

Carbon Literacy Action Day Roadmap

**Trainer edition** 

Monday 4th December 2023

### Introduction



This supporting document provides you with an overview of the Carbon Literacy Action Day, along with a roadmap on how you, as a Trainer, can get involved in the third edition of this international annual event.

We hope this comprehensive guide provides you with key information on what the Action Day is and how you can successfully take part. That said, if you have any further enquiries after reading this document, please get in touch with our team at <a href="CLAD@carbonliteracy.com">CLAD@carbonliteracy.com</a>.

In July 2023 we held a CLAD briefing session for Trainers and Pioneers. You can watch the replay to meet our team and find out more about taking part in the Action Day.

Carbon Literacy Trainers are an essential part of our CLAD campaign, and we would like to express our appreciation to them. Without Carbon Literacy Trainers, we couldn't reach the number of learners that we aim to certify in this year's Carbon Literacy Action Day.

Visit our Action Day webpage <a href="here">here</a>.

**NB:** This resource is written for the independent Trainer audience. For those who are delivering internally within their own organisations e.g. a Sustainability Officer at a Council, please refer to the CLAD Roadmap for Organisations here.

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# **Getting Started**

#### What is Carbon Literacy Action Day?

The annual International Carbon Literacy Action Day is the world's largest climate education-and-action training event.

It offers an opportunity for as many learners as possible from all walks of life, organisations, sectors, backgrounds and nations all around the world, to complete their Carbon Literacy training simultaneously on a single day, and as a result, pledge positive action to reduce carbon emissions and become officially certified as Carbon Literate.

Each year, the Action Day coincides with the UN Climate Change Conference; this year will see the 28th annual conference, COP28. And so, while our world leaders gather in Dubai, UAE, this winter to negotiate on climate, Carbon Literacy learners everywhere will undergo training that educates and inspires them to take meaningful action on climate change.

The Action Day is fully inclusive and open to all, and we hope to witness hundreds, if not thousands of people from all walks of life participate and complete their days' worth of Carbon Literacy training – but we can't achieve this without you.

#### When does it take place?

Monday 4th December 2023



#### Why take part?



Get involved in an exciting event on the ground whilst COP28 takes place in Dubai.

Generate increased levels of involvement, activity and excitement about Carbon Literacy within your community, organisation or way of life on this unique day.





Take immediate and effective action to tackle climate change.

Be a part of the breadth and diversity of Carbon Literacy, as people from different backgrounds and countries around the world, all come together and complete their days' worth of Carbon Literacy training.





Opportunity to reach a group that may be particularly hard to engage, for example, a senior leadership team.

Opportunity to showcase your commitment to climate action to your audiences.





Learners receive a unique Action Day certificate.

### **Action Day Certificate Example**



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#### **Carbon Literacy Action Day 2022**

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has met all the requirements of the Carbon Literacy Standard and thus for the purposes of workplace, education and community should be regarded as Carbon Literate.

signed

Dr. Ali Abbas, Chair, on behalf of The Carbon Literacy Trust.

Registered Charity Number 1156722

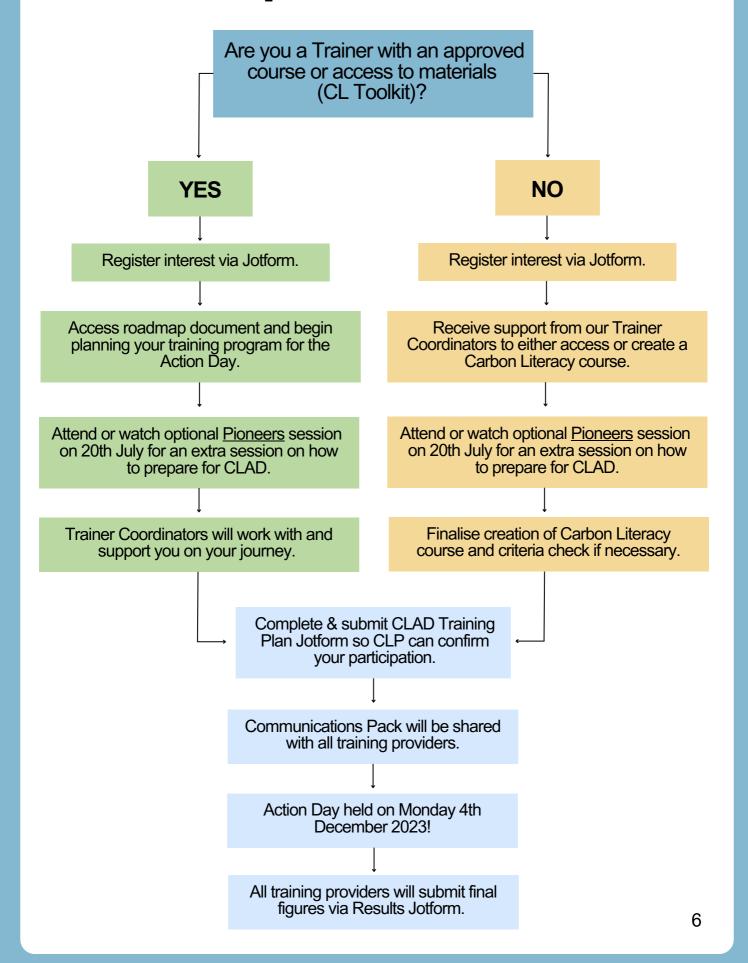
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# How the process works



