

CLIMATE CHANGE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

**Information
Booklet & Road map**



*Start Your Sustainability Journey
Today & Become a
Certified Climate Change Ambassador*



Foreword

The Time is Now!

In an era marked by unprecedented change and uncertainty, there has never been a more crucial moment to talk about climate change. This issue extends far beyond rising global temperatures; it strikes at the very core of our society, affecting everything from individual health and well-being to the ecosystems we depend upon.

From Afterthought to Action

What began as a contemplation during the challenging times of the pandemic has now blossomed into a fully-realized program by GBRI.

GBRI's Climate Change Ambassador Program serves as a comprehensive guide, providing participants with an in-depth understanding of climate change and sustainability. This program empowers individuals with the essential knowledge and inspiration they need to become effective ambassadors for planetary well-being, social equity, and economic stability. Importantly, it highlights not just the educational aspects but also the empowering nature of the program. By emphasizing a holistic understanding, we aim to ensure that participants are equipped to make a multi-faceted impact on the planet, society, and economy.

My heartfelt thanks go to the hundreds of students who have embraced this initiative, and to the tireless contributors, researchers, and designers who have brought this vision to life.

Breaking Down the Silos

It's tempting to view climate change as a standalone issue, or to seek solutions in isolated pockets. However, as Thomas Friedman aptly puts it, "The world is flat," meaning that our actions have a ripple effect that transcends borders and domains. Systems thinking enables us to understand these interconnected impacts and design solutions that are both holistic and sustainable.

A Call to Leaders

I want to take this opportunity to extend a special invitation to organizational leaders. Consider adopting this program as part of your corporate responsibility and employee enrichment efforts. The fight against climate change isn't a solitary endeavor; it's a collective action that requires each of us to do our part.

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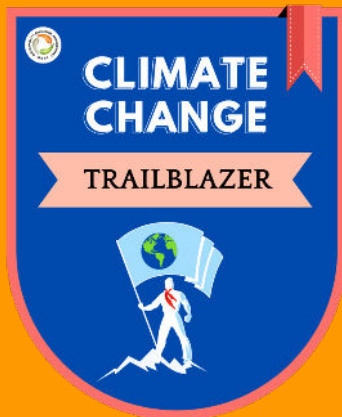
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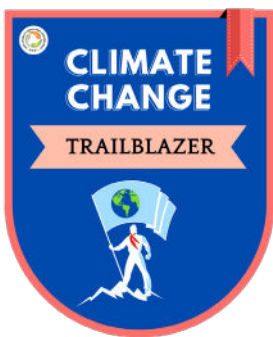
Background and Introduction

From environmental to social impacts, climate change is changing more than the global temperature! Climate change affects not just our planet but also the fabric of our society—altering everything from individual well-being to ecosystem health.

TAKING ACTION STARTS WITH GAINING COMPREHENSIVE KNOWLEDGE!

In response to valuable feedback, the GBRI Climate Change Core Committee has diligently worked to enhance and expand our course offerings. We are excited to unveil the latest version of our program: the Climate Change Ambassador Program v3.0. This revamped program features a tiered-badging system, meticulously designed to foster continuous learning and inspire impactful action.

Whether you're an absolute beginner or a committed environmental advocate, this program offers a curated set of resources to elevate your understanding, progress steadily and enable you to act as a true ambassador for the planet.



Why Join the Climate Change Ambassador Program V3.0?



Comprehensive CE Fulfillment: Complete all your AIA, LEED, and WELL Continuing Education (CE) requirements while earning a Climate Change Ambassador certificate.



Enhanced Career Prospects: Boost your resume with credentials that demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and climate action, a valuable asset for a 'Green Career.'



Foundational Knowledge: Gain a solid understanding of climate science, equipping you to participate in informed discussions about climate change.











Network with Like-Minded Individuals: Join a community of professionals and advocates dedicated to combating climate change, expanding your network and collaborative opportunities.



Personal Empowerment: Acquire the tools and knowledge to make more sustainable choices in your daily life, contributing to broader climate action initiatives.

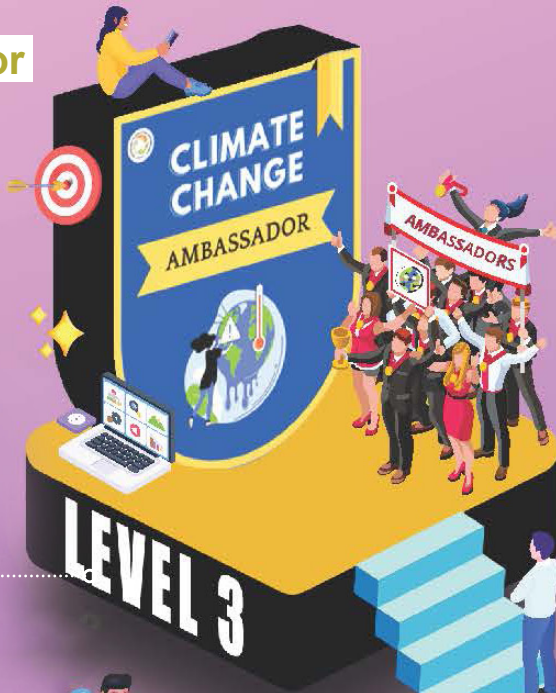
Who is this Program For?

-  **Broad Audience:** Suitable for anyone with an interest in climate change, sustainability, and environmental stewardship.
-  **Engineers and Architects:** Professionals in the building and design sectors who wish to integrate sustainable practices into their projects.
-  **Building Professionals:** Those involved in construction, facility management, and real estate who aim to make sustainability a key focus.
-  **Teachers and Educators:** Equip yourself with the knowledge to incorporate sustainability and climate science into your curriculum.
-  **LEED, AIA, and WELL Professionals:** Ideal for maintaining your credentials while deepening your understanding of climate issues, as the program offers CE credits.
-  **Career-Changers:** Perfect for individuals looking to transition into sustainability-focused roles or sectors.
-  **Students:** Provides foundational knowledge beneficial for those studying environmental sciences or related fields.
-  **Corporate Leaders and Policy Makers:** Acquire the insights necessary to make informed decisions around sustainability and climate action for your organization or jurisdiction.



