



Tackling Climate Change

West Midlands Combined Authority

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The WMCA

The West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) is a partnership between 18 local authorities and other bodies including Local Enterprise Partnerships, the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority.

We have seven constituent local authority members who make up the WMCA Board. The WMCA was created through a devolution deal in 2016, where central government in Westminster gave us powers and money to improve the lives of people in the West Midlands.

In 2017 Andy Street was elected as the first Mayor of the West Midlands; he was re-elected in May 2021.



Deliver

In some areas we are responsible for delivering and commissioning services, such as the regional transport system and the provision of adult skills



Influence

In other areas we convene and guide the work of partners, including developing economy strategy to support regional businesses and unlocking sites for housing and regeneration schemes



Enable

We also play an advocacy role, amplifying the voice of partners in the region to solve shared challenges and secure new resources or powers



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#WM2041

The WMCA declared a climate emergency in June 2019, leading to the development of the WM2041 green paper.

Set the target for the region to be Net Zero by 2041.

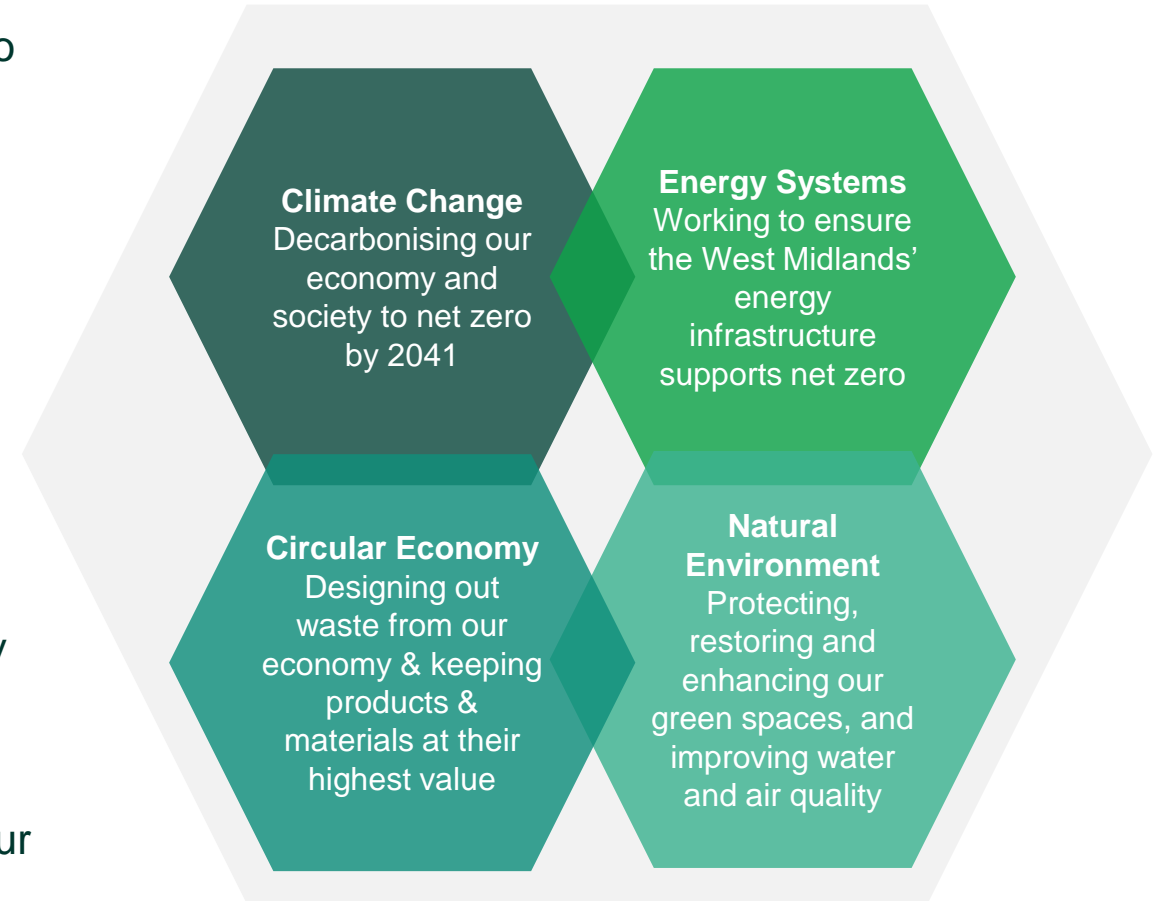
Our Energy and Environment work focuses on four main areas;

- Climate change
- Energy systems
- Natural environment
- Circular economy

The programme includes cross-cutting areas of the behaviour change and the green economy., with emerging work on air quality and climate adaptation.

Transport is led by Transport for West Midlands.

Cllr Ian Courts (Leader of Solihull Council) is Portfolio Holder for our Energy and Environment work.

