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Courses for ecological sustainability, leadership & social justice

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"I am a fan of the Centre for Human Ecology, which quietly brings great credit to Scotland."

Laurence de Marco, Social Entrepreneurs' Network Scotland

What participants say about the Centre for Human Ecology:

"I know of no university course in the world that offers the honest critique and mind-expanding exploration of environmental and social issues that can be found at CHE."

Jamie Whittle, Scotland

"I strongly felt CHE was the right place to go to. I'm really glad I trusted my feelings!"

Alexandra de Pretto, Switzerland

"I've valued my CHE experience very highly indeed."

Chris Buxton, England

"I often think of my time at CHE with huge appreciation and warmth."

Rachael Trotman, New Zealand

"My work includes advising Vaclav Havel's Bridging Global Gaps. CHE has given me the confidence to do the work I love without compromise."

Peter Merry, Netherlands

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Continuing Professional Development

Short Courses & Masters Programme

A partnership between the Centre for Human Ecology
& the Department of Geography & Sociology, University of Strathclyde

Who for?

Are you engaged in processes of social and ecological transformation or are looking for ways to take leadership and initiate effective, enduring change? These courses are designed to strengthen and support your engagement by integrating knowledge, passion and action or “head, heart and hand”.

With?

Led by experienced educators and thinkers who have real and practical experience of working with individuals and organisations in their field.

How?

We work in small and large group settings and use both a taught and a participative approach to encourage the sharing of experience and knowledge. We develop inquiry skills which enable participants to continue to deepen and broaden their experience long after finishing the course. We also use presentations, case studies, specialist guest speakers and visits whilst encouraging students to engage practically with communities and organisations.

Courses are also offered “in-house” and tailored to meet individual organisations’ - and communities’ - needs.

About Us

The Centre for Human Ecology: An independent network of engaged thinkers and practitioners. Working with people and communities to effect practical change and develop new thinking that influences local, national and international policy and practice for ecological sustainability and social justice.

The Department of Geography and Sociology: committed to innovative teaching, it offers a range of graduate study opportunities. Its active, socially engaged research includes: critical and social theory, ethnic/racial studies, urban planning and regeneration, social movements, globalization and media, nationalism and sexuality.

Short Courses

Format

Based on two intensive workshops (2 days long, normally in Glasgow). Exceptions: Ecopsychology is based on a residential workshop (4 days long, rural location); Action Research is based on one two-day and three one-day workshops (Glasgow). Attendance at all workshops is mandatory and private study essential. A Certificate in Professional Practice from the University of Strathclyde is awarded on satisfactory completion of the course and assessments.

Fees for all short courses are £495, except Ecopsychology £625.



Short Courses



Spiritual Activism

'Engaging the powers' in the world. Can spirituality guide and inspire people working with social and ecological justice? Insights from psychology, philosophy and advanced management will expand participants' understanding of spirituality, learning how it underpins the wider community, inspiring effective activism. No matter what your religious tradition, you will explore how life can be received and given, by neither burning nor selling out, but by replenishing the wellsprings of creativity, humour and joy in the face of success and failure.

Alastair McIntosh, is a Fellow of CHE and Visiting Professor at the University of Strathclyde. Author of "Soil & Soul: People versus Corporate Power" and the recently published "Hell & High Water - Climate Change, Hope and the Human Condition".

Action Research

Action Research is increasingly central to the success of projects and people engaging with the challenges of social justice and sustainability. This course offers inspiration and practical skills to improve the ways you (and your organisation) work, so the results better match your values and objectives. Commit to receive and offer challenging feedback as a 'critical friend' while you learn by doing – and develop your capacity to be the change you want to see in the world. An ideal way to apply and develop learning from other CHE short courses, and as part of an organisational development programme.

Nick Wilding is a Fellow and Director of CHE, and Facilitator with Carnegie UK Trust's Rural Programme, supporting community resilience pioneers across the UK and Republic of Ireland. Nick was previously an action research consultant to clients across all sectors. See www.nickwilding.com for more.

Sustaining Ecosystems

Ecosystems regulate and maintain the conditions on earth suitable for life, providing us with oxygen, food, water and other resources. They are also essential to our cultural and social experience. Never before has our impact on ecosystems been greater. The dilemma? How do we sustain the ecosystems that sustain us? Take this course and develop your understanding of: how ecosystems work, including the role of biodiversity; what ecosystems do for us; approaches to minimising our impacts; impacts on and implications for local communities and global sustainability; and how to contribute effectively to ecological sustainability and social justice.