Ambassador

For those who are taking their efforts to the next level by advocating for change



Champion

For those who are championing the cause and continuing to educate themselves on mitigation efforts



Warrior

For those who are passionate about sustainability and getting started with climate change education



Trailblazer

For those who are getting started in learning more about climate change and wants to make a difference





HOW GBRI'S CLIMATE CHANGE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM WORKS

GBRI's Climate Change Ambassador Program V3.0 is an innovative journey designed to transform your understanding of climate change and sustainability. This program is a dynamic blend of core courses, optional electives, and insightful blogs, structured to provide a comprehensive yet flexible learning experience. Here's how it unfolds:



Structured Learning Path

Foundation Level (Level Zero - Trailblazer): Begin your journey with free foundational courses. Whether it's attending a live GBRI Climate Change event or engaging with our introductory article course, "Climate Change & You: From Global Causes to Personal Solutions," you'll start to unravel the complexities of climate change. Completing this level earns you the 'Trailblazer Badge'.

Progressive Levels (Warrior, Champion, Ambassador): As you progress, the program deepens with structured levels, each with a curated set of courses. These levels are designed to expand your knowledge and skills progressively, moving from basic concepts to more nuanced aspects of climate change and sustainability.



Complementary Blogs and Articles

Bridging Gaps: The program includes a series of blogs and articles that complement our core courses. These pieces cover a wide range of topics, offering perspectives and insights that might be beyond the scope of formal coursework.



Interactive and Reflective Learning

Engagement and Reflection: Each course includes interactive elements like quizzes and discussions. We also encourage you to reflect on your learning journey, linking course content to real-world applications.



Earning Your Badges

Recognition of Achievement: Upon completing each level's requirements, you earn a badge – Trailblazer, Warrior, Champion, or Ambassador. These badges are not just symbols of knowledge but also your growing commitment to making a difference in the world of sustainability.



Flexibility and Accessibility

Tailored Learning Journey: The Climate Change Ambassador Program offers two pathways to suit your learning style and schedule. You can embark on our structured 21-day challenge, designed to maximize engagement and learning within a set timeframe, with each level spanning 7 days. Alternatively, you can choose to progress at your own pace, delving into the courses and materials as it suits you.

Participant-Centric Approach: Whether you opt for the 21-day challenge or prefer a self-paced journey, each approach ensures a rich learning experience. We understand that every participant's journey is unique, and our program is designed to accommodate this diversity.







CLIMATE CHANGE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM AND CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LEED, WELL & AIA PROFESSIONALS



ACHIEVE YOUR CONTINUING EDUCATION GOALS WHILE ADVOCATING FOR CLIMATE ACTION

Fulfill all your AIA, LEED, and WELL Continuing Education (CE) requirements and become a certified Climate Change Ambassador through this program. Catering to building professionals, the program offers a diverse array of courses totaling 30 CE hours, all of which are GBCI and AIA approved.

Professional CE Requirements

-  **LEED Green Associates:** Required to complete 15 CE hours, including 3 that are LEED-specific.
-  **LEED AP Professionals:** Required to complete 30 CE hours, including 6 that are LEED-specific.
-  **WELL AP Professionals:** Required to complete 30 CE hours, including 6 that are WELL-specific.
-  **AIA Members:** Requirements vary by state but typically include 18 Learning Units (LUs) annually, with 12 being for Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW).

In our Climate Change Ambassador Program, we have restructured the way Continuing Education (CE) hours are earned to encourage comprehensive learning and completion of each program level.

Each level of the GBRI Climate Change Ambassador Program is pre-approved by USGBC/GBCI and AIA, offering a total of 36+ GBCI General Hours and 30 AIA Learning Units (LUs), including over 12 Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) hours.

Below, you'll find details of each level and CE hours approved for each.

LEVEL ZERO: This introductory level is offered for free. Participants can self-report their learning hours upon completion of this level. It serves as a foundational step in climate change education.

LEVEL 1: Upon completion of all courses in Level 1, participants will be eligible to earn a total of 12 CE hours. This level provides an in-depth exploration of climate change fundamentals.

LEVEL 2: Designed for more advanced learning, Level 2 offers a total of 13 CE hours upon completion of all its courses. This level dives deeper into the complexities and solutions associated with climate change.

LEVEL 3: This level offers a comprehensive understanding of climate change impacts and strategies. Participants completing all courses in Level 3 will earn 12.5 CE hours.

By completing these levels, professionals can efficiently plan their credential maintenance for LEED, WELL, and AIA certifications.

Below, you'll find a comprehensive table that details all courses included in the Climate Change Ambassador Program, alongside any specialty courses. This table is specifically organized to display the Continuing Education (CE) hours associated with each course. By using this table, professionals can strategically plan their credential maintenance for LEED, WELL, and AIA certifications with greater ease.



Reporting Your CE Hours:

- **Auto-Reporting Feature:** For a hassle-free experience, utilize our auto-reporting feature, available for all levels, for both GBCI and AIA. To enable this service, please update your GBRI profile with your AIA and GBCI IDs. <https://www.gbrionline.org/my-account/reporting-information/>
- **Self-Reporting Option:** If you prefer, you also have the option to self-report your completed hours. This flexibility allows you to manage your professional credits in a way that best suits your needs.

CLIMATE CHANGE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM FEES & REWARDS FOR COMPLETION

Climate Change Ambassador Program Fees

The price of the Ambassador Program is \$199. Students will have access to this program until Jan 2nd, 2027. If strategically planned, students could potentially use the courses for more than 1 reporting period.

