;

Your Presenter Sue Martin from Urban Sustainability Support Alliance LGSA

Sue Martin is the Sustainability Learning Officer for the Urban Sustainability Support Alliance a NSW Environment Trust funded program hosted at the LGSA. Sue Martin is an environmental educator with twenty years experience, starting out as a teacher in schools and university, then working in catchment management , but currently working with local government practitioners as they move their communities towards sustainability.

2010 Date and Location

Friday 7 May Sydney

Time: 9am – 4pm

Cost: \$125.00 including GST this includes subsidy from USSA, and comprehensive handouts, and a one month complimentary email help service following the course.

Links – This program links to other Local Government Learning Solutions workshops given by the Environment Team at the LGSA including:

- LGSA NRM training
- Sustainable Choice Procurement training
- Climate Change Action Planning workshops

To register: Complete a registration form and fax to 02 9242 4188, call Learning Solutions on 02 9242 4181/3 or email learning@lgsa.org.au.

Any enquiries about the program should be directed to the Councillor Professional Development Program convenor, Darryl Rubiolo on (02) 9242 4182.