

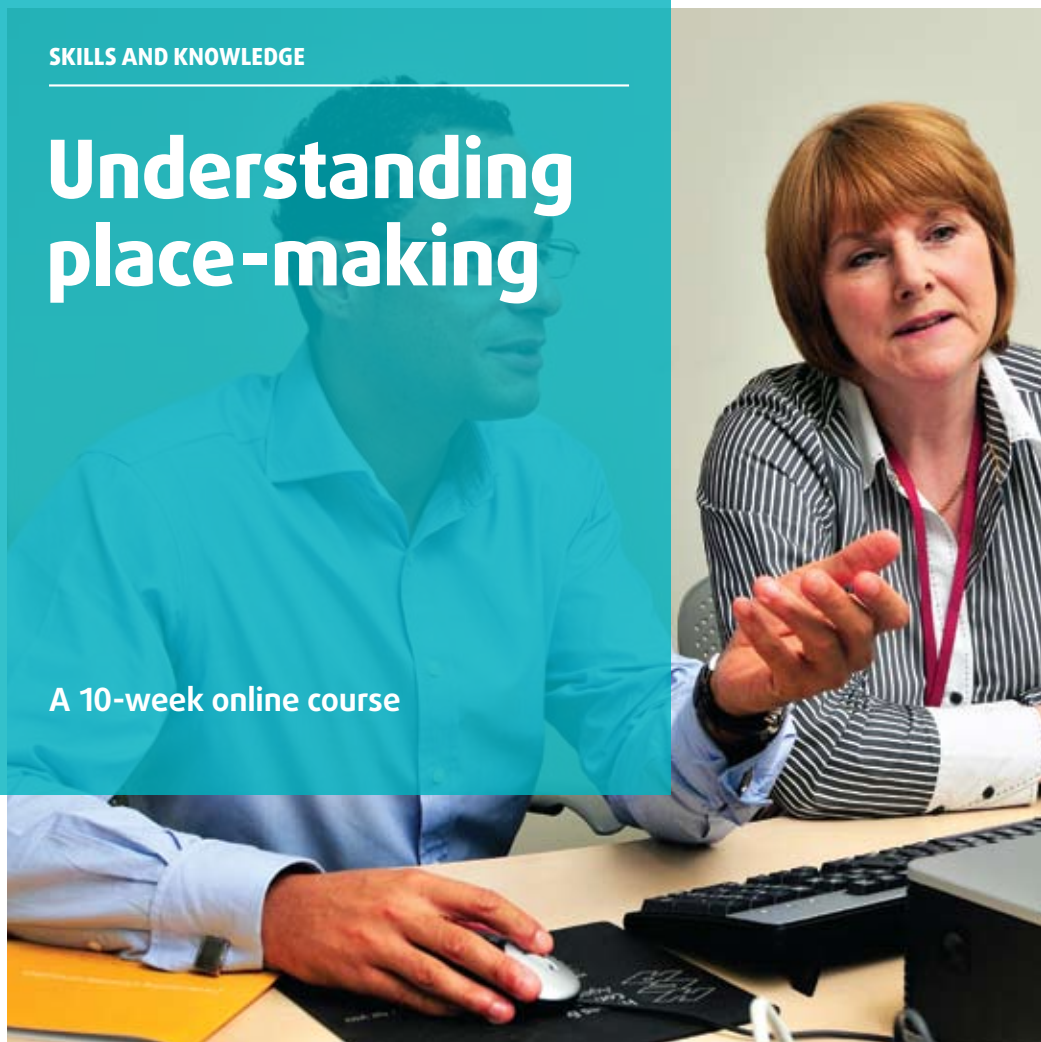
Thriving communities,
affordable homes

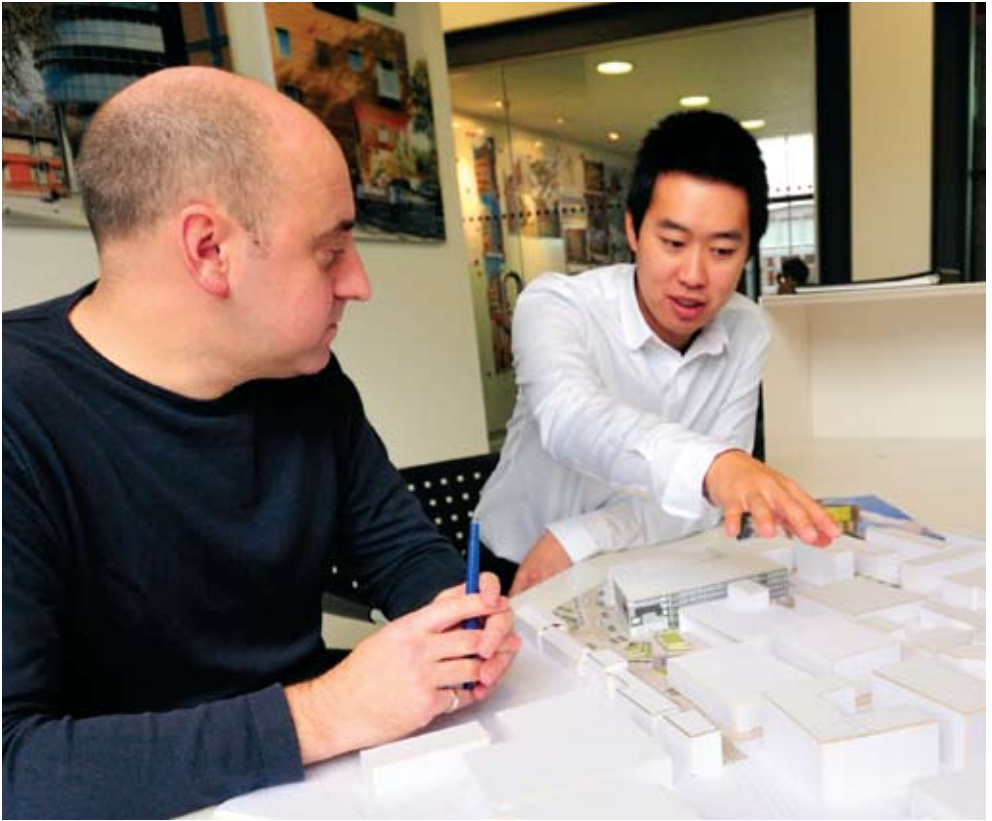


SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

Understanding place-making

A 10-week online course





93%

of participants would
recommend the course
to their colleagues

Understanding place-making

It's a free course from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) that will give you a fundamental grounding in what makes different types of places sustainable.

It's delivered entirely online by the HCA's Skills and Knowledge team. It consists of small chunks spread over 10 weeks so you don't have to take time out of work.

Whether you're fairly new to the industry or someone who wants to catch up with the latest policies, this highly-rated course will improve your knowledge and help you to be more effective in your work to create great places.

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WHAT'S COVERED?

There are five workshops that each run over a period of two weeks and you'll be expected to log on for a minimum of six hours for each one.

The workshops are:

- 1 Introducing sustainable communities:** what terms such as 'community' and 'sustainability' mean and what makes a community sustainable.
- 2 The policy context:** the factors driving sustainable communities policy and where it fits in terms of other government policies.
- 3 Skills for sustainable communities:** the skills needed to create and manage places and how to put them into practice.
- 4 Roles and responsibilities:** the core professions and who are the stakeholders; what they do and the different perspectives on sustainable communities.
- 5 Putting theory into practice:** how theory behind creating sustainable places can be implemented in a wider housing and regeneration context.

“The programme was very good. I have used information from the course, including being successful in an interview for promotion.”

Lorraine Williams,
Community development officer,
Barking & Dagenham Council

Who's it for?

Participants come from different parts of the industry, such as the built environment, community development and local government.

