

Implementing the Goals for Driver Education

Research over the last 20 to 30 years has greatly increased our understanding of why drivers crash. Much of this research has been consolidated into the Goals for Driver Education (GDE) (Keskinen et al 2011), a matrix that provides driving instructors with a powerful tool upon which to base their driver education.

Learning outcomes

This course aims to develop an instructor's ability to use this tool by developing the instructor's skills and abilities in relation to:

- The underpinning concepts contained within the GDE matrix and how these link with driver attitude and behaviour
- To understand how different elements of the GDE are associated with age-related factors and inexperience
- How to plan a driving lesson and a course of driving lessons that will incorporate all elements of the GDE matrix using the GDE matrix as a planning tool

Course delivery

The course will achieve these outcomes using a number of highly interactive learning exercises focusing around the following topics:

- The different levels and columns of the GDE
- Brain development, attitudes and behaviours
- How to structure questions linked to the higher elements of the GDE
- How to focus training on post-test driving performance
- How to develop a driver's ability to understand how we make driving related decisions

Course Itinerary

09.00 – Registration and coffee

09.15 – Understanding the GDE

10.30 – Break

10.45 – Risk increasing factors

11.45 – Developing GDE related exercises

12.30 – Lunch

12.45 – Future focused delivery

2.00 – Developing a drivers self-evaluation skills

3.00 – Break

3.15 – Incorporating the GDE into lessons/courses

4.30 – Course finishes

Course Facilitator

The course will be facilitated by Ian Edwards, one of the UK's leading experts. Ian has successfully developed a number of driver interventions based on the GDE matrix including the Kirklees Metropolitan Council Enhanced Pass Plus Scheme, South Yorkshire's Learn Safe Drive Safe Scheme and Merseyside's Engage scheme. Ian also pioneered the use of the GDE matrix in the design of e-learning, most notably in the Thames Valley Young Driver Scheme. As well as his work for eDriving Solutions Ian is an independent road safety consultant and is, or has recently completed work for local, national and international organisations. As well as being an ADI Ian holds a Master's Degree in Social Research and Evaluation and a Diploma in Traffic Accident and Safety Management.