

HEAT E-LEARNING REVIEW

2021-2022

INTRODUCTION

In 2020, during the height of the COVID pandemic, Safer Edge launched the first ever hostile environment awareness training (HEAT) e-learning specifically designed for social sector organisations. Our aim was not to simply deliver HEAT curriculum in a different format but to change the sector's approach to personal security training. Our goal was to drastically reduce the cost of life-saving training, making it more accessible to those who need it most, more inclusive, diverse, gender and trauma sensitive in language, visuals, content and engagement.

Over the past two years, our goal has become a reality. More than two thousand humanitarian and development personnel from over 100 organisations and 55 countries have taken the course in English, French, Spanish or Arabic. The e-learning has enabled organisations to reach more people for less money and make their staff safer.

This review is based on data, input, and analysis from 546 users who completed the course from 2021–2022, as well as feedback from partner organisations collected by the Safer Edge Learning Team.

About HEAT E-Learning

"The design of the course is so stunning that I told my friends about it. I liked best that it is very interactive and that the format of information changes keeping attention high. This is an extraordinary course."

2022 HEAT e-learning participant

LEARNER FEEDBACK

RELEVANCE

97%

of learners found the course very or mostly relevant CONTENT

95%

found course content excellent or good **OUTCOMES**

92%

found course outcomes to be excellent or good

CONFIDENCE

91%

were very or mostly confident in their ability to use what they learned **STRUCTURE**

90%

found course structure excellent or good VISUAL CONTENT

91%

found course visuals excellent or good

UNDERSTANDING

88%

of learners felt their understanding of security risks was very or mostly improved INFORMED

98%

found information given about the course excellent or good **USEFUL**

92%

said the overall course was useful and interesting



LEARNER FEEDBACK

What learners liked best about the course:

"A great foundation for travelling to a hostile environment."

"The scenario videos that made me feel like I was 'in it'."

"The little tests throughout really keep you engaged."

"Quality of content and information clearly outlined."

"The remote medical training was so interesting and useful."

"The variety of topics and different learning methods."

LEARNER FEEDBACK



The respect to different behaviours "there is no right or wrong", "everyone can contribute to ensure safety and security". The self-awareness, interpersonal skills and self-care modules, in addition the medical and psychological first aid modules.

The course is very understanding of human nature and does not assume everyone will respond perfectly in stressful situations – this is very important!

Well balanced between theoretical knowledge and practical scenarios

I really appreciated the emphasis on checking-in with your emotions. The regular reminders that there will be emotional outcomes, not just physical/practical to threatening/dangerous situations was extremely helpful and reassuring!

Having completed various HEAT type courses over the years, I was grateful I didn't have to run around muddy woods/fields and be shouted at one more time.

I liked the multiple attempts to take the quizzes within the modules so that you could learn why the answer was right or wrong so that the information actually can be retained and you're not punished for making a mistake.

Very happy to have a great course at a reasonable cost rather than having to do an expensive residential one.

The interactive and imagination-inducing content is so practical and relatable to our every day situations as a social development worker. To my surprise the course is already updated to include pandemic and digital security. It's spot on, situation-theory-response and realistic in a way that really helps those of us who work in preventing conflict and violent extremism.

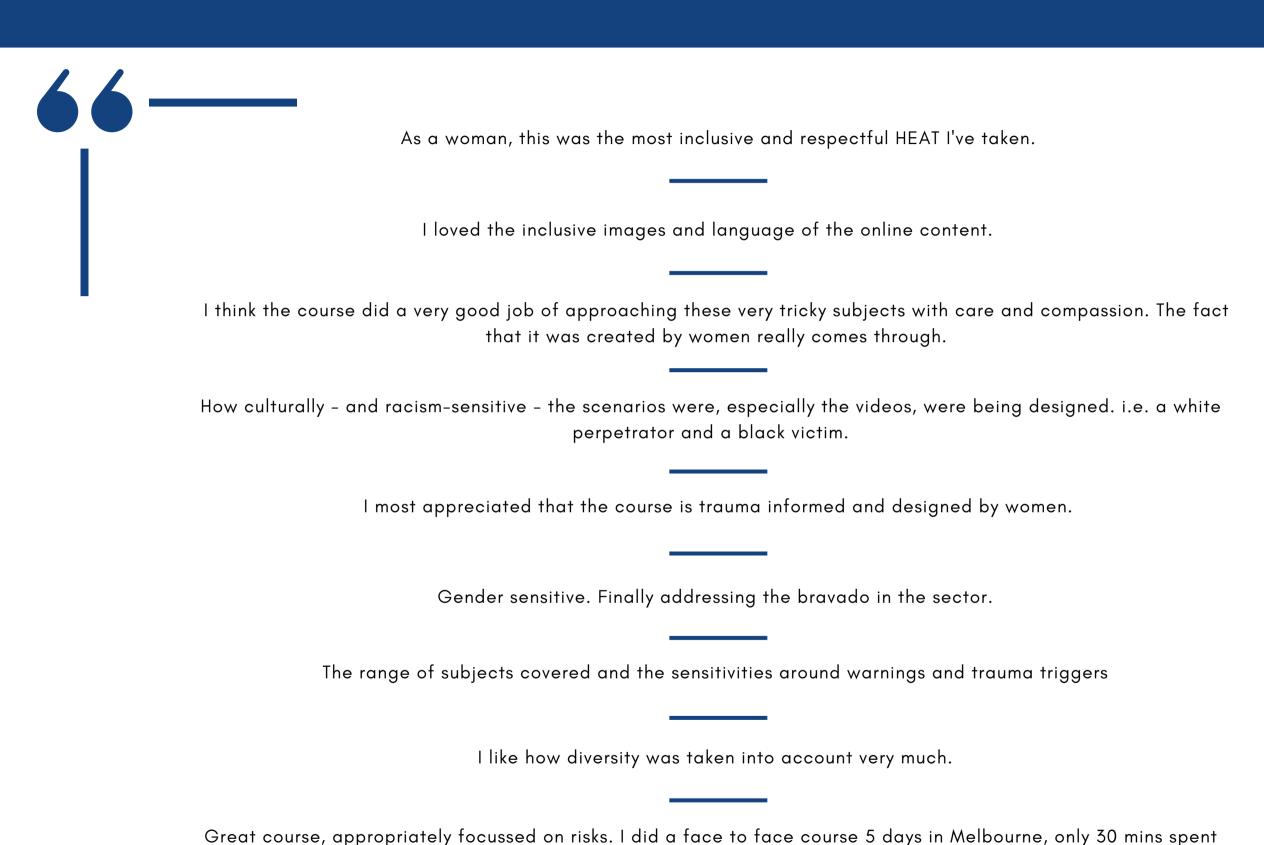
I liked how you talk about more things than your traditional 'kidnap' military-style course and talked about things like burnout.

INCLUSIVE, DIVERSE, GENDER & TRAUMA SENSITIVE

At Safer Edge, our learning methodology is built around making our e-learning courses accessible to everyone. This means that our teaching style is based on inclusivity, diversity, gender, and trauma sensitivity.

There is no evidence that learner distress, humiliation, embarrassment, or fear are effective teaching strategies. The majority of data suggests that they block or reduce later memory retrieval and information acquisition.

Our courses assist those who have previously been ignored, excluded from, or resistant to security courses in gaining access to the life-saving skills required to work safely and successfully.



on sexual violence and whole half day on kidnap when this is a small risk.

BLENDED COURSES

Learners can choose to complete their HEAT course with a peer group and Safer Edge facilitator.

FACILITATOR KNOWLEDGE

FACILITATION SKILLS ENGAGEMENT WITH LEARNERS

99%

of learners found facilitator knowledge of subject matter excellent or good 89%

of learners found facilitator facilitation skills excellent or good of learners found facilitator engagement

excellent or good

66

The zoom calls really make a difference. It was great to talk to other people and ask any questions.

Good course material and really appreciated the self-pacing and facilitator's support.

The facilitator was excellent - extremely knowledge, experienced, interesting and kind.

The one on one sessions with the instructors are very helpful. The course materials and content is also very good.





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