



RTPI

Royal Town Planning Institute

The RTPI has a commitment to lifelong learning, education and professional development for the benefit of its members and the public.

**RTPI
CORE
CPD**

Core CPD Framework

What it is,
what it entails
and why it
is important.

Core CPD Framework for members

Your CPD

The RTPI defines Continuing Professional Development (CPD) as “the systematic maintenance, improvement and broadening of knowledge and skill and the development of personal qualities necessary for the execution of professional and technical duties throughout the practitioner’s working life”.

Planners work in an ever-changing environment and so need to keep abreast of planning challenges now and in the future. As the work you do is for - or affects - the public, CPD demonstrates your commitment, competence and professionalism, and sets you apart from non-members. The RTPI Code of Professional Conduct requires members to plan, undertake and record 50 hours of CPD in each two-year period.

What you can expect from the RTPI:

To support you to meet your CPD obligations, the RTPI will:

- Adopt ‘Core CPD Framework’ guidelines for your professional learning.
- Signpost a range of high quality sources of CPD.
- Provide you with tools to plan, record and reflect on your CPD.
- Audit a sample of member records to assess compliance with the RTPI Code.
- Undertake regular reviews of the learning needs of the profession.
- Work with employers and stakeholders to champion the importance and the value of CPD for professional planners.

Core CPD Framework:

This framework provides RTPI members with an overview of the key topics for CPD and identifies a programme that covers the key professional skills and areas of planning knowledge to meet current and future planning challenges.

Professional Skills

- Championing Planning (including advocacy, influencing, negotiation and leadership)
- Business Development
- Ethics and Professionalism
- Digital Planning
- Design

Planning Knowledge

- Infrastructure Planning and Economic Development
- Health and Inclusive Planning
- Housing
- Environmental Planning
- Planning Law and Process

Potential sources of CPD:

Structured CPD	Self-Directed CPD	Other (Championing Planning)
Training course	Reading relevant news articles or research	Deliver a training session
Conference	Listening to relevant podcasts	Write or blog about planning
Briefing / Workshop	RTPI policy and research publications	Mentor students or graduates
Seminar / Lecture	The Planner / Planning Theory and Practice journals	Become an APC Assessor
Online learning		Get involved in your local RTPI group or Network
Secondment or work shadowing		Volunteer for Planning Aid
		Become an RTPI Ambassador for schools

More information about the Core CPD Framework can be found at: www.rtpi.org.uk/cpdframework

**RTPI
CORE
CPD**

What's in it for you?

A structured approach to your own professional development with the RTPI will help you:

- Enhance your professional reputation.
- Learn new skills and keep up to date.
- Improve your performance in your current role.
- Gain a competitive edge and future employment.
- Demonstrate your commitment, competence and professionalism.



Look out for the RTPI Core CPD logo.

This logo has been introduced as a quality assurance mark to demonstrate that the event offers clear learning outcomes, with high standards and measurable results and covers one or more of the 10 core topics.

For more information:

Visit: rtpi.org.uk/cpdframework

Read: RTPI Practice Advice Note -

Continuing Professional Development

Register: www.rtpilearn.org.uk

Email: cpd@rtpi.org.uk

Tel: +44 (0)20 7929 9494