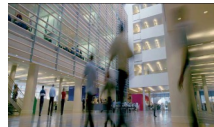


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Climate Change: Behavioural change through Carbon Literacy, a workshop for Councillors, 1 October 2021

East Midlands Councils, the LGA and Midlands Energy Hub, working in partnership are offering a series of virtual interactive workshops for Councillors on Climate Change. The third workshop in this 2021 series of events for Councillors on Climate Change will focus on behaviour change through carbon literacy.

The interactive virtual workshops will provide Councillors from across the East Midlands with the opportunity to hear from both Councillors and Officers on innovative approaches to climate change reduction plans and initiatives.

The workshops will include both keynote presentations and small group working, providing space for discussion, sharing and exploring 'what does this mean for me and my community?' and 'what role can I play?'

Further information on the programme for the workshop will be available shortly, the event webpage can be found [here](#).

EMC News

Student Planner Placements: Expressions of Interest - East Midlands Councils is seeking expressions of interest from councils who may be willing to offer a 45 week paid work placement to an undergraduate planning student from Loughborough University - starting from July 2022. Further details are set out in the enclosed prospectus - available from [here](#).

If your council is interested in offering a placement, please register your details on the form at the end of the prospectus and return it to: Samantha.maher@emcouncils.gov.uk by Thursday 30th September 2021.

Business Support Officer Vacancies at East Midlands Councils - East Midlands Councils is advertising for two new roles within our small and friendly team. These roles offer variety and involves assisting in the co-ordination and delivery of a range of high profile government schemes and projects. A key feature of the role is liaising with and developing effective working relationships with local authorities, partners and key stakeholders including central government. Obtaining and communicating information both within and external to the organisation is also important. For further information and how to apply please visit our website [here](#).

EMC Support Activity

During September EMC will be hosting a number of network meetings, providing an opportunities for colleagues across local authorities to come together and share information and areas of current and future focus. Upcoming network meetings, in addition to the Scrutiny network below include:

- Democratic Service Officers network (hosted jointly with the ADSO) - 10 September 2021, 11:00 - 12:30
- Councillor Development Network - 16 September, 14:00—15:30
- Performance Management Network - 17 September, 9:30 - 11:00
- Cyber Security Network - 22 September, 9:30 - 11:30
- Learning and Development Network - 28 September

East Midlands Scrutiny Network - 24 September - The next East Midlands Scrutiny network meeting will take place on 24 September, with a new time of 14:30 – 16:30 for this particular network meeting. The focus for this meeting will be on the theme of flooding, providing an opportunity for colleagues across the region to share scrutiny work they have done in this area. For more information about the network visit [here](#) or contact Kirsty.Lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk

Employers' Information



Building more gender equal workplaces, Friday 17 September 2021, 10.30am - Sex discrimination in the workplace has been unlawful for more than 40 years but gender inequality is still an issue. The LGA in partnership with ACAS is providing a webinar looking at what can be done to support gender-inclusive and bias-free workplaces and how we can address the main drivers of gender inequality [details [here](#)].

JNC for Coroners Pay 2021/22 - JNC (66) for Coroners circular dated 10th August 2021 confirms that agreement has now been reached on a 1.5% pay award for 2021/22, effective from 1st April 2021. The circular can be found [here](#).

Health & Social Care



Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the UK - The official UK government website for data and insights on coronavirus (COVID-19) including data on Testing, cases and vaccinations. With case information by region and local authorities [here](#).

Must Know: Treatment and recovery for people with drug or alcohol problems - The purpose of this LGA guide, developed in partnership with Public Health England, is to raise awareness about drug and alcohol related harms and empower councillors by providing an introduction to treatment and recovery services, key considerations, signposting to useful resources, as well as any questions you need to ask to support effective decision making [details [here](#)].

EMC Events



East Midlands Virtual Challenge, 10 November 2021 - East Midlands Councils will once again host a regional Challenge event but this time with a virtual twist! The 2021 Challenge will include all the key elements of the previous versions but will take place using an exciting new virtual format. The Challenge will take place on 10 November 2021, with 12 team places available.

The event takes place throughout the day with a high intensity simulation exercise that gives a rare opportunity for aspiring managers to gain exposure to issues outside of their normal working lives and give them a taste of what senior management is like. It is also a brilliant way to hone those team working skills. For more information and how to book a team please visit our website [here](#).

IOM UK Iraq Information Session - East Midlands Councils have organised a virtual Iraq Information Session covering Tuesday 28th September and Wednesday 29th September. This session will cover the history and background of Iraq, Iraqi cultural norms and practices, the services Iraqis may be used to and their expectations around accessing those services, and the conditions Iraqi refugees may face in the region before coming to the UK. To book a place please visit our website [here](#).

Leadership Development for Senior/Middle Managers in times of Change (Cohort 2) - East Midlands Councils has developed a leadership development programme that helps managers lead people through change and uncertainty. Our second programme will start on 13 October 2021, details available [here](#)

The overall aim of this unique and focused programme is to provide senior and middle managers with the skills, knowledge, and capability to lead their people through turbulent times. Delivered virtually, this programme provides a flexible approach to learning through short webinars, action learning and a resource library, which address key issues and provide practical tools to support managers. The cost per place on the course to include all webinars, action learning sets and access to the resource library will be £850 plus VAT. Group discount is available for bookings of 5 or more, please contact Kirsty.lowe@emcouncils.gov.uk for information.

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