



## European shared space institute launched

The international Shared Space Institute has recently been opened in Drachten in the Netherlands. It is dedicated to research and development of the knowledge and skills required for successful shared space. It also aims to gather robust evidence from new projects and to work with organizations such as the Guide Dogs to improve street design across Europe to support the new public policies that may lead to greater safety and civility in the public realm.

The growing interest in shared space reflects widespread concern about the poor quality of British streets and public spaces. Unfortunately, shared space is often presented as simply 'naked streets', merely requiring the removal of signs, barriers, signals kerbs and clutter. Many people appear to confuse the concept with 'shared surfaces', implying little more than the removal or all distinctions between pavement and carriageway. But shared space describes a change in relationship that has only peripheral reference to the use or height of kerbs. Shared space is not the same as shared surfaces.

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## New from IHIE

- Routes to **EngTech** registration now provide for aspiring technicians with experience but no or limited academic qualifications. Download the revised Document ET2 from [www.ihie.org.uk/membership](http://www.ihie.org.uk/membership). Applicants use a special form to relate their experience to the Engineering Council competences, rather than writing a report and will be invited to talk through their work with a local assessor.
- New versions of the Documents CE4 and IE4 bring together all the **non-standard review** options for senior IEngs and others without the 'benchmark' qualifications. The revisions are designed to lead applicants through the procedures more clearly.

## European Campaign for Safe Road Design

Building on IHIE's commitment to the European Road Safety Charter and the UK's Campaign for Safe Road Design, IHIE are pleased to be associated with the European Campaign for Safe Road Design.

At the launch at the House of Lords, Chairman of the campaign, John Dawson, said "A safe road system needs road users who obey traffic law, manufacturers who provide safe vehicles and authorities who provide safe roads. Traffic law has been tightening up driver behaviour. Vehicle safety standards of new vehicles have soared from a typical two-star to typical four-star NCAP crash test rating."

"Now, as the European Commission and the Department of Transport consult on their road safety strategies beyond 2010, the delivery of safe roads must be at the centre of discussions. We don't need new laws. We need effective large-scale action on what we know works."

According to the new European Campaign for Safe Road Design up to a third of Europe's serious injuries or fatalities on the roads are preventable over the next 10 years. All it takes is a modest investment in simple safety engineering – primarily in safe road and junction layouts and equipment like safety barriers. Top designers believe Europe's roads must be more 'self-explaining' and 'forgiving' so that routine human driving errors do not carry a death sentence.

## Consultations

- Don't forget that consultation on 'A Safer Way' closes on 14 July [www.dft.gov.uk/pg/roadsafety/roadsafetyconsultation/](http://www.dft.gov.uk/pg/roadsafety/roadsafetyconsultation/)
- Welsh Environment Minister, Jane Davidson, has announced a review of the planning system and earmarked £1.75 million for local planning authorities. Local authorities will receive £70,000 each to support improvements in the planning service. A further £250,000 will fund changes on a national level.

## Training and Development

### Preparing for your Review

6 October, London

4 November, Birmingham

\* *Credit Crunch rate of 2 for 1!*

In depth advice and support in going for IEng and EngTech with a focus on CEng in October.

### Highway Law (TBA)

December, London WC1

If you are interested, email IHIE.

A course for road design, maintenance and development engineers delivered by expert barristers.

### Durable Surfaces

10 July, London

8 October, Leeds

Jeff Farrington's popular course on how to get more durable surfaces.

### Improve your skills in Traffic Signs

16 September, Loughborough

The course to maintain your expertise in direction and warning signing.

*Includes presentations from DfT*

### Annual Traffic Signs Conference & Exhibition 2009

17 September, Loughborough

DfT-led discussion on ideas for the DfT review of traffic signing. Up dates on Chapter 8, DfT streetscape ideas, SS12D training for designers of roadworks, the TfL speed limit map and ISA.

*Supported by DfT, Atkins and Buchanan Computing*

### Annual Highway Maintenance Conference & Exhibition

13 October 2009, Northampton, Hilton.

The postponed IHIE/Highways annual conference: 'Changing the face of Highway Maintenance.'

Speakers on asset management, drainage, defining levels of service, dealing with flooding and meeting public aspirations. Speakers include Ed Bunting, Stuart Smith, Paul Hardy, WSP and Amey.



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[www.motorcycleguidelines.org.uk](http://www.motorcycleguidelines.org.uk)

Sign up for Discussion groups

<http://uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/ukhighwaydevcon/> - Development Control Group moderated by IHIE

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/homezones-discuss-1/> - An independent Home Zones site

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