



## Talking Rubbish!

With an estimated 400 million tonnes of waste being produced each year (enough to fill the Albert Hall), the Government is constantly looking at new ways of encouraging the re-use of materials and deterring the dumping of rubbish.

At a recent summit hosted by Environment Secretary Margaret Beckett, criticism was levelled at the Government, by environmental groups, for the UK's poor record in this area, with barely 11% of household waste being re-cycled out of a possible 60-80%. Responding to this pressure, academics at the University of Central Lancashire, with funding from the European Social Fund and Single Regeneration Budget, are launching a new course designed to play a major part in tackling the UK's waste mountain.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Sustainable Waste Management for Business is aimed primarily but not exclusively at middle managers employed in SMEs throughout the North West of England. This predominantly work-based, part-time course will provide them with business-focused education and training on current 'best practice' in sustainable waste management.

The course will look at core issues, including: life cycle analysis; development and evaluation of waste management strategies; environmental auditing of waste materials and energy; and the role and impact of legislation

"This course is a great opportunity for individuals to develop valuable work-based waste management skills and for businesses to gain a competitive edge in an increasingly "green" marketplace", said course tutor Dr Ian Williams

With a combination of seminars, lectures and work-based assignments, the course will run from February to July 2002. Funded places are available. For further details, contact Dr Ian Williams from the Department of Environmental Management, tel: 01772 893961, email [jdwilliams@uclan.ac.uk](mailto:jdwilliams@uclan.ac.uk) or visit the department website at <http://www.uclan.ac.uk/environment>.

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