Rewards for Completion

- Upon completion of the entire Ambassador Program, participants are rewarded with a choice between a \$50 Gift Card/Check or \$100 in GBRI Bucks. These GBRI Bucks can be used towards their next CE bundle or any GBRI training program.
- In recognition of your commitment to completing the levels, professionals aiming for LEED or WELL specific credits are granted complimentary access to GBRI's 6 LEED or WELL Specific Course Bundles worth \$69
- **Bonus Resource:** Alongside CE credits, participants gain free access to our valuable e-book "ROOTs of a Greener Home," which offers over 150 projects to enhance the sustainability of your living environment



How to Use This Booklet?

This booklet is designed to be both a guide and a journal for your journey through GBRI's Climate Change Ambassador Program. Whether you prefer to print it out or save it on your desktop, this interactive PDF allows you to make notes and save them directly in the document. Here's how you can make the most out of it:



PRINT OR DIGITAL -

Choose how you want to engage with this booklet. If you prefer writing down notes by hand, feel free to print it out. Alternatively, you can save this PDF to your desktop and use PDF editing tools to jot down your thoughts and reflections.



ROADMAP -

Each section starts with a roadmap for the respective Climate Change (CC) level you're on. The roadmap will outline the courses to complete, along with the order we recommend taking them in.



NOTE-TAKING SPACE -

Designated spaces are provided next to each course title in the roadmap for jotting down your key takeaways, thoughts, or reflections. This will help you keep track of what you've learned and what's still lingering in your mind.

Your Journey, Your Words: Reflect and Inspire



Reflection and Action Prompts -After each course, take a moment to engage with the reflection and action prompts. This not only reinforces your learning but can guide you in implementing sustainable practices in your life.

- **Key Takeaways:** Note 1-3 essential points you've learned.
- **Personal Relevance:** Reflect on how this course affects you, your community, or the planet.
- **Questions Raised:** List any questions that arise from the course.



Immediate, Short-term, and Long-term Actions - After each course, you'll find prompts for "Meaningful Actions." These are small but impactful steps you can take to contribute to sustainability and climate action. Feel free to note down your progress, any modifications you'd like to make to these suggested actions, or even new actions you've come up with.

Share Your Journey: Consider posting your reflections and actions on the GBRI course page to inspire and engage others. Your experience can serve as a catalyst for collective action and learning.

- **Immediate Action:** Perform an easily achievable action right away (e.g., share an essential fact on social media).
- **Short-term Action:** Undertake a more involved task within a week (e.g., discuss the topic with friends or family).
- **Long-term Action:** Commit to a sustained change (e.g., reducing single-use plastics).



Meaningful Actions

- **Community Impact:** Engage with your community to enact change (e.g., organize a local clean-up).
- **Policy Advocacy:** Advocate for policy changes (e.g., write to your local representative).
- **Educate Others:** Use your knowledge to educate others (e.g., create an informative video or blog post).



CLIMATE CHANGE AMBASSADOR 21-DAY CHALLENGE ROADMAP

Alright, let's get started. This 21-Day roadmap will guide you through each level of the challenge, from a Trailblazer to a full-fledged Ambassador.

Note: The challenge is designed to be flexible. While the roadmap provides a recommended sequence, feel free to go at your own pace. You may choose to complete multiple courses in a single day or select a pathway that aligns with your personal and professional interests. The most important thing is your engagement and commitment to becoming a more informed and active participant in climate change solutions.

This roadmap should offer participants a holistic understanding of climate change and sustainability, equipping them with the knowledge and motivation to act as true ambassadors for the planet.



LEVEL 0



CLIMATE CHANGE TRAILBLAZER BADGE

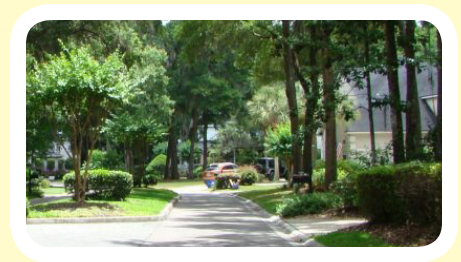
Welcome to the starting point of your climate change journey! The Trailblazer Badge is designed as an entry-level introduction that sets the stage for the subsequent challenges.

Complete any one of the courses or activities in this level to earn your Trailblazer Badge. This badge is not just a symbol of your growing knowledge but also a steppingstone towards becoming a Climate Change Ambassador

Courses at the Trailblazer Level:

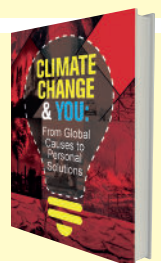
Climate Change & You: Global Perspectives & Local Actions

Audio-Visual Course - 1.5 GBCI CE Hour | 1.5 AIA LU This live event in 2024 (or recording) marks the launch of our newly revamped Climate Change Ambassador Program v3.0, inviting participants worldwide to engage in impactful climate action. Every attendee will be awarded the “Climate Change Trailblazer” badge, a significant step towards becoming a GBRI Certified Climate Change Ambassador. For those who have previously earned GBRI’s Climate Change badge, we will honor your ongoing dedication with the exclusive “Climate Change Leader Badge,” celebrating your continued leadership in climate advocacy.



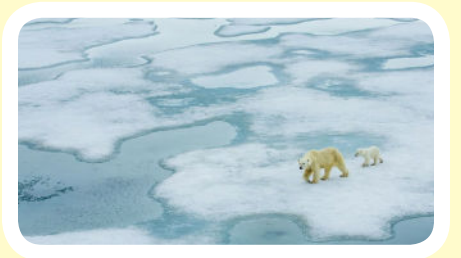
Climate Change & You: From Global Causes to Personal Solutions Article

Course – 1 GBCI CE Hour | 1 AIA LU- Embark on a thought-provoking exploration of the urgent climate crisis through this article, which serves as a wake-up call to the dire consequences we face without immediate action.



