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Learn to lead change with ISF

Sustainability short courses for
individuals and organisations

The sustainability revolution is gaining momentum.

Moving towards a better tomorrow means changing the way we approach our work and putting new methods and ideas to use across industry, organisations and government.

The UTS Institute for Sustainable Futures short courses and enterprise learning opportunities (ISF) empower individuals and organisations to lead change.

Our courses focus on the practical application of the latest advancements in sustainability theory and practice. They are designed and delivered by sustainability experts with deep experience of applied transdisciplinary research.

ISF courses are:



Practical



Interactive



Reputable



Transformative

Short courses

ISF offers a program of short courses on topics including systems thinking, sustainable finance, circular economy, and deliberative democracy.

Our short courses are offered in a range of formats, from one-day in-person masterclasses, to six-week self-paced online modules.

2024 highlights

Systems Thinking and Practice for Sustainable Futures

Online, six weeks with live sessions weekly

An introduction to the concepts, tools and philosophies of systems thinking and practice – an exciting approach to untangling the wicked problems of today.

A Strengths-Based Approach: Effective Pathways to Transforming Sustainable Futures

In person, one-day masterclass

A deep dive into a new approach to problem-solving that is transforming the international development sector. This course shows how a strengths-based approach can be applied to a range of professional settings.

See ISF's current short courses at uts.edu.au/isf/learning/short-courses

Enterprise learning

ISF partners with organisations, industry and governments to tailor sustainability education programs that suit their needs.

Our tailored programs can:

- vary in length, from half-day workshops to multi-day courses
- be for small or large groups
- be in-person, online or hybrid format.

Programs can focus on building knowledge of key sustainability topics and/or building skills to tackle sustainability challenges.

Course topics may include:

- climate change
- energy transition
- sustainable water and sanitation
- resource governance and stewardship
- evaluation and effectiveness
- circular economy
- sustainable urban environments
- sustainable finance.



Supporting Water Security, Resilience and Transitioning to Circular Cities in India with Climate-Resilient Water Resources Management

A two-week course designed for 15 senior government officials visiting Australia from India. This course covered circular economy principles as they relate to water security, wastewater and groundwater management. It included site visits to water facilities in Sydney and Adelaide.



The [course] helped me to understand various new things related to treatment technology, circular economy, climate risk, which I can implement in my organisation.”

– 2023 course participant

Sustainable Finance in Indonesia: Transforming Challenges into Opportunities

A three-part program taking place in Indonesia and Australia, this course is designed for executives and mid-level officials from relevant ministries and state-owned enterprises involved in the sustainable finance agenda. The course delves into the untapped opportunities within Indonesia’s sustainable finance agenda and includes opportunities for knowledge-sharing between Indonesian and Australian policy and finance professionals.

Monitoring and Evaluation for the Cambodian Ministry of Economy and Finance

ISF worked with the Cambodian Ministry of Economy and Finance to design a five-day course for delegates from the ministry. The course featured expert lectures, interactive workshop activities and simulated group projects. ISF also arranged guest speakers from the NSW government and evaluation consultancies to share insights with the group.



The most valuable thing I learned in the course are the tips and practical experiences shared by the expert evaluators. They really showcased the theory from the lens of applicability and creativity when it comes to overcoming challenges in evaluations.”

– 2024 course participant



About ISF

The Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF) is an independent research institute within the University of Technology Sydney. We conduct transdisciplinary, project-based research in line with our vision of creating positive change towards sustainable futures.

ISF researchers bring together expertise in a wide range of areas including engineering, architecture, economics, science, social science, international studies and political studies, to deliver practical and holistic solutions to complex problems.

We work with a wide range of clients to support them in achieving their sustainability goals and we empower a new generation of changemakers with our Graduate Research Program and suite of short courses.

Find out how ISF can tailor enterprise learning for you, contact Samantha Sharpe at Samantha.sharpe@uts.edu.au

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