

Plant Biosecurity for Local Authorities

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Course Brochure

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Course details

Ash Dieback, Oak Processionary Moth, Asian Longhorn Beetles, Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed are just a few examples of the diseases, pests and non-native invasive species which UK local authorities are struggling to control,

It is likely that most of these pests and invasive species, could have been avoided, or controlled, through the use of plant biosecurity measures.

To help local authorities with these growing problems, APSE is holding an online training course on the whole issue of plant biosecurity; outlining what it means, the pests and invasive species we are currently dealing with, and may have to deal with in the future, how government agencies are working to support local authorities and most importantly, explaining how local authorities, by adopting plant biosecurity measures, can deliver solutions to these problems.

This course will help attendees to understand and critically, be prepared to address the issue of plant biosecurity across their whole organisation, partners and other stakeholders in order to ensure the future security and sustainability of UK plants and trees and wider greenspaces.

Who should attend?

This online training course is a critical learning opportunity and must attend event, for all those who are involved in sourcing, purchasing, and caring for plants and trees in their local greenspaces. This includes: portfolio holders, elected members, planners, parks professionals, tree officers, ecology and biodiversity officers, climate change officers, economic development officers, front line operatives such as gardeners, and indeed any external stakeholders and community groups and volunteers who are involved in helping local authorities manage plant, trees and greenspaces.

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Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, you will:

- Have a better understanding as to what 'plant biosecurity' means and its origins.
- Understand the historical development and approaches previously used to combat plant pathogens and insect pests.
- Recognise the current and future plant pathogens and insect threats to the UK.
- Be aware of the negative impacts plant pathogens, insect pests and non-native invasive plant species have on the UK environment, economy and well-being.
- Develop a toolkit of operational practice to promote and implement plant biosecurity practices in your workplace.
- Appreciate the importance of developing formal plant biosecurity policies and awareness raising programmes in helping raise the issue across all council services and wider stakeholders and residents.
- Develop an action plan to instil plant biosecurity measures into your operational practices

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Course programme








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09:15 - 09:30	REGISTRATION (and Tech Check)
09:30 - 11:00	UNIT 1: Origins and Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> What do we mean by biosecurity?<input type="checkbox"/> A potted history of plant biosecurity<input type="checkbox"/> When and where did it all start?<input type="checkbox"/> A growing understanding<input type="checkbox"/> When the drugs don't work<input type="checkbox"/> Taking a more integrated approach
11:00 - 11:15	COMFORT BREAK
11:15 - 12:30	UNIT 2: What do we know? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Meeting a clear need<input type="checkbox"/> The APSE Plant Biosecurity Survey 2023<input type="checkbox"/> Other issues - Non-native invasive species<input type="checkbox"/> National strategies
12:30 - 13:15	LUNCH
13:15 - 14:30	UNIT 3: What can we do? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> What are we up against?<input type="checkbox"/> What can we do?<input type="checkbox"/> Operational procedures and practices<input type="checkbox"/> Raising awareness - spread the message, not the pests
14:30 - 14:45	COMFORT BREAK
14:45 - 15:45	UNIT 4: Upping the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Where does plant biosecurity fit?<input type="checkbox"/> Climate Change and plant biosecurity<input type="checkbox"/> Policies and strategies<input type="checkbox"/> Public awareness raising
15:45 - 16:00	PLENARY, FEEDBACK AND CLOSE

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In-house - tailored training to meet your needs.

The package includes:

-  A pre-course consultation so we can tailor the course to meet your needs.
-  Trainee Needs Analysis.
-  Customisation of the slide pack.
-  Delivery of the course on a mutually convenient date and time to meet your authority's needs and working patterns.
-  Analysis of trainee feedback, which we share with you.
-  Trainer feedback, if required.
-  Post-course materials on password-protected hidden webpage.

If delivered online, the course is suitable for up to 15 participants and over two half-days or one full day, via Microsoft Teams

If delivered onsite, it is suitable for up to 20 participants. Trainer travel, subsistence and accommodation is charged at cost.

What do participants have to say?

"Well explained and easy to understand."

"Take it - it enhances your understanding and removes assumption."

"It's very engaging and interesting. And all questions are encouraged and answered."

"Very informative, delivered in an engaging way."

"Attention was engaged throughout the course. Relative and informative."

"It is a very knowledgeable course and every point explained thoroughly and the slides were very well presented and didn't include too much information."

"Not too intense and delivered in layman terms."

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APSE is the foremost specialist in local authority front line services, hosting a network for front line service providers in areas such as waste and refuse collection, parks and environmental services, leisure, school meals, cleaning, housing, and building maintenance.

APSE Training aims to provide inspiring and impactful lifelong learning and development opportunities, nurturing talent and enabling growth. A broad range of courses are available via the APSE website and as bespoke in-house courses.

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