Climate Change and You: Is it End Game Now? Audio-Visual

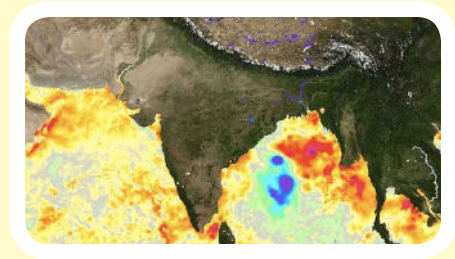
Course – 1 GBCI CE Hour | 1 AIA LU Dive into an in-depth exploration of climate change with our recorded session featuring seven expert speakers. This course offers a comprehensive look at the far-reaching impacts of climate change across various sectors including Energy, Biodiversity, Health, Buildings, and Climate Justice. Each speaker brings a unique perspective, discussing not only the challenges but also the innovative solutions and strategies to combat climate change.



Climate Change and You: Is it Now or Never for India? Audio

Visual Course – 1 GBCI CE Hour | 1 AIA LU - Engage with

3 Indian Architects and academicians as they explore the facets of climate change in the context of Architecture in India. Specifically tailored for students from India, this course addresses the unique challenges and opportunities that India faces in combating climate change. Featuring insights from three eminent speakers, the program aims to equip students in India with a comprehensive understanding of their roles, responsibilities, and actionable steps for fostering a more sustainable future for the subcontinent.



As a Climate Change Trailblazer, we encourage you to take the initiative one step further by hosting “Climate Change and You” session in your classroom or office as a “Lunch and Learn” event. If you require the presentation slides to facilitate the discussion, please don’t hesitate to reach out to us. We strongly encourage all participants to complete the quiz in order to earn their own Trailblazer badge, just as you have.



Reflection

- **Key Takeaways:** What are the three (3) most significant points you learned from today’s course?
- **Personal Relevance:** How does today’s topic impact you, your community, or the planet?



Immediate, Short-term, and Long-term Actions

- **Immediate Action:** Share an important fact or insight from today's course on social media and tag us to help spread the word.
- **Short-term Action:** Encourage at least three friends or family members to enroll in this free course within a week.
- **Long-term Action:** Commit to an ongoing action, such as reducing energy consumption in your household, and share your progress to inspire others.



Meaningful Actions

- **Community Impact:** Engage with your local community to enact change (e.g., organize a local clean-up).
- **Policy Advocacy:** Advocate for policy changes at a local or national level (e.g., write to your local representative).
- **Educate Others:** Use your newfound knowledge to educate others. Consider posting your reflections and progress on the GBRI course page to inspire others.

Level Zero - Summary:

Completing the courses at this level marks a significant first step in your journey to become a GBRI Certified Climate Change Ambassador. These courses have not only highlighted the immediacy of climate action but also delved into how climate change intersects with vital areas such as energy, healthcare, the built environment, vulnerable populations, and biodiversity. The knowledge you've gained is both a tool and a responsibility. Take the next step by signing up for GBRI's Climate Change Ambassador Program and continue to empower yourself and your community with actionable, meaningful ways to combat climate change.



LEVEL 1



CLIMATE CHANGE WARRIOR BADGE

As you step into Level 1 of the Climate Change Ambassador Program, prepare to deepen your understanding and transform your perspective on various critical climate issues. Over the course of seven days, you will explore a diverse array of topics, each designed to expand your understanding from the basic science of climate change to its far-reaching social, environmental, and economic impacts. This level is not just about learning; it's about engaging critically and thoughtfully with the issues and identifying ways to make a real difference.



Setting the Foundation

Grasp the fundamental concepts, debunk common myths, and explore the personal responsibility we all share in this global challenge.

Water - Our Life Source and Our Challenge

Delve into the vital role of water on Earth and its impact on health. Explore global water management challenges and innovative solutions for water sustainability and conservation.



Journey of Our Waste

Uncover the complexities of waste management on a global scale. Learn about the lifecycle of waste, including e-waste, and reflect on individual and collective roles in reducing waste and promoting sustainability.

Transportation and Sustainable Travel

Explore the significant impact of transportation on climate change. Discover innovations in the automobile industry and strategies for sustainable travel and eco-friendly tourism.



Conscious Consumption and Minimalist Living

Explore the environmental impacts of consumer behavior. Learn about minimalist lifestyles, and tiny homes and how they contribute to sustainability.

Building a Sustainable World

Focus on the role of sustainable architecture and green building practices in mitigating climate change. Learn about various green building rating systems, including Passivhaus, and their contributions to a more sustainable world.



Health and Wellness

End your week-long journey by exploring the intersection of climate change, health, and mental wellness. Understand the profound impact of environmental changes on physical and psychological well-being.

SETTING THE FOUNDATION

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Today's Learning Objectives:

- Understand the basics of climate change.
- Challenge common climate change myths.
- Reflect on personal and collective responsibility in addressing climate change.

Lesson #1

Climate Change & You - Let's Get the Basics Right | .5 Hour Audio Visual

- **Content Summary:** Introduction to fundamental concepts of climate change.
- **Reflection Question:** What new insight did you gain about the basics of climate change that you weren't aware of before?
- **Meaningful Action:** Share one fundamental fact about climate change with a friend or on social media.



Lesson #2

Question for the Times: Is Climate Change a Hoax? | .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Debunking the myth of climate change as a hoax.
- **Reflection Question:** How would you address someone who strongly believes that climate change is a hoax? What evidence or points would you raise?
- **Meaningful Action:** Share a credible article on climate change science with a climate skeptic.



Lesson #3

Climate Change: Not My Problem (But Whose Is It?) | .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Exploring individual and collective roles in combating climate change.
- **Reflection Question:** Reflect on a time when you felt climate change was not your issue. How has your perspective changed?
- **Meaningful Action:** Initiate a conversation about personal responsibility in climate action with your social or professional circle.



Blog: Calculate Your Carbon Footprint

- **Content Summary:** Guide to understanding and calculating your carbon footprint.
- **Meaningful Action:** Identify one change you can make this month to reduce your carbon footprint and commit to it.



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WATER - UNDERSTANDING OUR MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Understand the critical role water plays on Earth.
- Analyze the myriad factors contributing to our global water crisis.
- Identify innovative and practical solutions to water sustainability.

