

CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

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Information for education settings

[The Climate Ambassador programme](#) is a DfE supported and funded programme available to all nurseries and early years settings, primary and secondary schools, SEND schools and colleges (referred to as 'settings') in England to make progress on the development and implementation of climate action plans, whether you're just getting started on your climate action planning journey, or whether you have a plan in place and are looking for specific support and expertise to progress it.

The Climate Ambassador programme has been adopted as a core part of the [DfE Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy](#), published by the government in April 2022 which states that all education settings should have a Climate Action Plan in place by December 2025 with a named Sustainability Lead.

With nine regional hubs across England to aid implementation, the **South West Hub is based at the Met Office** and in collaboration with STEM Learning, will provide support and free access to a skilled network of trained volunteers.

Climate Ambassadors can help schools fulfil this objective in three ways:

1. **By supporting schools at a strategic level in the development phase of a climate action plan**
2. **More generally, in the implementation of the climate action plan through working with staff and students on specific formal and informal curriculum project or whole school campaigns**
3. **Governors, senior members or trustees of a MAT or a school and/or sustainability leads who become Climate Ambassadors themselves to build capacity and peer-to-peer learning networks.**

Training

There is free and flexible training offered to support all Climate Ambassadors. Currently available is climate literacy training and a sustainability leadership skills course consisting of ten modules for those who would like to develop their climate and sustainability knowledge and skills further. In addition, there are free, mandatory DBS checks and safeguarding training as well as workshop sessions on working within education settings for those who do not work in education settings already.

Climate Ambassadors in schools:

Having a Climate Ambassador in education settings can help to build capacity and develop agency amongst staff to feel confident to take ownership in the creation and implementation of climate action plans with the support of other climate ambassadors and partners. With access to valuable training, climate ambassadors can provide upskilling for and support to staff. Ultimately, this will enhance young people's climate education and skills development. If you would like more information on becoming a Climate Ambassador, please contact Nicki Schantz at climateambassadors_sw@metoffice.gov.uk



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Climate Ambassador support:

In addition to having a Climate Ambassador in school, or alternatively, settings* can access tailored support from a trained volunteer to help start or progress their climate action plans – which provide a roadmap towards more efficient, resilient and climate friendly operations, alongside strategies to weave sustainability education across student learning, skills development and careers inspiration.

Some of examples of this might be to:

- Get started creating and progressing their climate action plan, providing you with the help to inspire action in your setting and the advice to initiate your plan
- Identify ways to decarbonise your operations, saving money and reducing harmful emissions that contribute to climate change
- Plan and adapt to the impacts of climate change, like overheating or flooding, to minimise risk of disruption to learning
- Increase biodiversity across your setting's* estate and improve access to green space for your learners and staff
- Provide advice on how you can weave climate education and green careers inspiration across teaching and learning activities and upskill you staff to build their confidence in teaching about climate and sustainability

Climate Ambassadors will be fully DBS checked, have undertaken mandatory training and have access to a suite of additional training to complement their existing expertise and skillsets.

Settings can register and request a Climate Ambassador at

<https://www.stem.org.uk/climate-ambassadors>

Education plays a critical role in the fight against climate change and biodiversity loss, an issue that young people consistently say is a top priority for them. The Climate Ambassadors scheme aims to help settings* like yours to embed sustainability across your whole organisation.

Becoming part of a network of Climate Ambassadors is an excellent opportunity to promote climate action at a local level and adopting the programme at a strategic level can create broader, more far reaching outcomes.

**Note: For ease of writing, the term 'setting' is used to mean:*

- Nurseries and/or Early Years settings
- Primary schools
- Secondary schools
- Colleges



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