

Recreational Cycle Route Planning & Development

Duration: 2 days

Fee: €280* (+ booking fee)

Participants: 14 maximum

Aim

To provide participants with the knowledge and skills to aid the planning and development of recreational cycle routes in Ireland.

Topics

- National & local policy for cycling infrastructure provision
- Technical guidance/standards
- International context & trends for cycle route development
- The different types and needs of cyclists (and bicycles/cycles)
- What is a good quality recreational cycling trail?
- Key issues and considerations for planning cycling routes on-road and traffic free
- The process for cycle route planning and development
- Estimating the costs for planning, developing and maintaining a recreational cycling route

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the courses learners will be able to:

- Describe the strategic policy context for cycle route development in Ireland
- Comment on broad developments/trends in the international field of recreational cycle route development
- Describe the needs and expectations of different types of cyclists
- Demonstrate an understanding of the features and characteristics of a recreational cycling trail which is 'fit for purpose'

- Comment on common mistakes in cycling trail design
- Outline key considerations which need to be addressed when planning and developing recreational cycling trails including legal, statutory, environmental, planning issues etc.
- Assess the viability of a proposal for development
- Apply a step-by-step process to a cycle route project

Who

This course is suitable for individuals working in the recreation/tourism/transport/cycling area but will be of particular interest to:

- Those involved with and/or are responsible for planning and developing cycle routes.
- Those involved in funding or approving cycle route projects.
- Staff within Local Authorities (including Cycling Officers) and other state agencies with a role related to cycling.
- Rural/Community Development representatives.

Award

Upon completion of a post-course assignment, participants will be awarded a Course Certificate of Completion

*A subsidised rate is available for students and volunteers. Please contact trailstraining@sportireland.ie for further information