Lesson #1

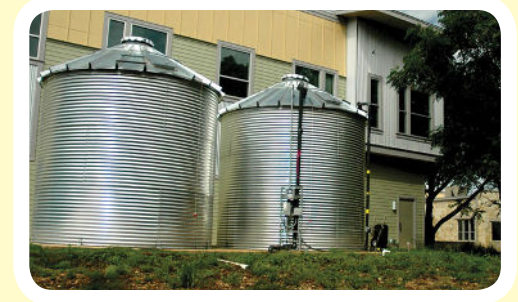
Our Global Water Crisis - Factors Affecting Us All and Tips for Practicing Water Stewardship at Home and in Business 1 Hour Audio Visual

- **Content Summary** Explore the multi-dimensional aspects of the global water crisis, from scarcity to pollution, and discover practical measures for effective water stewardship in various settings.



Blog: Alternative Water Supplies

- Reflect on how alternative water sources can alleviate water scarcity and contribute to sustainable water management.
- **Meaningful Action:** Research alternative water supply options in your area and consider implementing one in your home or business.



Blog: Tackling Climate Change and Pollution - A Holistic Approach to Air, Water, and Beyond

- Delve into the interconnectedness of air and water pollution with climate change and explore holistic solutions.
- **Meaningful Action:** Engage in community initiatives focused on reducing air and water pollution or initiate a project that addresses these issues in your local area.



Engage Further

- Visit the “Tools and Resources” tab within the GBRI course module to discover additional materials and share your insights.
- Encourage robust discussion by posting comments, sharing relevant links and resources, and interacting with global peers to enrich the learning experience.



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JOURNEY OF OUR WASTE



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Explore the intricacies of global waste management and understand the concept of outsourcing pollution.
- Learn about the life cycle of waste and its environmental impacts, with a special focus on e-waste.
- Reflect on personal roles and responsibilities in waste reduction and sustainable practices.

Lesson #1

Outsourcing Pollution: Are Developed Countries Outsourcing Pollution? | .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Examines the practices of developed countries in managing waste and the broader implications on global pollution.
- **Reflection Question:** Consider what global strategies could effectively reduce the practice of outsourcing pollution.
- **Meaningful Action:** Research and support a local or global initiative that promotes ethical and sustainable waste management.



Lesson #2

The Journey of Your Waste: Is it Sustainable? | .5 Hour Article

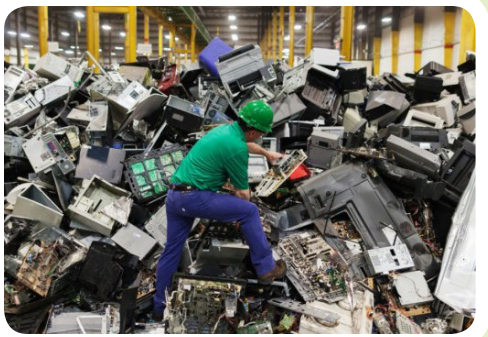
- **Content Summary:** Investigates the entire lifecycle of waste, highlighting its environmental impact and sustainability concerns.
- **Reflection Question:** Identify one habit in your daily life that contributes to waste production and how you can modify it for sustainability.



Lesson #3

E-waste: What is Your Role and Are Gadget Makers Helping? | .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Focuses on the growing issue of electronic waste, exploring the roles and responsibilities of both consumers and manufacturers.
- **Reflection Question:** Evaluate the effectiveness of current e-waste management strategies and propose improvements.
- **Meaningful Action:** Organize or participate in an e-waste recycling drive in your community.



Lesson #4

Seeing Waste with TRUE Eyes: TRUE Zero Waste Certification System | .5 Hour Article



- **Content Summary:** Introduces the TRUE Zero Waste certification system, showcasing how it can transform waste management practices.
- **Reflection Question:** How can the principles of TRUE Zero Waste be implemented in your own community or workplace?
- **Meaningful Action:** Develop a mini-project or campaign to promote zero-waste practices in your local area.

Engage Further

Blog: Waste Through the Eyes of an Architect

- **Content Summary:** This course offers a unique architectural perspective on waste management, presenting innovative and sustainable solutions.
- **Reflection Question:** Consider how architectural design can contribute to effective waste management and sustainability.



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TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



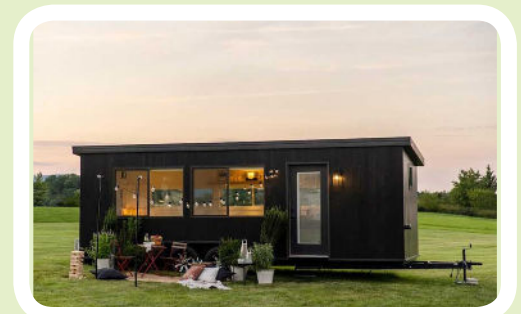
Today's Learning Objectives:

- Grasp the significant impact of transportation on climate change and identify potential solutions.
- Discover innovations in the automobile industry aimed at reducing global warming.
- Explore strategies for making travel more sustainable, including eco-friendly tourism and public transportation.

Lesson #1

Wheels of Change - Climate Change & Transportation| .5 Hour Article

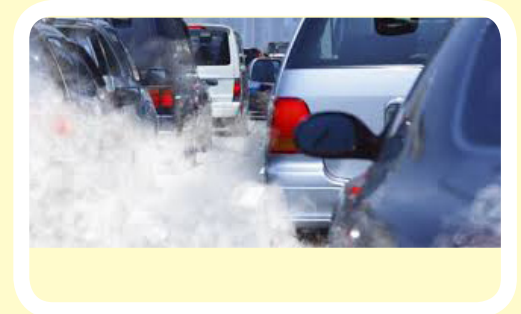
- **Content Summary:** Delve into how various forms of transportation contribute to climate change and the emerging solutions.
- **Reflection Question:** Reflect on the potential for improving public transportation in your area to reduce its environmental impact.
- **Meaningful Action:** Commit to using public or eco-friendly transportation options for a week.