# How to get involved

As part of your preparations for the Action Day, there are some factors for you to consider before finalising plans for your training activities.

As a Trainer, there are 2 main considerations:



#### 1. Your course

#### 2. Your audience



### **Step 1: Your course**

### What course can you use?

#### **Trainers with an Accredited Course**

If you are a trainer with an accredited course or access to a Carbon Literacy Toolkit, then either of these can be used to train learners within your chosen audience and there need be no delay in your taking part.

#### **Accessing a Toolkit Course**

We have a range of Carbon Literacy Sector Toolkits, meaning there are ready-made materials for certain sectors that organisations can access and use to deliver training without needing to design and accredit a course. Currently, we have Toolkits for Automotive, Civil Service, Healthcare, Local Authorities, Museums, Social Housing, Sport and Universities & Colleges.

Find out more about our Sector Toolkits here.

If you are successful in finding materials suitable for you, please get in touch with <a href="CLAD@carbonliteracy.com">CLAD@carbonliteracy.com</a> with the subject line 'Action Day 2023', to kickstart your journey and explore being part of the activity in your own sector.

#### **New Trainers**

If you are new on your journey toward becoming a Carbon Literacy Trainer, you can get involved in the Action Day by creating a course for an audience of your choice, delivering training using a ready-made <a href="mailto:sector">sector</a> toolkit, or by helping another organisation or trainer deliver their course.

If you don't already have an accredited course and there are no other suitable materials for you to use (e.g. a Toolkit), you will need to write a Carbon Literacy course for your chosen audience and have it criteria checked ahead of the day. But don't worry, our Advocacy team can help by providing resources and support in your course creation process.

Please contact <u>advocacy@carbonliteracy.com</u> if you'd like to begin writing your own course.

#### **Facilitators**

Carbon Literacy Facilitators can get involved by offering to support another organisation or trainer in the delivery of their CLAD course. Please email <a href="mailto:clt@carbonliteracy.com">clt@carbonliteracy.com</a> to express interest in offering your support.

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If you have any questions on what course you can use as a Trainer, please contact <a href="CLAD@carbonliteracy.com">CLAD@carbonliteracy.com</a>.

### How will you structure your course?

For a training programme to qualify for the Action Day, it must end on Monday 4th December **by 11.59pm**. That said, your course(s) can be structured and divided into numerous modules, or in any way you see fit.

Here are a few examples of formats in which your course can be run:

- 1 full-day session on Monday 4th December
- 2 half-day sessions, ending on Monday 4th December
- 4 2-hour modules, ending on Monday 4th December

In order to decide how many sessions you'll need for your course(s), it's firstly best to consider the number of courses you are running altogether. If you are running one course, you'll have more freedom to choose course dates and times. However, if you plan to run numerous courses, you may want to be more attentive to how you schedule and organise these.

### How many courses will you run?

You will need to consider how many courses, in total, you'll run for the Action Day. This will depend on several factors such as what audiences you'd like to train, how much training capacity you have and the demand from your audience(s).

If you plan to deliver training to different audiences, you will need to plan separate dates for your CLAD courses, all ending on 4th December.

If you receive high demand from your audience, it may be worth running an additional course to accommodate all interested learners and ensure that training is manageable and engaging for both you and the learners alike.

If you'd like to run additional training courses but don't have the capacity, please see page 11 where we explore training capacity in more depth.

### Step 2: Your audience

### What audience will you train?

The second step is to consider what audience(s) you'd like to train for the Action Day.

#### **Current Audience**

If you already have materials for, or deliver Carbon Literacy training to a specific audience(s), you can simply continue to plan training for your usual audience; whether that be for businesses, charities, community groups or something more niche.

