

SPADE

Graduate Project Overview



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Sustainable Accelerators Workshop



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Sustainable Principles and Advice for Design & Engineering



What is SPADE?

- Aim of the project is to compile a set of **sustainable design guidelines**, to help engineers make environmentally **sustainable choices** on projects.
- Largely focussed on ISIS and the supporting infrastructure at ISIS – with a view to expand into broader areas in future.
- Overall objective is to inform designers and give them the tools to implement best sustainable practices, **reducing carbon footprint and waste** on projects.



Meet the team



Sarah Hanrahan
Data Analyst
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Harry Sullivan
Mechanical Design
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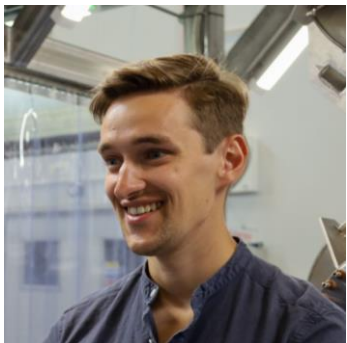
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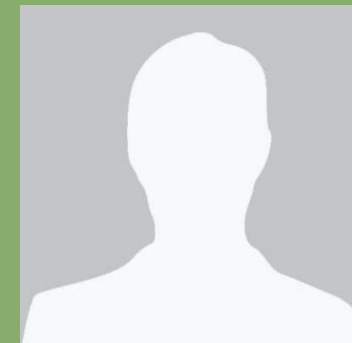
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Mechatronics Design
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**Project
Sponsors**

Project plan

SharePoint site

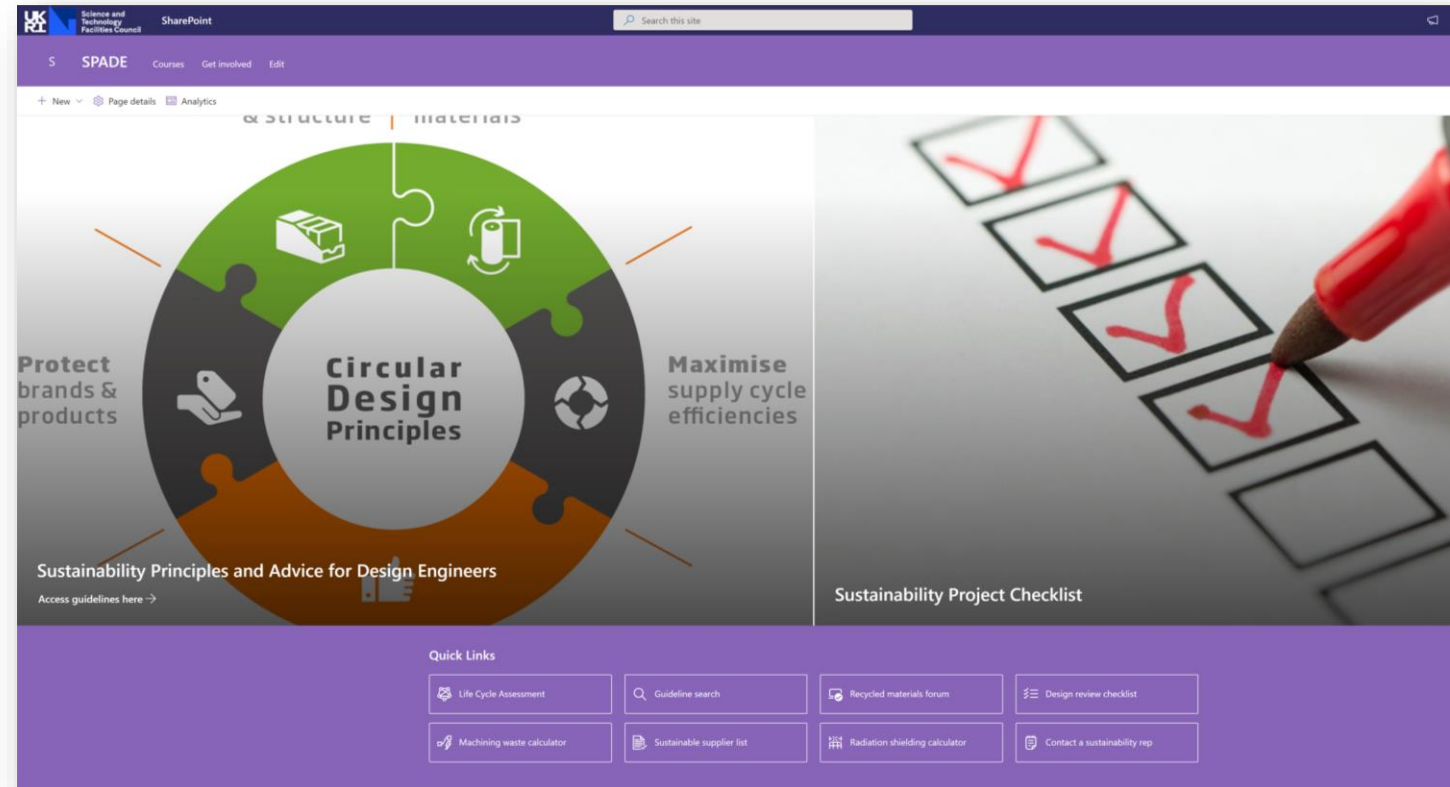
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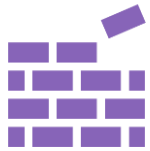
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Materials



