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Local Authority **Climate Action** Training Programme



CPD approved training course





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Training (online) to raise awareness of the role of local authorities in leading on climate action at local and community levels

Purpose: This training programme is designed to increase awareness amongst all Local Authority indoor staff of the challenge posed by climate change, the role and actions being taken by the Local Government Sector and the opportunities for individual Local Authority staff, both at a professional and personal level.

Context: This course has been developed in accordance with the Local Authority Climate Action Training Plan and in response to Action 150 of the Climate Action Plan, 2019 and has been prepared by researchers at the Centre for Energy, Climate and Marine (MaREI) at University College Cork (UCC) as part of the EPA and DECC funded Climate Ireland programme and the Climate Action Regional Offices (CARO).

Aims: The aims of this online programme are to:

- Increase the understanding and awareness of global climate change and what it means for Ireland and local authorities.
- Raise awareness of climate action, international and national climate action policy.
- Develop an understanding of existing and planned actions being taken by the Local Authority sector in response to the challenges and opportunities posed by climate change.
- Build capacity to foster and demonstrate Local Authority leadership to other sectors and communities in developing and implementing local climate action measures.

Target Training Group: All Local Authority indoor Staff

Estimated Time Required: 2 – 2.5 hours

Course Structure: The course comprises an introductory session and three interconnected modules:

- Introduction
- Module 1: Climate Change: The Physical Science
- Module 2: Climate Action Policy, Legislation and Targets
- Module 3: Delivering Climate Action: The Role of, and opportunities for, the Local Authority Sector

Delivery and Content: The course will be delivered on behalf of the CCMA through the Climate Ireland eLearning Platform (<https://learn.climateireland.ie>) with assistance from the LASNTG and LGMA. Course delivery primarily consists of interactive content enhanced with video, animation and audio recordings for an engaging learning experience. In addition, non-essential but complementary access to additional publications and online resources for further information will be provided (i.e. links to climateireland.ie, national policy etc).

Continued Professional Development: This training course is CPD approved by both Engineers Ireland and the Irish Planning Institute.