

Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016

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Course Brochure

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Course details

The Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016, has for the first time attempted to bring together a standardised approach to human burial and cremation practices across Scotland. This Act was the result of the identification of a number of incorrect practices which had been addressed in a series of public enquiries and resultant reports highlighting the need to resolve problems around different practices, gaps in information and other inconsistencies and weaknesses across the Scottish Bereavement sector. The key outcome has been the move to promote improvements in practice, technology, policy, and legislation.

Therefore, The Burial and Cremation (Scotland) Act 2016 has, and will, replace much of the existing legislation and provide an updated comprehensive legislative framework for burial and cremation in Scotland.

This course, through a mixture of presentations and interactive group discussions, will look at the two areas of cremation and burial, and explain the known responsibilities as outlined in the Cremation (Scotland) Regulations 2019, but also consider the impacts and potential changes the Burial (Part 1) elements of the Act will bring to local authorities across Scotland.

The course will provide an excellent opportunity to raise amongst colleagues, any questions or concerns regarding the implementation of current or proposed changes and regulations which will collectively be forwarded on to with Scottish Government.

Who should attend?

This course is designed for all levels of front-line operational staff as well as managers. The information gained from attending will help ensure everyone is aware of their roles and responsibilities as required by the Act.

Learning Outcomes




- Discuss how the regulations within the Act were developed and what they aim to achieve
- Be familiar with the different components of the Act.
- Scrutinise the current regulations concerning cremation, and the potential impact of proposed burial regulations.
- Consider how the regulations can be implemented and how they will impact on current service provision and the bereaved.

Course Programme

For further information, please contact training@apse.org.uk




MORNING OR DAY 1: REGISTRATION (and Tech Check)

UNIT 1: Origins and overview

-  Background and history
-  Cremation: Regulations 1 - 7
-  Real world experience

COMFORT BREAK






UNIT 2: Cremations continued

-  Cremation: Regulations 8 - 15
-  Alkaline Hydrolysis
-  Real world experience

PLENARY and FEEDBACK





AFTERNOON OR DAY 2: REGISTRATION (and Tech Check)

UNIT 3: Burials and Exhumations (Part 1)

-  Proposed Burial Regulations
-  Management of Burial Grounds
-  Administrative Procedures
-  Private Burials
-  Real world experience

COMFORT BREAK

UNIT 4: Burials and Exhumations (Part 2)

-  Exhumation
-  Restoration of Lairs
-  Statutory Inspections
-  Real world experience

PLENARY, FEEDBACK and CLOSE

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Trainer Profile

Wayne Priestley








Wayne Priestley was previously the Principal Advisor for APSE's environmental suite of services which included: Parks and Greenspaces, Waste and Recycling and Cemeteries and Crematoria.

Following early retirement, he is now an active APSE Associate with a continuing interest in these areas and environmental issues in general. Before APSE, Wayne had a long career in local government developing a broad knowledge base. During his time, as a member of APSE's secretariat, Wayne was involved in several environment related projects including the development of the new Land Audit Management System (LAMS) and contributed to the development of the National Litter Strategy for England.

He also provided information to support APSE'S contribution to the Government's Parks Action Group. Wayne has also written a number of well-received research papers including the 'State of UK Public Parks 2021'; 'Post Pandemic: Green Urban Spaces' and most recently, 'Making space for nature in our burial grounds'. Wayne continues to keep up to date with the latest environmental developments and has a growing interest in how local authorities are addressing increasing biodiversity, 'rewilding', the glyphosate debate, and the impact of climate change on sustainable green spaces.

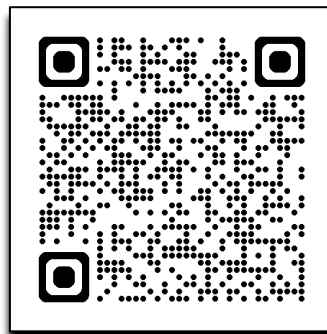
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If delivered online, the course is suitable for up to 15 participants and over two half-days or one full day, via Microsoft Teams

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