Lesson #2

Vroom: The Automobile Industry's Role in Reducing Global Warming| .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Investigate the automobile industry's advancements in reducing emissions and promoting sustainable vehicles.
- **Reflection Question:** Identify the characteristics that make a vehicle environmentally friendly and sustainable.
- **Meaningful Action:** Conduct an eco-assessment of your vehicle and consider switching to a more sustainable option.



Lesson #3:

LEED for Transit - Rethinking Transportation for Sustainability| .5 Hour Article

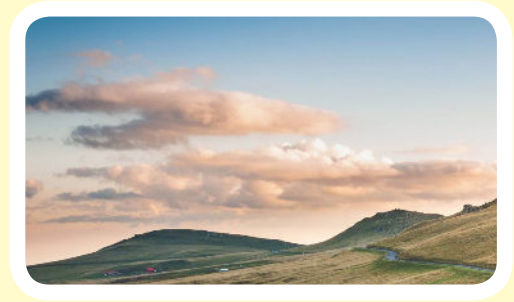
- **Content Summary:** Explores the integration of LEED principles in transit design and operations to promote sustainable transportation.



Lesson #4

Don't Be a Tourist: How to Make Your World Travels Sustainable | .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Offers practical advice on making tourism more sustainable, balancing travel enjoyment with environmental responsibility.
- **Reflection Question:** What changes can you make to ensure your travel habits are more sustainable?
- **Meaningful Action:** Design your next trip with a strong focus on sustainability, from transportation to accommodations.



Blog: The Environmental Cost of Air Travel

- **Content Summary:** Provides an in-depth analysis of air travel's environmental impact, including both personal and freight aspects.
- **Reflection Question:** What approaches can individuals and industries take to minimize the environmental impact of air travel?
- **Meaningful Action:** Offset your next air travel's carbon emissions or choose alternative, more sustainable travel methods.



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CONSCIOUS CONSUMPTION AND MINIMALIST LIVING



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Understand the far-reaching environmental impact of our consumer choices.
- Learn about the principles of minimalism and tiny homes and their role in promoting sustainability.
- Explore the relationship between consumer behavior, food security, and climate change.

Lesson #1

Fast Fashion| .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Examines the environmental and social costs associated with the fast fashion industry.
- **Reflection Question:** How can individual consumer choices drive the fashion industry towards more sustainable practices?
- **Meaningful Action:** Commit to purchasing your next garment from an eco-friendly and ethically responsible brand.



Lesson #2

Minimalism — What is it and is it for you? |.5 Hour Article

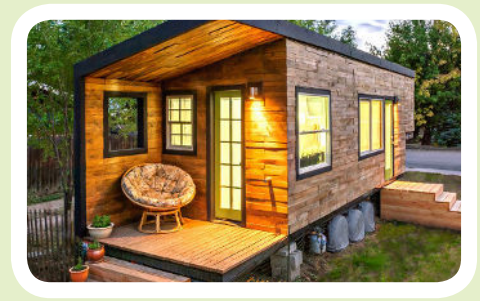
- **Content Summary:** Introduction to the concept of minimalism and its implications for personal well-being and environmental sustainability.
- **Reflection Question:** Reflect on how adopting minimalism can reduce your environmental footprint and improve quality of life.
- **Meaningful Action:** Implement a minimalist practice in one aspect of your life and document the changes it brings.



Lesson #3

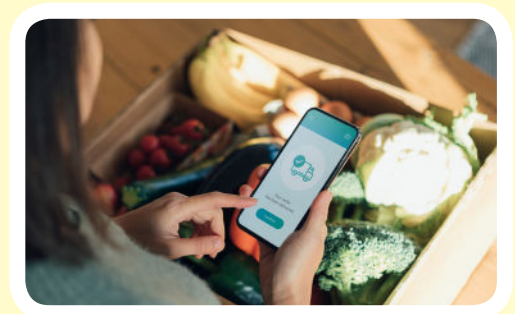
Tiny Homes — Is it for You? | .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Explores the tiny home movement as a sustainable housing solution and its potential impact on reducing carbon footprints.
- **Reflection Question:** Consider the practical and environmental benefits of living in a tiny home. Would this be a feasible option for you or your community?
- **Meaningful Action:** Research and create a small presentation or article on the benefits of tiny homes to share on social media or within your community.



Blog: Balancing Digital and Physical Consumerism

- **Content Summary:** Discusses the contrast between digital and physical goods in terms of sustainability, highlighting the need for moderation in consumption.
- **Reflection Question:** What steps can individuals take to find a balance between digital and physical consumerism?
- **Meaningful Action:** Initiate a personal or community project that focuses on reducing physical consumerism and promoting digital solutions where appropriate.



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BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE WORLD



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of the integral role of sustainable architecture in combating climate change.
- Learn about various green building practices and rating systems, including Passivhaus.

Lesson #1

Architecture and Carbon: The Odd Couple Destined for Partnership| .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Explores the relationship between architectural practices and carbon emissions reduction.
- **Reflection Question:** In what ways can contemporary architecture contribute more effectively to carbon reduction?
- **Meaningful Action:** Seek out and share information about a local building exemplifying sustainable architectural design.



Lesson #2

Sustainability Around the World: Is the World Becoming Flatter?| .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Investigates global sustainability trends and practices across different cultures and countries.
- **Reflection Question:** Which global sustainability practice do you find most compelling or innovative?
- **Meaningful Action:** Highlight a unique international sustainability initiative on social media to inspire your network.



Lesson #3

The World of Green Building Rating Systems - LEED, WELL & Beyond| .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Provides an overview of key green building rating systems and their criteria.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the essential elements that make a green building rating system effective?
- **Meaningful Action:** Research and present a case study of a building with LEED or WELL certification, focusing on its sustainable features.