#### **New Audience**

You may have an interest in or suitable background for training a new audience that you haven't previously delivered Carbon Literacy to.

Could this be the time when you engage a new organisation or community to become Carbon Literate, or even a highly impactful group, such as Senior Leadership or Directors?

Alternatively, you could open your course up to the wider sector, local community or a geographical area. By doing this, you can introduce Carbon Literacy to a wider audience (within the scope of your course accreditation), and even give people who might not otherwise be able, the opportunity to do Carbon Literacy.

If engaging a new audience sounds interesting to you, you may need to accredit new materials so learners can receive the most relevant training to them. You can begin the process of seeking out how to do this in time for the Action Day by referring back to page 8 for more information on what courses or materials you can use or create.

### How many learners will you train?

You should consider approximately how many learners, in total, you would like to train for the Action Day. Not only does this give you a goal to work towards, but it will help guide you as you plan ahead for the day, and understand what capacity and effort is needed to make your training a success.

The number of learners you decide to train is completely up to you and will depend on several factors such as the type of audience(s) you'll train, how much training capacity you have, and the demand from your audience(s).

In general, a Carbon Literacy course will see around 10-25 learners per cohort. That being said, given the nature of this exciting event, we do ask you to **think big and go the extra mile** so we can have the greatest collective impact possible!

### Open vs. closed training?

There are 2 types of training that you can deliver as a Trainer.

#### **Closed Training**

Closed training means delivering training internally within a specific organisation or audience, that is **not available** to the public. For example, a Trainer is hired by a council to deliver internal training to their staff.

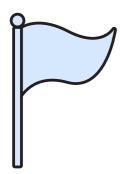
#### **Open Training**

Open training means offering your course out to a sector or audience that is **available for the public** to freely book on to. For example, a Trainer hosts a session for council staff which is externally advertised, and learners from a variety of councils can book a place.

### **Additional training support**

If you require additional training capacity to help reach your Action Day goals, you can hire Carbon Literacy Facilitators, who don't deliver training, but can support with course preparation, breakout rooms and activities, and admin.

To find out more about hiring CLFs, please email <a href="ctt@carbonliteracy.com">ctt@carbonliteracy.com</a>.



Once you have considered the two main steps of your course and audience, and you have an idea of what kind of training like to run for CLAD, you can begin to cement your plans and a member of our team will continue to guide and work with you on your journey.

For those who are advertising open training, the next section explains how you can promote your course.

### **Promotion**

This section details information on how you can promote your course, and what promotional support is available from The Carbon Literacy Project.

Please note: this information is directed to those planning to run open training sessions for the Action Day. Please visit page 11 for information on what an open training course is.

### **Promoting your course**

Here we have collated some tips that will help you promote your Action Day course, reach your intended audience, and hopefully see your course fully booked.

These tips have been extracted and condensed from a blog post that you can read in full here.

#### 1. Create a booking page

The first step in promoting your CLAD course is to create a booking page that provides key information about your course offering. You can make a booking link using ticketing platforms such as Eventbrite, Ticket Tailor, or your website if you have one.

Your course booking page should clearly state:

- Course date(s)
- Times
- Course description
- Contact information

You'll also need to ensure that your booking page addresses your audience. It should be clear from your course booking page:

- · Who your CL course is for.
- What your attendees can hope to gain from it (bearing in mind the kind of benefits your specific audience may be looking for).
- What audience-specific elements or activities they can expect.



#### 2. Tap into your network

Consider promoting your course within your professional circles (or social circles, if appropriate). You could do this through various channels:

- <u>Directly:</u> Ask people and/or organisations you already have contact with (via email, or face-to-face) to share your course via their channels.
- <u>Social media:</u> Tag relevant contacts/accounts in your social media posts to make it easy for them to spot and reshare.
- Green groups or charities: Those operating within your target sector or location may be willing to share your course with their members if it's relevant.
- <u>Businesses:</u> Consider approaching businesses (both big and small) and offering to train their staff. You could even offer a discounted price if they agree to train a certain number of staff members.

#### 3. Utilise social media

Social media is a great platform for organic promotion. Again, it is essential that you focus on your audience when strategising your social media promotion.

What social media platform(s) to use:

- Targeting businesses? LinkedIn or Twitter
- Targeting a local community or group? <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>

Whichever you choose, be sure to tag us under our profiles (linked above) so that we can amplify your posts.

