



# Building Capacity

Local Authority **Climate Action**  
Training Programme

## Target Training Group:

Members of Local Authority Climate Action Teams (multi-disciplinary and cross departmental teams established in each Local Authority to cover the planning and implementation of adaptation and mitigation measures).

## Course Duration:

Six Half days from 09:30 to 13:00

## Delivery Method/Location:

Online

## Course Description:

This four-module course has been designed and developed by a range of contributors to offer participants an extensive and varied range of topics relevant to the working objectives of Local Authority Climate Action Teams. From the scientific and policy context, the course describes the important role Local Authorities play in not only responding to the impacts of climate change through adaptation measures but also ways in which mitigation efforts can be promoted in order to deliver on emission reduction targets prescribed for the sector. The course equips participants with the knowledge on how to move from strategy to action and how to effectively engage with internal stakeholders across a range of Local Authority functions and potentially the local community. The course demonstrates how Local Authorities can take a leading role in meeting the challenges of climate change, influence practices and behaviours and take action on the implementation of climate adaptation strategies and action plans.

## Course Aims:

The aims of this training course are to:

- Increase understanding and awareness of climate change and the role of the Local Authorities in delivering climate action at the local scale.
- Promote behavioural change, engage and empower Local Authorities to deliver climate action.
- Up-skill Local Authority staff in climate proofing council services, facilities, functions and operations.
- Frame the effective and robust implementation of Local Authority Climate Adaptation Strategies/Climate Change Action Plans.
- Build Local Authority capacity to foster and demonstrate leadership to other sectors and to communities in developing and implementing local climate action measures.



For more information on this course or other Local Authority Climate Action Training Courses please contact the Local Authority Services National Training Group.

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### John (SEAN) Keating

Seán Keating recently retired as Director of Services with Tipperary County Council where he was latterly responsible for the Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO). He is an ardent champion of the co-benefits of actions on water quality, climate and biodiversity to tackle the global climate emergency. Seán previously worked for many years delivering development assistance to third world countries, initially in Africa with the Irish Department of Foreign Affairs and later with the European Commission in postings across South East Asia. Returning to Tipperary as Director in 2005, Sean has held a variety of positions, including the merger of North and South Tipperary County Councils.



### Keith Lambkin

BSc, MSc, CPhys

Keith joined Met Éireann in 2006 after a spell in the energy industry. With a background in physics and earth science measurements he quickly settled into his role as Chief Scientist at Met Éireann's flagship weather station, 'Valentia Observatory'. Here he led the development of numerous national monitoring networks. Today Keith is Met Éireann's Senior Climatologist where his interests have changed from measuring the climate to instead using this knowledge of the past, as well as the future, to assist sector experts in how best to adapt to our changing climate.



### Dr Barry O'Dwyer

Dr Barry O'Dwyer is a research fellow at the MaREI Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine, University College Cork. Since receiving his PhD from Trinity College Dublin, Barry has over a decade of experience working in the area of climate change and adaptation. Barry leads the development and delivery of the Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Environment, Climate and Communications funded programme Climate Ireland, leads the Impacts and Adaptation Research Group at MaREI and is principal researcher on a number of nationally and internationally funded research projects.



### Dr James Fitton

Dr James Fitton is a postdoctoral researcher at the MaREI Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine, University College Cork. James' research supports the implementation of effective, sustainable, and socially just adaptation that reduces the impacts of hazards and climate change. James has worked within universities in Ireland, the UK, and Denmark collaborating with researchers and local/national governments on a number of climate change adaptation projects.



### Ciaran Hayes

Ciarán Hayes retired as Chief Executive of Sligo County Council on 1st Jan. '21 following a 42-year career across five Local Authorities including Galway City Council, Kilkenny County Council, Dublin County Council and Dun Laoghaire Corporation. He has a BA Degree in Public Management and a H. Dip in Computer Studies and is presently undertaking a Fellowship in Harvard University studying Climate Change. In addition to his CE role in Sligo, he led the Local Government response to Climate Change and to the establishment of the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO).



### Siona Daly

Siona Daly is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer and a Certified Energy Manager. Her main areas of expertise are in Local Authority and Public Sector Energy Management, Energy Service Business Development and Operational Management of the Technical Team in Tipperary Energy Agency. Siona has extensive experience in energy engineering in projects related to HVAC, Automation, Building Management Systems, Mechanical Services Projects, Lighting Projects and Energy Performance Contracting in North America and Ireland. Siona is also a Registered Energy Auditor with SEAI.





### **Conor Molloy,**

MSc (energy), CMVP, MCILT, CEM-1

- Helping business save energy & emissions since 2005: “The greenest, most profitable energy, is the energy you do not use” authentic solutions 2006
- Expert on Global Logistics Emissions Council (GLEC)
- Climate Reality leader specialised in sustainable logistics

A member of the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE), Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), Freight Transport Association Ireland (FTAI), and the Efficiency Valuation Organisation EVO. Elected president of the Association of Energy Engineers Ireland Chapter in May 2020; Conor, is an independent energy advisor with an MSc in Energy Management and Renewable energy from University of Ulster.

He is a Certified Energy Manager (CEM), Measurement & Verification professional (CMVP) and qualified trainer (QQI) delivering Climate Action, Transport, ISO50001 and Smart Freight’s Transport Manager training.



### **Raoul Empey**

BA BAI, MSC, CEng MIEI, CEM-1

Raoul is director of Sustineo, a consultancy for organisations who want to reduce their impact on the environment and on society. Sustineo does sustainability in 3 simple steps (measure, optimise, restore) aiming to help businesses increase profitability while doing something good for society and the living world. Sustineo specialises in carbon, energy and restorative projects such as planting native woodlands in Ireland.

As a Climate Reality Leader, Raoul has been personally trained by former US Vice President Al Gore in the communication of climate change. He is also a Registered Energy Auditor and certified trainer, and advises on SEAI’s public sector, business and community programmes.



### **Jack Keyes**

Following a career of successful leadership and management in the public and private sectors including 10 years as Cavan County Manager, Jack now works as a senior advisor on leadership with a focus on climate change. As Associate Lecturer in the IPA he has over 25 years’ experience of management, change and leadership delivery up to level 10. He has rolled out age-friendly training across local government and other sectors since 2014 and was the co-designer and deliverer of the successful roads management course for the LASNTG and Carlow IT (2015 -2019). Jack qualified in Civil Engineering in 1974 and is a Fellow of Engineers Ireland. He also holds qualifications in Leadership, Strategic Management, Public Management, Accountancy and Personnel Management.



### **Teresa Casserly**

As Director of Leadership/Management & International at the IPA, Teresa has led an extensive range of professional and personal development programmes for public sector leaders and managers at every level, across all sectors of the Irish public service for over 30 years. Internationally, Teresa has managed public sector reform projects in Europe and Africa, worked as specialist in leadership development and presented to various audiences on the theory and practice of innovative, experiential approaches to public sector learning design and delivery. She holds a BSc, and MEd, from Trinity College Dublin and is accredited as an Action Learning Facilitator by the World Institute for Action Learning and has trained in the globally recognised Thinking Environment® approach, which is a model designed to create the conditions for people to think well for themselves leading to better decision-making and better outcomes.





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The **Building Capacity** Training course is designed, developed and delivered by the following partners;



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Department of the Environment,  
Climate and Communications



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University College Cork, Ireland  
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Environmental Protection Agency  
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Office of Public Works



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Comandacht Banntráchtála Corcaigh agus Cathrach  
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