

Heritage carbon literacy training for the sector

Last December ClfA was pleased to announce that it would be supporting Historic England in delivering heritage carbon literacy training for the sector. We have now completed three of the five blocks of training, each of which have been held over two 3-hour sessions.

Aimed at small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), the course has been created by Historic England and is accredited by the Carbon Literacy Trust. To help heritage organisations prepare themselves to reduce their carbon emissions and move towards achieving net zero, Historic England has covered the cost of delivering this training so delegates will only be charged £10 to cover the cost of the end-of-course certificate.

Carbon literacy is a key way for organisations to gain an awareness of the causes and impacts of climate change and an understanding of carbon emissions. The training provides a great foundation for individuals, teams and organisations to begin to take steps towards reducing their carbon emissions and become more environmentally sustainable. The course includes specific examples relating to archaeology and gives the attendees guidance on how to actively talk about climate change and carbon reduction. At the end of the training, each attendee comes away with their own carbon action pledge based on the knowledge gained.

Places are limited to twelve delegates and to ensure that as many organisations as possible benefit, we ask that only one individual attends from an organisation (two for larger organisations). This means that over the course of the five blocks we hope to have delivered training across almost 60 organisations.



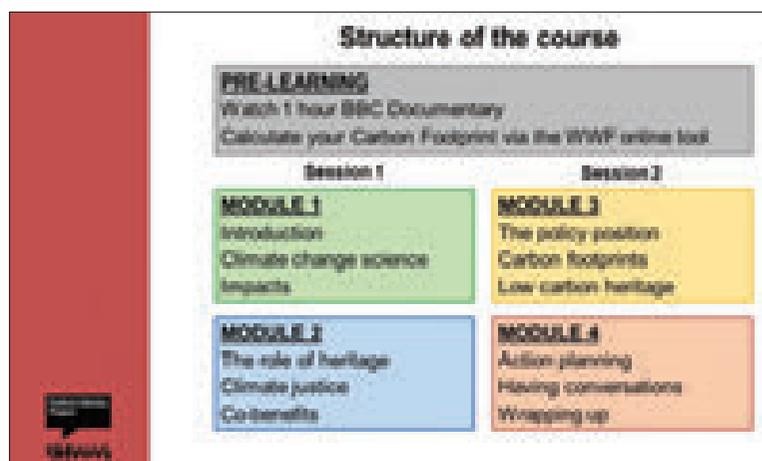
*Sustainable green city with alternative and ecological power usage outline concept.
Credit: VectorMine*

Feedback so far has been very positive, with delegates welcoming the opportunity to discuss and share ideas in a small group and to feel a sense of empowerment.

The dates for our next courses are as follows and you can register for these via our current and upcoming events page at www.archaeologists.net/civcrm/event/ical?reset=1&list=1&html=1

- 9 and 10 July 2024, 13:00–16:30
- 11 and 12 September 2024, 09:30–13:00

If you work for a larger heritage organisation and are interested in running a training session for your own staff or would like more general information about the rollout of carbon literacy training to the sector, please contact Sarah Rousseau at sarah.rousseau@historicengland.org.uk



*Course content.
Credit: Carbon Literacy Project/Historic England*

Find more resources about reducing carbon emissions on ClfA's website at www.archaeologists.net/practices/archaeologists-and-climate-change