Lesson #4

Passivhaus: The Building of the Future| .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** An in-depth look at the Passivhaus standard and its contribution to sustainable building design.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the key benefits of Passivhaus design, and how can it shape the future of sustainable architecture?
- **Meaningful Action:** Propose how the principles of Passivhaus can be applied to a building project in your community or profession.



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

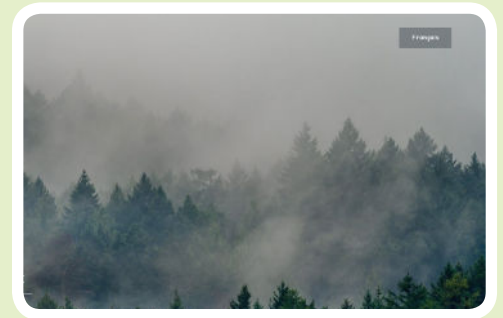


Today's Learning Objectives:

- Delve into the connections between climate change and both mental and physical health.
- Discuss the environmental health impact of plastics.
- Learn strategies to maintain wellness amidst environmental challenges.

Lesson #1

Reimagining Resilience: Navigating the Intersection of Climate Change, Food Security, and the Built Environment| .5 Hour Article



Lesson #2

Climate Change and Health: A Lunchtime Chat with Dr. Joan Schiller & Craig Schiller|1 Hour Audio Visual

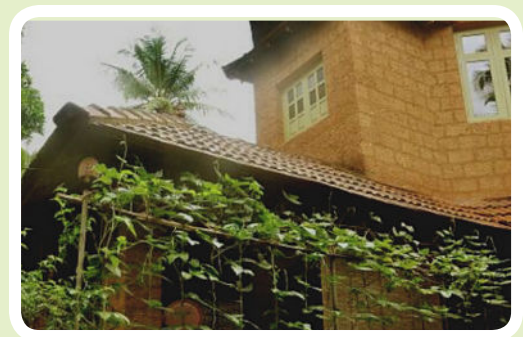
- **Content Summary:** An exploration of the broader public health implications of climate change.
- **Reflection Question:** What public health initiatives could effectively address the health challenges posed by climate change?
- **Meaningful Action:** Advocate for or support a healthcare initiative that incorporates sustainability and climate awareness.



Lesson #3

A World View of Plastics: Consumption, Environment, and Human Health| .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Investigates the global impact of plastic consumption on the environment and human health.
- **Reflection Question:** What is the relationship between plastic pollution and public health, and how can we mitigate these impacts?
- **Meaningful Action:** Commit to reducing your plastic consumption and promote awareness of its health implications.



Blog: Climate Change and Mental Health

- **Content Summary:** Addresses the psychological impacts of climate change on individuals and communities.
- **Reflection Question:** How do climate change and environmental stressors affect mental health on both personal and community levels?
- **Meaningful Action:** Share a post or resource offering strategies for coping with climate-related anxiety or mental health challenges.



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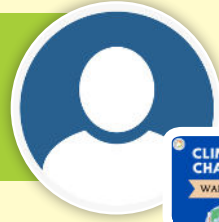
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Next Steps: Ready to level up? Return to GBRI's Climate Change Ambassador Program and continue empowering yourself and the community.





LEVEL 2



CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION BADGE

ELEVATE YOUR ROLE AS A CLIMATE CHANGE CHAMPION

In Level 2 of the Climate Change Ambassador Program, you're invited to deepen your understanding of complex climate topics and become an advocate for impactful change. This level offers more nuanced and specific topics that require foundational knowledge. This roadmap organizes the topics to build on the foundations laid in the Warrior level while introducing more specialized areas of climate change discourse. This level explores a range of critical issues, from international climate policies to the intricate balance of our oceans, and the interplay between climate change and various sectors such as energy, transportation, and the building industry.

Each day of this 7-day challenge is designed to enrich your knowledge and equip you with the insights needed to champion climate action in diverse contexts. You will engage with thought-provoking courses, insightful blogs, and interactive activities that will challenge your perspectives and enhance your ability to make a difference.

What to Expect in Level 2:



International Policies and Laws:

Delve into global climate agreements and their effectiveness, starting with an exploration of the Paris Agreement and the outcomes of COP 26, and 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Climate Justice & Social Equity:

Focus on the global civil rights issue of climate justice. Understand the role of design in racial equity and how responsible real estate development can create social equity.



Biodiversity:

Investigate the threats to ocean waters and marine life, the role of sustainable architecture in zoos, the impact of light pollution, and how organizations like USGBC, AIA, and LBC are contributing to biodiversity protection.

Energy and Sustainability:

Explore energy usage and demand response, energy storage systems, the reality of natural gas as a clean fuel, and the debate around coal. Learn about Zepi and the future of Zero Net Energy performance, as well as the complexities of nuclear fission and renewable energy.



Sustainable Travel & Eco Tourism:

Engage with sustainable travel practices, including understanding how to travel sustainably and learn from destination case studies.

Navigating Carbon Solutions:

Gain insights into carbon credits and their role in emissions reduction and climate strategy. Learn about green tagging the electric grid with renewable energy credits.



Decarbonizing the Built Environment:

Delve into the acceleration of decarbonization, the role of 3D printing in sustainable building solutions, and the concept of positive energy buildings.

Prepare to expand your horizons and step into the role of a Climate Change Champion. This level not only broadens your understanding but also empowers you to be an advocate for sustainable and equitable solutions in the fight against climate change.

International Policies and Laws



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Gain a deeper understanding of the impact and effectiveness of global climate agreements.
- Analyze the ambitions and outcomes of key international accords, focusing on the Paris Agreement, COP 26, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Lesson #1

The Paris Agreement: Is it an Overly Optimistic Pledge?

- **Content Summary:** This article offers a critical examination of the Paris Agreement, assessing its ambitions versus the realities of global climate action.
- **Reflection Question:** Reflect on whether the Paris Agreement's goals are realistically achievable given current global efforts.
- **Meaningful Action:** Write a brief opinion piece or social media post on your stance regarding the Paris Agreement.



