

ONLINE MICRO-CERTIFICATE: Climate Action and Community Engagement

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UBC: 8-week Online Climate Action & Community Engagement Micro-Certificate

The UBC CALP team is pleased to announce that the next Climate Action and Community Engagement (CACE) Micro-Certificate program is now open for [registration](#).

This part-time ‘train the trainers’ program allows practitioners from various disciplines to gain the skills to engage your community in local climate solutions. Recent climate extremes underscore the urgent need for communication and collective action programs that build preparedness in vulnerable communities and help meet carbon emission targets. This program provides knowledge, tools and processes to meet the growing demand for civic engagement on climate change.

Who should apply?

The program is designed for professionals such as government staff, consultants, community organizers, educators and NGOs, looking to build or update your engagement skills in climate action, sustainability planning, environmental education, community capacity building etc. Relevant applications include:

- increasing uptake in heat-pumps & home retrofits
- tree planting on private land
- promoting active transportation
- improving food security & building social cohesion.

This program supports government priorities such as adaptation strategies and municipal climate action plans to build community resilience against heatwaves, wildfires, flooding etc.

What will you gain?

Trainees will gain key competencies, practical skills and improved career opportunities in bridging grassroots climate action with local and regional climate policy. This includes:

- Advancing your knowledge and experience with best practices and powerful tools (such as mapping and visualization) for sharing community climate vulnerabilities, carbon footprints, and feasible solutions.

- Learning from leading climate engagement experts, previous community champions, and international research reviews of what works and what doesn't in mobilizing local communities (eg. climate messaging, effective entry points for different neighbourhood types)
- Developing your own local climate engagement plan through course assignments.

Municipal staff and community champions in the 2022 CACE cohort confirmed that the program “*provides something that is lacking.... There is a lot of theory in other learning resources, but we need practical stuff*”, such as “*using the Coolkit and making it our own*”. Participants also saw the benefits of shared learning with others in the program, accessing an emerging network of like-minded professionals (see [testimonials](#)).

Registration is now open for our February 13, 2023 start date (through April 28, 2023). [Register here](#). **Applications close February 10, 2023, so be sure to sign up soon!**

You're welcome to pass on this invitation to register for the CACE program and reshare our [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), or [LinkedIn](#) posts. If you have questions or can suggest others who may be interested in taking this program, please email cheryl.ng@ubc.ca. We would love to hear from you!

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