



**EIA and SEA as Design Tools:
IAIA Ireland - UK Branch Event at Edinburgh Castle
in conjunction with The Institution of Civil Engineers**

The next International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA) Ireland - UK Branch Event, in conjunction with the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), will take place at Edinburgh Castle, Scotland, on **Friday 13 July 2007**. The theme of the event is '**EIA and SEA as Design Tools**'.

The purpose of environmental assessment is to provide environmental information to decision-makers, the public and other stakeholders so that environmental factors can be integrated into decision-making alongside economic, engineering and social factors. Environmental assessment therefore is and should be more than a tick-box exercise or the fulfilling of a statutory requirement. It also has a practical application, affecting the way projects are progressed and plans are developed, i.e. its use as a design tool. The objective of this event is to explore the issues involved in using Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) as "design tools" and to share experience gained in this regard.

The day will start at 10:00am (coffee and registration from 9:30 am) and finish at 4.00pm. It will be held in Queen Anne's Room, Edinburgh Castle.

9:30	Registration and coffee		
10:00	Welcome and introduction		Amanda Chisholm, Historic Scotland
10:10	Keynote paper EIA and SEA as design tools: an engineering perspective		Gordon Masterton, ICE
10:30	EIA as a design tool: mitigation		Ross Marshall, Environment Agency
10:50	Questions and discussion		
11:00	Coffee		
11:15	Applying Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) to EIA and SEA		Annie Say, Natural Capital
11:35	Cumulative effect of highways		Dean Kerwick-Chrisp, Highways Agency
11:55	<i>Engineering and the environment</i>		<i>to be announced</i>
12:15	Questions and discussion		
12:30	Lunch / walk around Castle		
14:00	SEA as a design tool: Scottish Marine Renewables		Iain Bell, Faber Maunsell
14:20	Noise: impact assessment and design		Bernadette McKell, Hamilton McGregor
14:40	Historic Environment: impact assessment and design		Lily Linge, Historic Scotland
15:00	Questions and discussion		
15:15	Coffee / Plenary discussion		
	Report back from IAIA 07 Seoul		Amanda Chisholm
	IAIA membership		Ross Marshall
16:00	Close		

This event is designed to be relevant to individuals working in all the professions impact assessment encompasses: consultants, regulators, planners, industry, non-governmental organisations, and the research community.

The cost of attending is: **£25** for IAIA members and students; **£45** non-members

To book a place, please complete the booking form and return it to:

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