



SPATIAL PLANNING & HOUSING STUDIES CENTRE

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INTRODUCTION

London provides unique case study material for understanding spatial planning in world cities. London Metropolitan University's mission is to contribute towards "shaping London, a world city".

The Spatial Planning and Housing Studies Centre to ensure that taught courses and postgraduate degrees in spatial planning and related areas are based in real world issues and will produce the professionals for the future.

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OUR EXPERTISE

The Centre is a joint venture between two university departments, applied social sciences and architecture and can bring together expertise in a number of areas:

- Urban spatial planning
- Housing policy and strategy
- Housing quality and standards
- Urban design
- Relating housing to other social policy areas e.g. homelessness, health and social inclusion
- Sustainable communities

The Centre also offers skills in research design and management, data collection, analysis and interpretation and evaluation of policies and strategies.

OUR CLIENTS

Research and consultancy
Since mid-2008, the Centre has completed commissions, with internal and external associates.

As part of a consortium we are a preferred contractor for both the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the CLG Planning Directorate for the next three years.

The Centre has collaborated with other agencies to provide policy and technical analysis as part of larger contracts and has completed work for the London Development Agency, the Greater London Authority, the Housing Corporation and the North London Strategic Alliance.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Centre has run successful short training courses for planning and housing professionals in London. With Three Dragons consultants the Centre has run five day long training courses on the affordable housing toolkit for planners and housing policy officers and consultants in both public and private sectors in London. Duncan Bowie has also delivered an eight- week series of evening lectures on planning and housing in London for both London Metropolitan students and paying professionals.

Our courses focus on the need for people working in the public and private sectors to keep abreast of new policy developments and to be able to respond in an informed way.

HIGHBURY GROUP

As convenors of the Highbury Group, a working group of experts from the public and private sectors, the Centre has advised the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), key lobbyists and policy makers on the credit crunch and how to maintain a new house-building programme.

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PRINCIPAL STAFF

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The Centre can also call a range of specialists from within the University to collaborate on specific projects, for example:

- Architecture and urban design
- Cities and regeneration
- Housing policy
- Public health
- Social policy evaluation

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