

ACI Global Training Instructor Biography



Christopher Paling MSc AIEMA
Course: *Airport Environmental Management*

Christopher Paling is a senior researcher and project manager at the Manchester Metropolitan University having returned to academia in 2012 after 11 years working for the Manchester Airports Group (MAG) as an environmental manager. He works within the University's Centre for Aviation, Transport and the Environment (CATE), a thriving research group within the Department of Environmental and Geographical Sciences. Paling also worked for several years in CATE prior to working for MAG.

While working for Manchester Airport, Paling was responsible for climate change and carbon management policy, air quality and environmental management systems. He produced a number of firsts – calculating scope 3 airport emissions, first airport to receive the UK Carbon Trust Standard and the first UK airport to be accredited to the ACI Airport Carbon Accreditation Scheme. Paling was also responsible for successfully delivering ISO 14001 certification at the Airport.

His expertise involves the sustainable development of aviation and managing the environmental impacts of aviation. Most recently, his research has focused upon carbon management at airports, the implications of a changing climate upon aviation, airport local air quality and sustainable biofuels for aircraft.

By training Paling is a biologist (Bachelors degree) and an environmentalist (Masters degree in Pollution and Environmental Control). He is an experienced and qualified environmental auditor and he is an Associate member of the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment.