

Specialist Forensics Training

Forensic Garment Analysis

Course

- One-day course run at Alecto's laboratory and training facility in Watchfield and delivered by a leading expert in the field of the material history of fashion
- Designed for forensic submission officers, police officers, crime scene investigators, and other related police professionals (also appropriate for participants with no prior experience in forensic garment analysis)
- Provides a comprehensive overview of forensic garment analysis and what it can contribute to major crime investigations



Structure

- The course is presented through lectures, interactive classroom discussions, and practical exercises
- Participants will receive a comprehensive folio of training materials

Content

- Considers the application of clothing and textile examinations to criminal investigations and historic case reviews
- Discuss how detailed examination and recording of clothing manufacture is integrated into casework and can involve dating and provenancing of clothing, non-clothing fabric types, fabric logos and trademarks
- Understand how garments and textiles can provide evidence regarding identification, provenance and dating when they are found with human remains
- Realise the development of clothing items in modern times, recognise global contexts of dress and clothing, and learn systems of recording

Outcome

- Integrate forensic garment analysis into a comprehensive major crime strategy
- Understand the investigative importance and relevance of forensic garment analysis
- Observe and record a range of garment features to facilitate identification