

Wanted! Climate for Change Champions

What?

Would you like to support organisations from the Voluntary and Community Sector to make changes in the way they work? We are looking for eight enthusiastic people from York and North Yorkshire to help local organisations to become more sustainable and resilient to climate change.

Who?

You don't have to be an expert in climate change or energy conservation - we can provide you with all the support and information you will need. If you already have relevant knowledge and experience to bring, that's great too!

The role is not to become an expert, but to be able to support people in developing actions plans, and following through on ideas and to access further support.

You just need to want to make a difference and have the opportunity and capacity to engage with organisations from the Voluntary and Community Sector in your local area.

Where

The idea is that you would act as a first point of contact for people who have attended one of our Climate for Change workshops and are wanting to develop their plans and network with others locally who are taking similar action. The role may involve visiting the organisation, organising follow-up action learning groups (where people who have taken up the challenge on behalf of their organisation can get together with others and learn and develop ideas by sharing experience) and help signpost them to other support.

When?

In the first instance this project, including support for champions, runs until the end of February 2011, and we hope that groups will continue to develop and support each other, way beyond the lifetime of the project.

What's in it for you?

You will gain experience in working with groups and organisations

You will gain experience in coaching and facilitation

You will gain an increased awareness and understanding of climate change and energy conservation and the practical steps you can take to address them.

You will be able to access one to one coaching to help you develop the role

Your travel expenses will be paid

What's your commitment?

You will ideally need to attend an initial workshop and one further half day action learning group - exclusively for you and your fellow Climate for Change Champions. There will also be the opportunity to have up to three telephone coaching sessions with one of our coaches to help in developing the role; between December and February. Beyond that, the time commitment involved will depend on the level of engagement between you, as Champion, and your local Voluntary and Community Sector and your parent organisation (if applicable).

If you're interested or would just like some more details, please contact:

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Climate for Change Champions - Questionnaire

Thank you for showing interest in becoming a champion. We only have the resources to work with 8 champions. To help us select the strongest network of champions, please provide the following information:

Your name:

The name and core purpose of the community or voluntary organisation, or social enterprise, you currently work in/with:

Your current role in that organisation:

What, if any, experience do you have of work around climate change or energy efficiency?

How many voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises do you work with?

How does this project fit with your current role?

Please briefly summarise what interests you in becoming a Climate for Change Champion:

Can you commit to? (Please tick)

- A Creating a Climate for Change Workshop (9.30am-2pm, on one of listed dates)
- Champions' development workshop (up to one day to be decided by the group)
- Ongoing work with local participants who have attended one of the Climate for Change workshops beyond February (details of how this is to be done will be developed by champions during their workshop)

Any comments or questions:

Please return this completed form to John Brierley at: john@stnicksfields.org.uk

Or post to York Environment Centre, Rawdon Avenue, York, YO10 3ST