Overview

It has often been said that transport is in an age of disruptive change. Long-held assumptions about links between the transport and economy have been challenged by new evidence. Barely a day goes by without a new mobility service, start-up, driverless car, hyperloop, or something else futuristic being announced. This poses a significant challenge to policy makers. How can we provide a transport system that is fit for the future? Framing how you think about the future is the first step to developing robust, evidence-led strategies. Scenario testing has often been used by transport planners for business case development, and predictions have been used to write policy.

This course will focus on how to create future scenarios as a starting point against which to develop your future mobility strategies. It will introduce you to trend analysis, creating a vision, understanding uncertainties, and all the components of a good quality future scenario.

Learning outcomes

At the end of the course, participants will have:

- An understanding of the history of scenario planning, foresight, and futures thinking in the transport sector
- Understand the role national, regional and local governments play in integrating active modes into mainstream modes of transport
- An understanding of the difference between visions, predictions, and scenarios, and how they lead to different strategies and policy
- Understand the role of consultation and participation with stakeholder and communities in creating scenarios and strategies
- Learn about the different methods that are utilised when researching trends and uncertainties, as well as their strengths and weaknesses
- Experience with using analysis tools required to understand how the future could change, the evidence behind uncertainties and trends, and the implications of scenarios for delivery
- Translating scenarios into new transport strategies

Who should attend

This course is designed to provide a solid introduction to scenario planning, and is suitable for professionals working in the fields of transport planning, transport policy, highway engineering, road safety, public health, or with managerial responsibility for these roles. It will also be of interest to people addressing future transport issues within the third sector and academia. We are looking at the senior and principal planner level; potentially just starting their first policy project, and needs to do scenarios work.

Programme*

Arrival and registration

Introduction and objectives

Why think of the future?

Historic overview; Foresight and Future Studies; Previous mobility visions and strategies; Possible vs Predicted Futures.

Is it all about vision?

What is a vision? What constitutes a good vision? Vision and Strategy; Vision-led futures vs Scenario-led futures

Break

Analysing and understanding trends

Research methods used for identifying trends; Quantitative vs Qualitative Methods; The Role of Transport Models; Analysing Drivers of Change; Relationships between trends.

Workshop Exercise: Trend Analysis

Participants will get the chance to deploy the skills and knowledge that they have just learned. They will be given a client brief, and asked to identify 5 trends and their key components. They will then undertake a Drivers of Change Analysis to identify key links between their chosen drivers.

Lunch

How to create a scenario

The role of uncertainties; The building blocks of 2x2 scenarios; What you need to include in a scenario; Bringing a scenario to life; Other ways of generating scenarios.

Workshop Exercise: Building Scenarios

Taking their trends, workshop participants will create their own scenarios. They will be expected to write them up and present them to the group.

Break

Validating Scenarios

Challenges with proving the future; Analysis tools available to understand impacts on mobility systems; Effects on business cases

Action Planning

Translating future scenarios into actions; Backcasting; Roadmapping.

Discussion Group

Summary and close * Please note that this is a preliminary course programme and is subject to change

Closing Session

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