

Green Economics Institute Accreditation Information Full Membership

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1 About the Green Economics Institute

Formal incorporation as a not-for profit body

In line with its stated plans the GEI is commencing accreditation services in Spring 2007, and at this time is inviting Associates and Students to apply to become Full GEI Members. Through the operation of a transparent and consistent accreditation process GEI aims to create standards for the recognition of contribution to the field of Green Economics.

2 Benefits of Full Membership

Use of letters 'M.G.E.I.' after your name

GEI Newsletter

Full Members' networking events

Eligibility for Full GEI Membership.

Associates and Students of the GEI are eligible to apply for Full Accredited Membership.

Full Membership MGEI

Points are allocated for contribution to the field of Green Economics in academic, policy, business, campaigns and practical activities. Full Membership candidates are assessed on the diversity as well as the levels of their skills and contribution in the field of Green Economics.

Practitioners are welcome to apply for accreditation from the GEI.

Applicants must complete a GEI Accreditation Application Form and submit the form, complete with supporting documentation and payment of £30 (the annual associate fee) to:

GEI Accreditation Committee

Address: accreditation@greeneconomicstinstitute.eu and

The Green Economics Institute

6 Strachey Close

Tidmarsh

Reading RG8 8EP

On becoming a full members there is an admission charge of currently £40.

There will be charges for participating in any courses the Institute runs, that are required to obtain accreditation.

Annual renewal

Full Members must renew their accreditation each year and are responsible to ensure it is up to date.

Renewal will require affirmation that Members will continue to abide by GEI constitution and rules, and the payment of an annual fee, currently £30.

Full Members should ensure that the registration information kept by GEI is up-to-date and accurate including address/es, telephone numbers, e-mail address/es and website/s.

3 Assessment elements 2007-8

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| Action |
| Candidate requests application form |
| Candidate completes application form and sends with payment to Accreditation administrator |
| Accreditation Committee sends acknowledgment letter. Administrator of Accreditation Committee notifies candidates of any obvious omissions. Candidates should supply this information |
| Accreditation Committee meets to consider applications and allocate any assessment to Application Panel as necessary. Candidates will be notified if they are required to resubmit parts of their application or provide additional clarification |
| Candidate to provide any requested information and certificates |
| Decision taken whether any training courses or other tests are required and communicated to applicant. |
| Participation of applicant in training courses etc. until required number of points accumulated |
| Candidates notified if interview is required |
| Candidate interviews completed |
| Accreditation Panel to complete assessments and send to Accreditation Committee |
| Accreditation Committee reviews applications. They may request additional information from the candidates before the meeting. |
| Accreditation Committee advises Directors of recommendations formally. |
| Directors meet formally to discuss recommendations for approval of candidates to full |

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| accredited status |
| Formal record of status change lodged and recorded with Institute manager |
| Accreditation Committee to contact applicants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) of successful transfer to full membership and discuss benefits b) of people who will need to continue in training or as a student in order to qualify |
| GEI Members awards ceremony and award of certificates – annually at the members garden party in the summer |

4 Points allocation

| GEI Membership Accreditation points allocation | Points |
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| Academic contribution to field of Green Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relevant masters degree • Relevant doctorate • Relevant post-doctoral research | Up to 20 30 10 |
| Publication in field of Green Economics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles and papers published in International Journal of Green Economics and relevant academic journals • Keynote papers and papers at GEI and other relevant conferences • Relevant books, articles, reports and other publications such as internet resources • Peer review and book review for International Journal of Green Economics and other relevant academic journals | Up to 20 10 10 10 10 |
| Public speaking in field of Green Economics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote speeches, speeches, presentations and presentations of papers to GEI and other relevant conferences • Relevant media appearances | Up to 10 10 |
| Policy, business, practical and campaigning contribution to field of Green Economics <i>(This category is assessed through submission of a self-critical analysis of the applicant's contribution to field of Green Economics of 1,000 words in length)</i> | Up to 20 |
| Contribution to GEI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory – for example serving actively on a Committee • Practical and organisational - for example conferences, membership development, fund-raising, branch development • Contribution to GEI Accreditation through development and/or delivery of module or session at training event | Up to 5 10 20 |
| * Attendance of GEI Accreditation - 1 training days Principles | 20 |
| 1 Advanced Green Economics course 2 days | 40 |

Additional points may be allocated for relevant achievement, experience, skills and activities at the discretion of the Accreditation Committee.