Dr Jennifer Batty is a Fellow of CHE with a background in research and teaching on human impacts on wildlife and ecosystems in Europe, North America and Australia.

Ethical Enterprise

Working for a trading organisation that aims to put people and environment first? Or thinking of setting one up? On this course you will investigate how values-led organisations, explicitly intent on delivering social and/or environmental benefits through trading, can maximise their contribution to ecological sustainability and social justice. You will develop your knowledge and understanding in order to evaluate opportunities and barriers; explore relevant strategies, tactics and tools; and develop a personal action plan.

Osbert Lancaster, CHE Fellow and a director of Footprint Consulting, helps clients develop and implement strategies, products and services for sustainable futures.

Ecopsychology

A new interdisciplinary examining the interface between ecology and psychology. Our constantly changing society, its new technologies and timescales, underscore our daily lives. How can psychology help us understand environmental crises? What links psychology with ecology? Delving into the interdependence of our wellbeing with that of the earth, the course considers: Why have we become alienated from nature? What are the ecological, psychological and spiritual repercussions of such a 'separation'? How might it be healed?

David Key, is a Fellow of CHE and a Director of Footprint Consulting, a human ecology consultancy. His specialist field is the transformative power of wild places in encouraging sustainable lifestyles.

Mary-Jayne Rust is a practicing Jungian Analyst and Ecopsychologist. Her many years of experience of working with women eating problems informs her wider interests in consumerism and the impact of industrial growth society on the psyche.

Food Culture & Agri-Culture

How can food be produced and distributed in ways which enrich the environment and enhance social justice - locally and globally? On this course you will explore the complexity of the food economy, and develop insights and skills for effective change. This course is for people working in agriculture and the food 'industry'; in agencies that are involved with regeneration, development and health; and for people in communities seeking to develop strong local food economies.

Dr Crispin W. Hayes is a Fellow of CHE and a consultant in sustainable and community agriculture, ecological restoration, and environmental management. Clients include: Traidcraft and the Soil Association.

MSc in Human Ecology

Human Ecology aims to bring about transformative change for our lives, our work and our societies. It critically examines the challenges faced by our global community such as poverty, inequality and environmental degradation. It strives to understand economic, social, cultural, spiritual, psychological and organisational systems and their potential to impact change. Students are encouraged to explore their own role in transformation and to develop sensitivity, critical awareness and creative approaches for leadership and professional practice.

This MSc in Human Ecology is unique: integrating natural and social sciences with practical engagement at personal, group, organisational and community levels.

Course format

Full or part-time. Based on a series of intensive workshops, lasting from two to seven days. Part-time participants can travel to Glasgow for a workshop approximately once every six weeks if work / home is outside Glasgow.

Postgraduate Certificate (part-time 9 months)

Human Ecology 1: Ecology, Self, Community
Human Ecology 2: Integration, Vocation, Leadership

Postgraduate Diploma (f/t 9 months; p/t 18 months)

As above, plus three classes from Action Research, Ecopsychology, Ethical Enterprise, Manufacture of Consent, Investigative Research and Sustaining Ecosystems

Master of Science (f/t 12 months; p/t 24 months)

As above plus a dissertation that relates theory and practice in change for sustainability and justice.

Fees (2008/9)

EU Students	Overseas Students
MSc: £5,330	MSc: £6,950
PG Dipl: £4,100	PG Dipl: £4,100
PG Cert: £2,870	PG Cert: £2,870

Bursaries, fee-waivers and potential sources of funding available at <http://gs.strath.ac.uk/> or www.che.ac.uk.

Further Information

Visit www.che.ac.uk or <http://gs.strath.ac.uk/> for further information on all courses.

Call 0141 548 5823 if you require additional, specific information.

Short Course Applications

Write a brief letter, outlining your background and highlighting what you hope to gain from the course. Please include your phone number and email address. Enclose a deposit of £100 (cheque made payable to University of Strathclyde). Once accepted on the course, deposits are only refunded if you cancel at least six weeks before the course start date.

Send short course applications to:

Vérène Nicolas

(Short Course Application)

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MSc Applications

Complete the online postgraduate application form which is available on www.strath.ac.uk or by calling Registry on 0141 548 2813. Additionally, send a letter of motivation, your CV and two references to the Postgraduate Administrator at the above address.