



Waste Enforcement Skills Training

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Comprehensive four-day training course for all local authority waste enforcement staff

The Waste Enforcement Skills Training Programme is a new initiative from **La Touche Training**. The course has been specifically designed in conjunction with **Duncan Laurence Environmental** for all local authority staff who play a role in waste management enforcement.

Programme Objectives

The aim of the course is to ensure that attendees have the skills to utilise best practice so that they will:

- ◆ Fully understand how to apply waste management legislation
- ◆ Know and understand their powers and the scope of relevant offences
- ◆ Investigate complaints/suspected offences in compliance with the rules of evidence
- ◆ Interview witnesses and suspects effectively and in accordance with their legal & constitutional rights
- ◆ Draft clear & effective statutory notices, warning letters and investigation reports
- ◆ Prepare a full and proper file for the prosecution of an offence in the criminal justice system either in the District Court (summary offences) or in the Circuit Court (indictable offences)
- ◆ Present their evidence clearly and professionally in a courtroom

The course will enable participants to comply with best practice principles in investigation and enforcement. Afterwards, participants will be able to confidently enforce their powers and apply their abilities and skills to secure compliance with the law.



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What are the benefits of this programme?

Many statutory agencies grossly underestimate the importance and significance of providing proper training to officers charged with enforcing legislation. Not only must officers know the law, they need to gain key skills and competencies in its application. This includes understanding the application of the relevant powers, knowing how to investigate different offences, interviewing witnesses, issuing warnings and if appropriate proceeding to prosecution, applying the rules of evidence and understanding how the criminal justice system works. This new training course will give delegates the practical knowledge and the confidence necessary to greatly improve their ability to ensure compliance in this key area of environmental law.

What makes this course different?

Waste enforcement officers need skills in a variety of key areas which include the ability to investigate illegal waste activities and legal knowledge. A unique aspect of this course is the powerful combination of the presenters' experience and skills. This course is presented by a solicitor with extensive training experience in unauthorised waste and by an ex-regulator who is an acknowledged expert in Irish, British and EU waste legislation.

What is involved?

The course is a 4-day intensive, interactive course involving experiential work covering identification of offences, statement & report writing, file preparation and courtroom skills. Specific templates are provided for the preparation of investigation & prosecution reports and witness statements. The course is run as two separate modules, between which each participant will prepare a case file relating to a hypothetical enforcement scenario. The file will be used to consolidate what participants have learned in Module 1 and will form the basis of the courtroom skills element in Module 2.

Who Should Attend?

All staff at whatever level involved in the enforcement of waste legislation or who have waste enforcement responsibilities. The standard course will cover the enforcement aspects of the Waste Management Acts and will include provisions on unauthorised dumping, including litter, waste collection permits and waste permits. To ensure attendees gain the maximum from the course, places are limited to 12 attendees.

Course Fees

The cost is €12,750 for a group of 12 delegates (equivalent to €250.00 per day per participant).

This includes all course materials, analysis and feedback to all participants on course work, provision of video recordings of courtroom role-play for each delegate with feedback for future court appearances.

The above fee does not include trainers' travel and accommodation expenses.

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