#### What content to share:

- Testimonials: Share authentic feedback from past learners.
- Photos: Share photos from training and the story behind them.
- <u>Infographics:</u> No photos? No problem! Create a visual asset showing information about your course to catch your audience's attention.
- <u>Discussions</u>: Start or engage with conversations relevant to your course that are happening on social media.

### How we can support with promotion

#### **Patagonia Action Works**

We offer all accredited courses the opportunity to be listed on our Events page, which is hosted by Patagonia Action Works (PAW) but is linked from our website under 'Events'.

Alternatively, you can find the link to our Events page <a href="here">here</a>.

Additionally, PAW offer paid social media ads for courses on our behalf, at no cost to the trainer. So, we also submit requests for ads for all courses, as a standard, when submitting the course listings.

Please <u>visit this document</u> to find more information on the available support.

#### **Carbon Literacy Website & Social Media**

If you are offering an open training course, we can list your course on our Action Day webpage and promote it accordingly via our social media channels.

Once your course booking page is live, please share this, along with any high-quality photos to support the promotion of your course (if any) with <a href="media@carbonliteracy.com">media@carbonliteracy.com</a> to have your course featured on our website and social media platforms.

#### **Communications Pack**

To further promote your involvement in the Action Day, a CLAD Communications Pack will be made available for all participating organisations and trainers.

The pack will assist with any online promotion via social media, website, email and press. In this pack, you will find:

- · CLAD International logos
- Social media graphics
- Training photos
- A communications guide with copy for a variety of platforms
- Press release template
- A copy of our brand guidelines.

The Communications Pack will be available in Autumn 2023.

# **CLAD Catalyst Award**

### What is the CLAD Catalyst Award?

The CLAD Catalyst is an initiative where we recognise and celebrate those who display catalytic Carbon Literacy, and therefore catalytic action on climate change, for the Carbon Literacy Action Day.

Three training providers who display the best examples of catalytic Carbon Literacy will be awarded CLAD Catalyst 2023 - a badge of special recognition for their dedication to tackling climate change.

To be in the running for the CLAD Catalyst award, all you have to do is:

- Plan and deliver catalytic Carbon Literacy training for the Action Day.
- Tell us in your post-event survey, that you'll receive on 4th December, how you met our theme of 'Bigger, Better, Bolder' and what impact your training will have.

### Bigger, Better, Bolder

In order to tackle climate change at the rate at which the science demands, we need to continue educating people all across the globe at speed. That's why this year, our theme for the CLAD Catalyst Award is Bigger, Better, Bolder.

We're encouraging you to go bigger, better and bolder for Carbon Literacy, so your training can have a high, long-term impact in the face of the climate crisis.

How can you go Bigger, Better and Bolder?

This will look different for every training provider that delivers a course on the Action Day, but to help you think big, here are a few ideas of how you can meet our theme for 2023.

- Bigger training, more courses, more trainers.
- Better quality of training, learner interaction and engagement.
- Bolder impact, action planning, audiences, and climate action as a result.

<u>Click here</u> to read about the CLAD Catalyst winners 2022 and to gain inspiration on how to go the extra mile for the Action Day.

# What happens on the Action Day?

### Training = complete!

On the Action Day, Carbon Literacy training will take place in locations, and to learners, all around the world!

As training finishes throughout the day, training providers will fill in a Results Form, that will allow them to share the final figures and results from their Action Day training with our CLAD team, such as how many courses were run, what audience they delivered to, and most importantly, how many learners were trained.

From here, we will begin to tally those all-important numbers, learn the impact that the global Carbon Literacy community has had on a single day, and calculate the estimated carbon savings as a result.

### **Action Day Webinar**

At 5pm GMT on Monday 4th December, we will commence our Action Day Webinar – a one-hour-long online event where all participating training providers, from all around the world, can join together in one 'room' to reflect on the day and share stories of their training.

Because training takes place in locations all around the world, this webinar is an incredible opportunity to learn about the global spread and impact of the Carbon Literacy Action Day.



### Thank You!

Thank you for participating in the Action Day 2023. We are delighted that you have taken the steps to get involved, and are looking forward to witnessing Carbon Literacy training take place all across the globe.

For extra information about the Action Day, you can <u>watch the replay of our CLAD briefing session</u> for trainers to learn more about getting involved and hear from organisations that took part in previous years.

We hope this document has provided you with everything you need to know for taking part in the Action Day, but for pressing queries, please get in touch with <a href="CLAD@carbonliteracy.com">CLAD@carbonliteracy.com</a>.

If you have already registered your <u>initial interest</u> and would like to take the next step of confirming your training, please tell us <u>your CLAD plans</u>.

