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Overview

This module gives you an introduction to the training. It also provides important information on how to navigate modules and submit assignments. This module also includes information on the requirements for obtaining your environmental changemaker certificate.

Key Learnings

Upon completion of this module, you will:

- Understand how the training is laid out.
- Know the expectations for the training.

To complete this module, you must:

- Read all the information in this module.



Introduction

Begin this training by watching the video found here:



[Watch the “Introduction Video”](#)

A Note About the Training

Our training is designed for people who understand that climate change is happening and care about creating a kind, equitable, and inclusive future.

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Training Progression

You have 8 weeks to complete all of the modules. Each module takes about 1.5 hours to complete. To finish this course and receive your certificate, you should try to complete at least one module per week. You are more than welcome to work ahead and complete multiple modules at your own pace. If you need more time to complete the training than 8 weeks, you can always send us an email at [**betterchangemaker@gmail.com**](mailto:betterchangemaker@gmail.com).

We recommend completing modules in the following order:

1. Changemakers: Ordinary People Making Extraordinary Impact
2. Allyship: Your Role as a Changemaker
3. Building the Dream: Positive Scenarios for the Future
4. Coalitions and Collaboration: Working Through Differences
5. Systemic Change: Taking Action To Create a Better Future
6. Beyond Doom and Gloom: The Role of Emotion and Resilience
7. Communication: Changemaking in Your Own Words

Certificate Requirements

To complete this training and receive your certificate you must complete the following:

- Submit all portfolio assignments (4 in total). You will receive instructions for these activities throughout the course:
 - Changemaker story
 - Vision of the future
 - Commitments
 - Elevator speech
- Attend at least one live session.
 - Pay attention to your email as this is where you will receive the invite and Zoom information.
- Submit an evaluation for each module + the final course evaluation (8 in total).
 - Evaluations are submitted for each module. The link to the Google form can be found at the end of each module.

You will receive your certificate after completing each of these elements above.



Module Format

Like this document that you are currently viewing, each module is distributed in PDF format and can be found on the page [here](#). All of the content you need to view in order to complete this training will be included directly in the PDF or will be linked in the PDF.

We at Change the Chamber believe that each of the videos/articles included in this training are essential to your learning. For this reason, you should review all articles and videos that are linked in the PDFs.

Submission: Assignments + Evaluations

At the end of each module you will complete a Google form (linked at the bottom of each module) where you will briefly review the module you just completed. In this Google form, you will also submit assignments for modules where there is a portfolio activity.

Optional Journal Questions

You will notice that throughout the training there are optional journal questions. Self-reflection is important and you are encouraged (but not required) to keep a journal. In this journal, you can explore these questions and reflect on your journey throughout the course.



Assignment Instructions

All assignment instructions are included in the modules where there is a required activity. If you're unsure of how to complete an assignment or need more direction for your work, please email us to ask for help at

betterchangemaker@gmail.com.

LinkedIn Group

We learn best in partnership with others, and changemaking is about building community. For this reason, you are encouraged to join our **[LinkedIn Group](#)** made up of current and past environmental changemaker training participants. The group is a space to make connections, share resources, and ask questions.

Additional Questions or Assistance

If you are unsure of where you stand or if you have any questions, you can reach out to our team using the following email: **betterchangemaker@gmail.com**.