The course will provide you with an opportunity to learn alongside a diverse range of practitioners, share experiences and knowledge and spread good practice.

How will I be taught?

You'll study in virtual 'workshops' delivered online and backed up by web-based resources, learning materials, videos and case studies. Throughout the course you'll be supported by an experienced and knowledgeable tutor. Your tutor will be on hand to offer advice, guidance and feedback. Before you get started we'll take you through a pre-course assessment process to make sure the course is right for you.

As well as the workshops, you'll also complete an action plan to identify ways to enhance your own skills and knowledge beyond the course.

If you're enthusiastic about online learning and keen to learn more about place-making – this is the course for you.

What commitment do I need?

You'll need access to a computer and the internet and you'll need to commit about three hours a week to interactive learning in the workshops, online discussion and background reading.

There are also deadlines to meet and you'll need to be comfortable with distance learning as well as communicating with people you might never meet.

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What will I get at the end of it?

All students completing the course receive a certificate endorsed by the HCA.

Course dates

Courses start regularly – usually monthly. After completing a registration form we'll offer you the next available start date, or a later one if you wish. Once you've accepted we'll contact you with details of how to enrol and log on to the course.

Course fees

Nothing – the course costs of £100 per person are paid for by the HCA.

Apply now

Visit skills.homesandcommunities.co.uk/understanding and complete a registration form.

You can also telephone us on **0845 890 2549** or email understanding@learnatHCA.co.uk

“An excellent programme, I have a much greater understanding of place-making.”

Elaine Shirley,
Regeneration project officer, Midlands Heart Ltd

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The Homes and Communities Agency is able to provide literature in alternative formats including large print, braille and audio.

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