



Empowering Change

Local Authority **Climate Action**
Training Programme

Target Training Group: Staff in each Local Authority whose role involves working closely with local communities, administrative or technical.

Training Duration: 2 days (09:30 – 16:30 on each day)

Delivery Location:

Location	Dates
<i>Mullingar Park Hotel, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath (just off the N4)</i>	<i>4th & 5th April 2023</i>
<i>The Horse & Jockey Hotel, Horse & Jockey, Co. Tipperary (just off the M8)</i>	<i>7th & 8th June 2023</i>
<i>Institute of Public Administration, 57-61 Lansdowne Road Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.</i>	<i>8th & 9th November 2023</i>

Course Description: The focus of the training programme is to empower Local Authority staff to promote behavioural change and encourage positive climate action across local communities. The training has been designed and developed to offer participants the knowledge and tools to become leaders in climate action by raising awareness, encouraging participation and inspiring action within and across local communities. The course invites people to connect with local communities to better tell the story of climate change, engage with local leaders to seek out opportunities to take positive action and inspire and support local initiatives that place communities at the forefront of a movement for positive climate action.

Course Aims: The training programme aims to help and guide participants to inspire and encourage positive climate action and promote behavioural change across local communities.

This training will support Local Authority staff to:

- Distinguish community types and consider appropriate strategies to engage and influence these communities.
- Explore ways to inspire and mobilise communities through communication of key climate information.
- Work collaboratively with colleagues (including the Climate Action Team) and elected members from across the local authority, with other local authorities and external agencies to engage and work with community groups.
- Bring together members of their local community and / or other organisations to collaborate on climate campaigns and projects.

Entry Requirement: To participant on this training programme, it is desirable that you have completed one of the following Climate Action Training Programmes: Raising Awareness, Building Capacity or

Championing Leadership. These training programmes will have provided base line training on both science and policy.

Trainers:

Ciaran Lynch – Managing Director, Community Engagement Partners and Formerly Development Manager, LIT

Ciaran has a background in sociology, town planning, rural development and governance. He worked as a local authority planner for over 20 years and was The Planning and Development Officer for County Clare for 13 years. He was formerly the Head of the Sustainable Rural Development Department at Tipperary Institute and subsequently the Development Manager of LIT. His areas of interest, in which he has both lectured and practiced over the years, are governance, rural and local development, local government, community-based decision-making, local and strategic planning and project funding. He is a member of the Tipperary LECP Advisory Committee and Joint Chair of Cabragh Wetlands Trust as well as many other community and voluntary boards. He is also a former Director of the National Rural Network and was a member of the CEDRA Expert Advisory Group. He is a member of the team that has designed and delivered the CARO Championing Leadership Training to the elected members and senior management of each Local Authority in Ireland.

Teresa Casserly - Director of Leadership/Management & International, Institute of Public Administration

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.



Empowering Change is designed, developed and delivered by the following partners:



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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