

CARO: CHAMPIONING LEADERSHIP



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Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme

Training to harness the leadership role of local authority elected members and senior staff in driving effective climate action

Duration: 18 months

Total Project Budget: €63,280

Course Description

The Local Authority Climate Action Training Programme has been developed under one of the six unique pillars that serve to underpin the commitments set out in Action 150 of the Climate Action Plan 2019 to strengthen and empower Local Authority climate action leadership and build capacity within the sector to further reinforce the delivery of effective climate action.

Building climate action capacity in the local authorities is acknowledged as being essential to support the leadership role in the fight against climate change and in building resilience to its negative effects. It is centred around equipping all local authority staff and elected members with the right resources to improve understanding, knowledge base and skills to enhance performance and increase capacity to drive effective and positive climate action in the work that they do. Building capacity therefore is an investment in the effectiveness and the future sustainability of local authorities on climate action.

Through four specifically focused modules, this course encourages the target training group to leverage their roles and responsibilities to enable and embed climate action across the diverse range of local authority functions and activities. Participants will gain an understanding of climate change science and its regulatory and policy context linking these with a focus on how to champion their leadership role and influence to support and effect positive climate action at both organisational and community levels.

Modules:

- Climate Change: The Physical Basis
- Regulatory and Policy Context: The Role of Local Government Sector
- Championing Leadership
- Connecting with Local Communities

Course Aims/Objectives

- Increase and supplement knowledge and understanding of climate change science along with the International and National climate regulatory and policy context and its relevance to the performance of functions of local authorities in the delivery of the national transition objective.
- Encourage greater awareness of the need to integrate climate action as a fundamental aspect of the existing leadership responsibility assumed by participants.
- Develop an understanding of the need to work collaboratively across all functions of the local authority to pursue collective and positive local climate action.
- Equip individuals with the understanding of the opportunities and challenges of integrating climate change considerations into strategic planning, decision making, statutory functions and budgetary processes.

- Outline the fundamentals of working collectively through leadership to influence positive change at organisational and community levels.

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