



MaSC Project Workshop 1 Report

Overview

Workshop 1 was held at Sedgebrook Hall in Northampton on 24 and 25 September 2015, 44 delegates attended the workshop including 7 contractors and the 9 members of the project team. Workshop 1 focused on the challenges of Mass Shelter, the background of the project and what the project is looking to achieve. There were six sessions that took place over the course of the workshop each one focusing on a different aspect of Mass Shelter and comprising a mixture of presentations and tasks to be completed by the delegates.

Workshop Content and Tasks

Session 1 looked at the challenges of Mass Shelter and featured an engaging presentation from Chief Dennis Storemski (Houston Mayor's Office of Public Safety and Homeland Security). As part of the outputs from the workshop this presentation can be viewed [here](#). During this session delegates were asked to think about the challenges of Mass Shelter and produced a list of these challenges.

Session 2 focused on the exposure to Mass Shelter that exists across Europe, this work was presented by Dr El Parker and Dr Matt Blackett (Coventry University) who produced the risk exposure report for the project. This presentation is also available to view [here](#). The delegates then analysed what they considered the impact of the varying exposures would be in relation to planning for a Mass Shelter.

During Session 3 a review of current literature for Mass Shelter was presented by Dr Thomas Abeling (United Nations University), the video can be accessed [here](#). During this session delegates analysed the six categories of temporary shelter and used this to define their own categories that would apply in an EU context, this forms one of the main products from Workshop 1. Dr Abeling along with Dr Hugh Deeming (University of Northumbria) has produced a literature review which can be viewed [here](#).





Session 4 asked the delegates to look again at the challenges that would be faced when implementing intermediate Mass Shelter having spent the day learning about the details involved. Kilian Kleinschmidt (Innovation and Planning Agency) delivered an engaging presentation on the realities of life in the Zataari camp in Jordan. This presentation can be found [here](#).

Day 2 began with a presentation from Dr Hugh Deeming (University of Northumbria) discussing the psychological impacts of evacuation, the video can be accessed [here](#). Following on from this the delegates looked at a hierarchy of needs and produced their own version based on the requirements of Intermediate Mass Shelter. Project Manager Matthew Hoy presented the differences between universal and specialist needs and this presentation can be viewed [here](#). The final presentation came from Dr Clare Silvester (Diem Consulting). She detailed the steps that were being taken to produce the data model that the project is developing to be used in the event an Intermediate Mass Shelter would need to be set up. Delegates were then asked to provide further information and input to assist in this development work.

Workshop Outputs

Over the course of the workshop delegates completed ten tasks, these have been distilled into the following products:

Revised Planning Assumption

The Composite Schedule of Needs

Shelter Options

Guiding Principles for Intermediate Mass Shelter

MaSC Project Data Model





Workshop Evaluation

Immediately following the workshop, the Project Team met for a review of the workshop. The results of this session along with the views of the delegates collected in the feedback sheets they were asked to fill out at the end of each day are contained within the MaSC Workshop 1 Debrief report. Following the completion of this report a Project Improvement Plan has been put in place to allow the project team to act on the recommendations. Some of the feedback is detailed below:

“Great Workshop- good information sharing”

“Great support materials & facilitator did an excellent job”

“Workshop very valuable and worthwhile- can’t wait to see the project outcomes”

“It was perfect!”