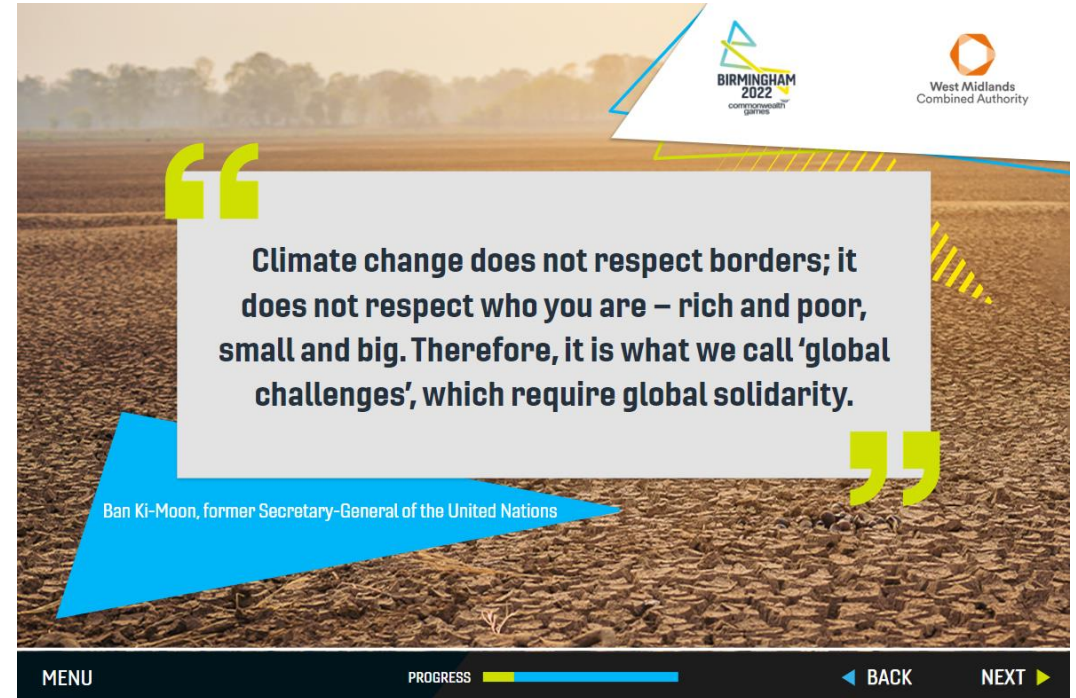


Free Carbon Literacy Training

As a legacy of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, we are delivering free Carbon Literacy training, open to anyone within the West Midlands.

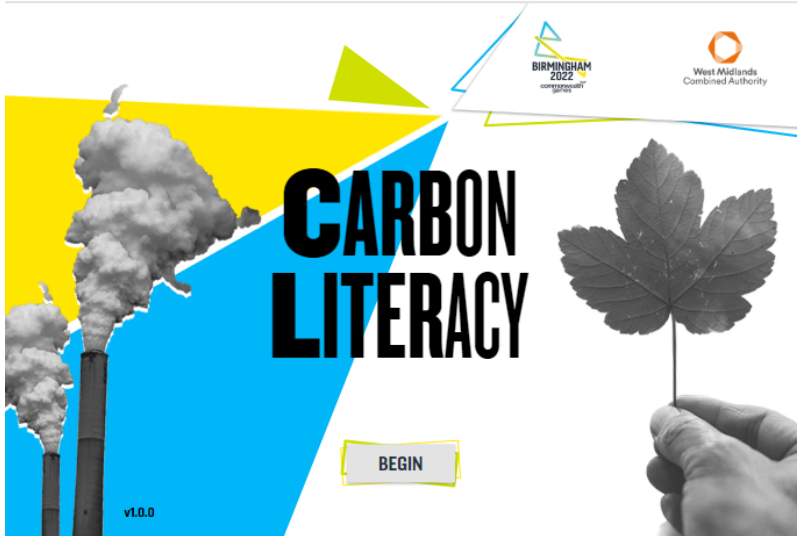
The training is available now until 2025 for you to complete in your own time.

This is an accredited training course, where upon completion of the course, you achieve certification as being Carbon Literate. Over 43,000 people in the UK are now accredited as being Carbon Literate.



How to become Carbon Literate

Carbon Literacy Module 1



Carbon Literacy Module 2



Carbon Literacy Module 3



How to become Carbon Literate

Module 4 – on zoom with trained facilitators



Learners complete their evidence form

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Carbon Literacy Evidence Form

Thank you for completing the Carbon Literacy training, provided by the WMCA and the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Please complete this form after you have completed the e-learning modules, 1, 2 and 3 and the facilitated workshop, module 4.

The focus of Carbon Literacy is about empowering people to take action. To become certified as Carbon Literate you must complete the form and pledge two significant carbon reducing actions. The questions are as follows:

Getting to Carbon Neutral
1. Explain clearly the steps we need to take as a society, to be carbon neutral by 2041.

Commitments
2. Create at least one significant, new action within your individual control to reduce carbon footprint. This action should, wherever possible, be taken in the context in which the training takes place.
3. Create at least one significant, new action involving other people to reduce collective carbon footprint via your workplace, community or place of education. This is your group action.

The information you write on this form alone will determine whether The Carbon Literacy Project can certify you as Carbon Literate or not.

www.wmca.org.uk/what-we-do/environment-and-energy/carbon-literacy-training/

Natural Environment Awards 2023

The Natural Environment Awards are the first region-wide award scheme dedicated to recognising excellence within organisations in the West Midlands for protecting, restoring and enhancing our natural environment.

Our awards are split into four categories:

- Business
- Community
- Public Sector
- Education

Each category shall award one winner and highly commended application

We would love to see applications from schools in Solihull!

Dates for the diary

Nominations open soon until **Monday 16th January 2023**

Awards ceremony on **Tuesday 21st March 2023** presented by the Mayor of the West Midlands.

Download the application form to apply from the [website here](#).

