

# CLIMATE AMBASSADORS

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## ***Recruiting Climate Ambassadors***

### ***What it is:***

The Climate Ambassador scheme mobilises a network of hundreds of enthusiastic, trained volunteers from across England to support nurseries, schools and colleges to take action on climate change and biodiversity loss. By helping make climate and sustainability education more widely available to all young people, they will help develop the citizens and workforce needed for the green transition.

### ***Who it's for:***

The scheme is recruiting volunteers from across England, working across the private, public, charity and university sectors to put their sustainability expertise to work. Haven't worked in an education setting (nursery, school or college) before? Not to worry, all volunteers will receive training on Climate Action Plans and advice on applying their knowledge and skills in an education setting.

### **Core knowledge and skills:**

1. A good working knowledge of the sustainability and climate challenges facing the world
2. The ability to inspire education settings to set out on their sustainability and climate action journey.
3. Apply your Climate Ambassador training to review and provide positive feedback on draft climate action plans that help education settings to see how those plans can be developed and enhanced.
4. Apply your Climate Ambassador training to identify support available to education settings that enable them to overcome the barriers they face in developing and implementing a climate action plan.

### **Additional skills that would be of benefit:**

Applicable expertise in at least one of the following areas:

- Sustainability and environmental consultancy
- Decarbonisation and energy efficiency strategies within operations
- Climate change adaptation and resilience
- Nature recovery, conservation and biodiversity
- Climate education and green skills development
- Leadership development and change management

### **Training for Climate Ambassadors**

Different education settings will need different sets of skills to help them at different stages of development of their climate action plans. That's why our Regional Hubs will help match Climate Ambassador volunteers with settings based on their skills, experience, while providing training and support along the way to ensure a positive



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experience for our volunteers and the settings we're helping. This will include clear guidance on how settings can access detailed planning support and tools through the online Sustainability Support for Education service, alongside mandatory and optional training opportunities.

## Why get involved:

You'll be joining an active network of Climate Ambassadors supporting education settings to take positive action for sustainability in your community. As a Climate Ambassador, you can expect to:

- Make your skills and knowledge count to tackle real-world sustainability and climate challenges
- Make a genuine difference to your community, supporting education settings that need and value your contributions
- Inspire future generations and their influencers with positive solutions to environmental challenges
- Develop sustainability and climate leadership skills – for yourself and those you work with
- Gain a sense of achievement as you see your advice and ideas put into practice
- Develop your own skills, with training on climate essentials, systems change and working with education settings.

## How it works:

Once you sign up to become a Climate Ambassador you will first receive a DBS check and training for working in the education sector. You will then be offered comprehensive and flexible training, alongside the chance to be part of an active regional Climate Ambassador network. You will be matched with settings based on your interests, expertise and background, and get support from your Climate Ambassadors regional hub to ensure you're confident and equipped to contribute meaningfully.

You are invited to contact Nicki Schantz, South West Regional Hub Manager, The Met Office [climateambassadors\\_sw@metoffice.gov.uk](mailto:climateambassadors_sw@metoffice.gov.uk) for more information.