



A weekly round up of local government news in the East Midlands brought to you by
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Top items this week

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Launch of East
Midlands Hydrogen



Community Ownership Fund



Community
Ownership Fund:
applications open

Mediation and Conflict
Resolution Training



Regional Mediation
and Conflict
Resolution Training



Upcoming EMC
Migration Training

EAST MIDLANDS HYDROGEN

D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership, Cadent, and some of the region's leading organisations such as Uniper, Toyota, Midlands Engine, East Midlands Freeport and Leicester and Leicestershire Enterprise Partnership have formed a new industrial partnership called East Midlands Hydrogen, that is poised to become the UK's largest inland hydrogen cluster.

East Midlands Hydrogen brings together an intensive cluster of hydrogen demand forecasts from around 70 industrial sites in the Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and northern Leicestershire regions, who are asking for more than 10TWh of hydrogen by 2040 in total, to enable site decarbonisation. For these sites alone, access to low carbon hydrogen would enable carbon savings of 1.9 million tonnes per year, the equivalent of gas-related carbon emissions from 860,000 homes.

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REINFORCED AUTOCLAVED AERATED CONCRETE (RAAC): MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Earlier this week, the Department for Education published data as of 30 August on the education settings confirmed to contain reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete (RAAC) and mitigations in place.

The data refers to state-funded schools, maintained nursery schools and further education (FE) colleges in England. This management information is a snapshot of data and is subject to frequent changes as the results of surveys and mitigations are confirmed.

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COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP FUND OPENS AGAIN FOR APPLICATIONS

Last week, DLUHC announced that the Community Ownership Fund is open again for applications.

The funding is aimed at helping community groups take ownership of local institutions that have fallen into disrepair or are under threat of closure and give them a new lease of life.

Recent changes to the fund aim to make it easier for voluntary and community groups to apply for funding to acquire assets and run them for the benefit of the local community.

DLUHC has published an overview of these changes which can be found here:

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EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS' CPD PROGRAMME FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Over 140 officers from councils across the region attended an event held this week on Environmental Protection as part of the CPD Programme for Environmental Health.

Delegates benefited from the knowledge and experience of speakers from Tyler Bladon Practical Ethics, West Northamptonshire Council, Hydrock SPLtrack and Northants Fire and Rescue.

EMC hosts CPD Programmes for Planners, as well as Environmental Health. For more information about these, please email lisa.bushell@emcouncils.gov.uk.

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UPCOMING REGIONAL MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION TRAINING

Conflict at work has been on the increase, and East Midlands Councils has been supporting councils in managing grievances and harassment/bullying complaints and our mediation service is particularly popular.

We have also developed a range of courses to help councils become more self-sufficient in the provision of Mediation and Conflict Resolution.

1. Conflict Resolution Skills for Managers – 1 day on 30 November 2023.
2. Workplace Mediation Skills – 2 days on 9 & 10 January 2024.
3. The Interpersonal Mediation Practitioner's Certificate (IMPC) – 5 days on 15 – 19 January 2024
4. Mediation Development Day (Refresher) – 1 day on 30 January 2024.

To explain about the courses, we have arranged a Webinar on Thursday 21 September 2023 at 11.00am. This is to assist interested people in deciding which course would best meet their individual and /or organisational needs. This will be an informal session, providing the opportunity to hear about what is being offered and to ask questions. To attend the Webinar, please email Mark Pinchen – mark.pinchen@emcouncils.gov.uk.

For further detailed information on the courses and to book, please click on the following link:

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UPCOMING ASYLUM AND RESETTLEMENT TRAINING

IOM UK Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children Information Session

Wednesday 13 September 2023—10am to 12:30pm (Online)

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Preventing Vicarious Trauma

Wednesday 27 September 2023—9am to 12pm (Online)

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