



SPECIALIST IN LAND CONDITION

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DELIVERING BETTER VALUE IN THE BROWNFIELD AND LAND CONDITION INDUSTRY – CHANGES TO SiLC

The SiLC Register (www.silc.org.uk) has now been operating for 12 years. A registered SiLC (Specialist in Land Condition) is a senior practitioner who has a broad awareness, knowledge and understanding of brownfield and land condition issues, providing impartial and professional advice in their field of expertise.

SiLC has been considering ways in which it can continue to support high standards amongst technical professionals in the brownfield industry. We will be introducing a number of new elements to the Register in the next year.

TRAINEE NETWORK

We are delighted to announce a new trainee network will be put in place during 2013 for professionals starting off in the land condition industry. This is expected to generate value by providing:

- Access to mentoring for career progression;
- Encouragement of each individual to pursue professional qualifications and membership of relevant professional body;
- Encouragement of people to recognise the brownfield and land condition area as a career path;
- Mentored access to the Skills Development Framework;
- Encouraging graduates to become Institution members and move towards SiLC registration in the longer term;
- Create a community for on-line discussion of SiLC Register related issues;
- Creation of greater momentum and growth in the SiLC Register and underpinning of the scheme in the long-term.

SiLC EMPLOYER SCHEME

SiLC registration is personal to the individuals who achieve the registration. It is now proposed to develop a SiLC Employer scheme, whereby companies that employ SiLCs may register with and support the SiLC Register and have the right to use their bespoke SiLC Employer logo on publicity material for an annual registration fee.

FEE REDUCTION

The SiLC Register recognises the current pressure on expenditure for individuals and companies, and has decided to significantly reduce the rates for attendance

at the Introduction Days and to take the exam process, these rates holding firm throughout 2013. The rates are set out in our website at <http://www.silc.org.uk/events/introduction-days/> and are reduced by 40% or more.

Phil Crowcroft, Chairman of SiLC notes:

'SiLC is looking forward to continued growth in 2013 in the Register, and becoming more relevant and focussed on bringing new professionals into the field. We hope that our new initiatives and the significant reduction in costs of registration with SiLC will be attractive to many professionals in the brownfield and land condition sector.'

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Note to Editors:

1. SiLC (the Specialist in Land Condition Register Ltd) is a scheme established in 2000 which supports professionals involved in remediation of brownfield sites. SiLC maintain a Register of professionals who have considerable experience and skill in assessing and remediating land so that it can be used for later development.

2. The partner organisations in SiLC are:
The Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management;
The Institution of Civil Engineers;
The Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment;
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health;
Royal Society of Chemistry;
The Royal Environmental Health Institute of Scotland;
The Association of Geoenvironmental and Geotechnical Specialists;
The Geological Society.