Electrical systems



Manufacturing



Vacuum



Shielding



Cryogenics

Quick Links



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Design review checklist



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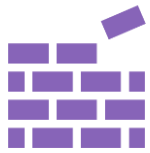
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Materials

- LCA software testing
- LCA case studies for range of applications
- Software comparison table
- Recycling materials tips



Manufacturing

- Best practices for design for manufacture
- On site waste management study
- Encourage communication between designers and workshop
- Sharing excess material between workshops/sites

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Shielding

- Overview of shielding design process at ISIS
- Comparison of shielding materials & techniques
- Design tips and case studies for improving sustainability
 - Modular shielding
 - Designing for end of life
 - Standard shielding on long instruments
- Emerging technology



Electrical systems

- Sustainable suppliers
- Standardising parts
- General design guidance
 - Appropriate ratings & efficient design
 - Panel cooling
 - Grouping component orders
 - Designing Standby/Off option into systems

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Vacuum

- Design guidelines covering:
 - Sustainable materials
 - Vacuum pumps
 - Vacuum science
 - Energy saving
- Basic calculators covering:
 - Pumping speed and time
 - Energy Usage
 - Outgassing estimates



Cryogenics

- Guidance on sustainable operation
- Minimising heat leak
- Reducing required cooling power
- Calculator for key parameters:
 - Conductive heat load
 - Radiative heat load
 - Liquid to gas conversion

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The screenshot displays a SharePoint site for the Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC) SPADE project. The page layout includes a top navigation bar with 'SPADE' and 'Courses' links, and a search bar. The main content area features a central graphic titled 'Circular Design Principles' with four quadrants: 'Protect brands & products', 'Maximise supply cycle efficiencies', 'Sustainability Principles and Advice for Design Engineers', and 'Access guidelines here'. To the right is a 'Sustainability Project Checklist' image showing a red pen marking a checklist. The bottom section contains 'Quick Links' for various tools like Life Cycle Assessment, Guideline search, Recycled materials forum, Design review checklist, Machining waste calculator, Sustainable supplier list, Radiation shielding calculator, and Contact a sustainability rep.

Progress Summary

- **Scoping out phase started – dialogues opened with different areas (Workshops, Operations, Neutronics, Procurement, Design)**
- **Conducting independent research into topic areas**
- **£10,000 funding secured from ESCF to deliver the project**
- **Software licenses for Ansys Eco-audit secured for January**
- **Logo and branding underway with the graphic design team**

Get Involved!

We want to hear from you:

- Any expertise or knowledge on sustainable design in engineering
- Feedback on guideline topics or additional ideas
- Case studies of implemented sustainable practices
- Ongoing and previous research into sustainable design principles
- Interested in contributing to the site and sharing your work!



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Questions?