A minimum of 100 points is required for Full GEI Membership

* indicates compulsory category

In addition, GEI Members must agree to abide by the GEI constitution and rules including:

- Non-Disclosure and Conflict of Interest Agreement
- Equality standards, covering anti-sexism, racism and ageism
- Acting within the limits of own knowledge and competence

No more than 50% of accreditation points to be based on one field alone as we are keen to encourage interdisciplinary working and working across fields, methodology and activities.

5 GEI Foundation course in Green Economics – Accreditation Modules. (These are subject to refinement due to the evolving nature of our research and will be based on our research. On completion of application form- we will supply current set of modules contents which will remain fixed for the period of your application).

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| 1. Introduction to Green Economics | This module is an introduction to the discipline and key concepts of Green Economics exploring the re conceptualisation of economics and extension of scope beyond financial transactions to encompass broader human interactivity and the relationship with the biosphere. Study themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-embedding the economy in natural and social systems • Reformulation of supply and demand • Interdisciplinary and integrative discipline, insights from natural and social sciences • Key concepts including holism, limits to growth |
| 2. Green Economics perspective on the history of economic thought | This module explores the Green Economics perspective of the growth and development of economic thought, covering the key concepts, ideas, debates and leading thinkers. Study themes include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey of major schools of economic thought • The development path of the economics discipline • Historical development of analytical techniques |
| 3. The philosophical foundations of Green Economics | This module will enable participants to consider the philosophical and moral foundations of Green Economics, exploring the broad philosophical base of the discipline. Study themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equity and intrinsic value of non-human species and nature • Social and environmental justice, democracy, anti-poverty, inclusiveness • Feminist analysis of patriarchy and accumulation and eco-feminism • Long-termism including intergenerational equity |
| 4. The development and roots of Green Economics | This module provides an underpinning knowledge in the development of Green Economics, through study of key literature. The contribution of sister disciplines is explored, along with critique and analysis of how Green Economics differentiates from these schools of thought. Study themes include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Economics history and literature • Sister disciplines including Heterodox Economics, Post-autistic economics, Sustainable Development economics , Ecological and Environmental economics, stakeholder theory |
| 5. The scientific foundations of green | This module provides an understanding of the physical science underpinning green |

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| economics | <p>economics</p> <p>It will include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desertification • Ecology • Bio-diversity • Climate change, IPCC findings, Stern Review implications • Transport science • Pollution • Earth systems including climate • Agricultural issues – organics, soil erosion • Earth cycles and timescales • Current scientific knowledge, chaos theory, uncertainty, precautionary principles • Risk theory • Energy |
| 6. Green Economics foundations of Social and Environmental Justice | <p>This module ensures that participants understand the commitment to implementation of social and environmental justice</p> <p>It will include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social theory • Environmental management theory • The eco system depletion crisis and its implications for society • The Millenium Development Goals |
| 7. Green Economics economic theoretical analysis | <p>This module will enable participants to apply a Green Economics critique to the conventions and assumptions of neo-classical economics theories and explores current policy, power structures, dynamics and trends. Study themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philosophical basis and analytical techniques of neo-classical economics • Normative elements, values, conceptual frameworks and assumptions • Reworking Demand and consumption • Reworking supply chains • Reworking measurement, price equilibrium <p>Reworking definitions of growth, scarcity and abundance</p> |
| 8. Green Economics and Business and production for business | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Economic analysis and critique of global trade flows • Green Economics analysis of the role of corporations • Stakeholder theory, Corporate social responsibility • Business ethics • Fair trade • The multilateral trade and investment system, the role of international institutions and transnational corporations <p>Dynamics and trends in global economy including globalisation, offshoring and outsourcing,</p> <p>Supply chain impacts, privatisation and market concentration</p> <p>Off shoring, near shoring, outsourcing, export processing zones</p> |
| 9. Green Economics methodology | <p>This module is designed to enable participants to understand Green Economics methodology, through comparative study and critique of theoretical development and debates in the discipline. Study themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analysis of economic power relations and institutions, deconstruction of dominant economics discourses • Integrative approach and holism in Green Economics reflecting real life and real world complexity, specificity, context sensitivity and diversity |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New indicators for progress including well-being, quality of life and sustainability • Contrasting approaches of scale - global institutional reform, regional approaches such as localism |
| 10. Green Economics in policy and practice and democracy | <p>This module explores the development of Green Economics policy and the broad range of agents and activities to bring about relevant change to in a variety of contexts including policy, business, campaigns, practical action and projects. Study themes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy and regulation e.g. contraction and convergence, Tobin tax • Understanding of impact and operation of different levels of government <p>Lobbying Acts of Parliament Spending reviews Local, parish, regional, national governments, Trading Blocks World Trade Organisation</p> |
| 11. Green Economics campaigns and NGO analysis and peace | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campaigns and social movements e.g. trade justice, anti-globalisation, alter globalization, social theory and civil society • Indigenous resource rights • Business driven alternatives including social enterprise, ethical investment, fair trade <p>Practical alternatives, projects and community based strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements of campaigns, how to design a campaign <p>Theory behind social campaigns Issues surrounding peace and co-operation rather than competition</p> |

Candidates will be provided with a book list for all the modules. Not all candidates will be expected to have the same level of knowledge or understanding of the above. This list is intended that candidates understand the scope and breadth of Green Economics Issues and candidates should concentrate on providing evidence of understanding in their own field and awareness of the importance of the others and aim to learn at least 2 new ones as part of the process.

6 Accreditation Committee

Accreditation will be assessed, authorised and administered by experienced members of the GEI Advisory Board at its quarterly meetings to the Accreditation Committee, always at least 4 people. The GEI Accreditation Panel will consist of four members, including a Chair, appointed by the GEI Directors and will represent Campaigning, Academia/ economics, Policy and Business. This will also form the committee and will be completed by an administrator and the Institute Directors.

The Accreditation Committee is responsible for the development, delivery and review of GEI Accreditation procedures

- The Accreditation Committee will assess applications for Accreditation and report the outcomes of the meeting to the GEI Board
- The Committee may call for further clarification, evidence or may choose to interview any or all applicants at the discretion of the Committee
- Appointment and co-ordination of Accreditation Panel to assist Accreditation process

- Organise and deliver accreditation training events
- Producing and updating guidelines for Accreditation Panel members including common procedures, and exercising responsibilities in consistent and reliable manner.
- Produce, publish and update the applicants pack /brochure – including the range and nature of documentation required from a prospective applicant, assessment timetable, pathways and points system
- Produce, publish and update the Assessors pack for use by the Committee and Accreditation Panel
- Assessment of Full GEI Membership applications - scrutinising membership applications and documentary submissions, assessment and verification of qualifications, achievements in the field of Green Economics and GEI Accreditation assignments
- Advise all applicants of the outcome of their application, including any reasons for rejecting an application for Accreditation and suggestions of possible activities unsuccessful applicants may undertake to facilitate future applications
- Advise the GEI Board of the outcome of all successful or unsuccessful applications
- Recommend new GEI Accredited Members, Fellows and Honorary Fellows to the whole GEI advisory Board
- Advise candidates on what to expect within and from the Accreditation procedures
- Support applicants during the Accreditation process, including co-ordination of mentoring scheme
- Issue certificates of Accreditation to successful applicants
- Organise Accreditation award ceremonies
- Publish GEI Members/Fellow/Hon Fellows Directory and create a community of practice
- Recommendation to GEI Board of removal of GEI Member/Fellow/Hon Fellow status if and as necessary
- Appeals procedure
- To be supportive of the GEI, its aims and objectives
- To actively promote GEI within the Higher Education sector and other relevant spheres of influence
- From time to time the Committee may be requested to make recommendations on accreditation strategy to the Institute

Green Economics Institute
 Accreditation Procedures
 March 2007

Accreditation Application Form

Please complete this form to apply for Accreditation to the Green Economics Institute. All responses will be treated with strict confidentiality. The boxes for responses can be expanded as needed; only up to 2 sides of information is requested for this application. Please complete and return this form together with the £30 associate membership fee to:

Accreditation Manager

email: **accreditation@greeneconomicsinstitute.eu**

Green Economics Institute, 6 Strachey Close, Reading RG8 8EP

(on accreditation there will be a further admission charge and there are participants fees for training courses should they be required for the accreditation process)

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| Name | Title (if applicable) |
| Address: Telephone: Email: | |

1 Please outline the experience or qualifications or contribution that you have in relation to Green Economics to date. This can include any of the following:

- Policy, politics or lobbying
- Campaigning
- Business
- Ecology, environmental science or conservation
- Academic achievement – relevant degree or post-graduate qualification
- Publication in field of Green Economics – e.g. articles, papers, books, reports
- Contribution to development of Green Economics Institute – such as practical help, presenting to conferences or serving on a committee
- Employment role – e.g. NGO or other work

Please identify the points that you would like us to take into consideration using the accreditation notes provided. (Due to our Institute status we will require certificates etc later on in the application process.)

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Please outline your proposed contribution to Green Economics. This could include module content and / or learning methods that you could share with the group.