Revolutionary Outcomes of COP 26? What Does the Annual Meeting Mean for Our Future?

- **Content Summary:** Analyze the key decisions and implications of COP 26, and how they might shape the future of global climate policies.
- **Reflection Question:** Identify and discuss one major outcome of COP 26 that you believe is pivotal for future climate action.
- **Meaningful Action:** Create an infographic or a short video summarizing a significant COP outcome to share with your community or on social media.



Lesson #3

Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Part 3

- **Content Summary:** Delve into Part 3 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, focusing on UNSDG Goals 13-17, which encompass Climate Action (Goal 13), Life Below Water (Goal 14), Life on Land (Goal 15), Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions (Goal 16), and Partnerships for the Goals (Goal 17). climate action and partnerships for the goals.
- **Reflection Question:** How do these goals interconnect with the broader objectives of the Paris Agreement and outcomes of COP 26?
- **Meaningful Action:** Develop a small project or campaign in your community or workplace that aligns with one of these Sustainable Development Goals.



Blog: International Accords – Are They Enough?

- **Content Summary:** Discuss the effectiveness of international climate accords and explore whether they are sufficient in addressing the complexities of global warming.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the limitations of these accords, and what additional strategies could be implemented to enhance their impact?
- **Meaningful Action:** Engage in a community discussion or online forum about enhancing international climate accords and propose innovative ideas for improvement.

Blog: War and Crime – Climate Change

- **Content Summary:** Examine the often-overlooked connection between wars, crime, and climate change. Discuss how conflicts exacerbate environmental issues and hinder climate action.
- **Reflection Question:** How can international policies address the environmental impacts of war and crime?
- **Meaningful Action:** Participate in a webinar or workshop on environmental peacebuilding or write an article highlighting this issue.
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CLIMATE JUSTICE & SOCIAL EQUITY



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Understand the impact of climate change on vulnerable coastal communities and the importance of equitable coastal revitalization.
- Delve into how urban design, real estate development, and climate action intersect with social equity.

Lesson #1

Climate Justice: A Multigenerational, Global Civil Rights Issue

- **Content Summary:** An exploration of climate justice, understanding its role as a critical element in the broader climate change discourse.
- **Reflection Question:** Consider the ways climate change intensifies social inequalities. What strategies could effectively address these inequities within the framework of climate justice?
- **Meaningful Action:** Identify and engage with a local or global climate justice movement or initiative.



Lesson #2

The Role of Design in Racial Equity: How the Built Environment Impacts Issues of Race

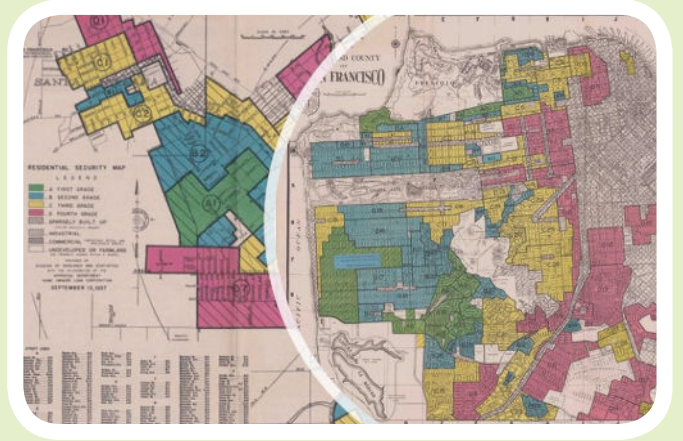
- **Content Summary:** Delving into the influence of urban planning and architectural design on racial equity and climate justice.
- **Reflection Question:** Reflect on how design choices in the built environment can either perpetuate or mitigate racial inequalities. What role can architects and planners play in promoting racial equity?
- **Meaningful Action:** Advocate for inclusive and equitable design practices in your local community or professional network.



Lesson #3

Gentrification vs Revitalization: How We Can Create Social Equity Through Responsible Real Estate Development

- **Content Summary:** Examines the balance between urban revitalization and gentrification, emphasizing responsible development for social equity.
- **Reflection Question:** How can urban redevelopment be pursued responsibly to ensure it benefits existing communities without leading to gentrification?
- **Meaningful Action:** Participate in or support a community-led urban development project that prioritizes social equity.



Blog: The Intersection of Climate Justice and Urban Development

- **Content Summary:** This blog will explore how urban development can be aligned with principles of climate justice. It will discuss strategies to ensure that urban planning and development consider the needs of marginalized and vulnerable communities, reducing environmental inequalities and promoting equitable access to resources and opportunities.
- **Reflection Question:** How can urban development projects incorporate climate justice to create more equitable and sustainable cities?
- **Meaningful Action:** Identify an urban development initiative in your area or globally. Analyze its approach to climate justice and suggest improvements or alternative strategies that could enhance its social equity impact.



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BIODIVERSITY



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Investigate the current state of ocean health and marine life, understanding the critical challenges they face.
- Explore the role of sustainable architecture and educational programs in zoos for promoting biodiversity.
- Examine the impact of light pollution on ecosystems and human health, and identify effective mitigation strategies.
- Understand how leading organizations like USGBC, AIA, and LBC are influencing the built environment to support biodiversity.

Lesson #1

Diving Deep to Tackle Threats to Ocean Waters and Marine Life

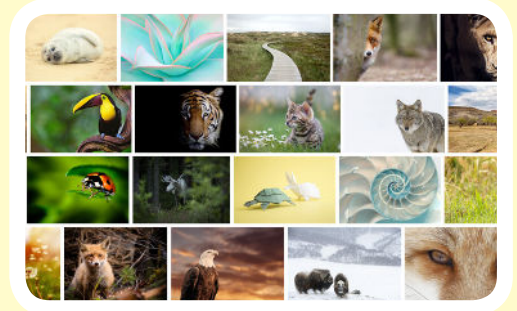
- **Content Summary:** Investigating the causes of oceanic crises and who is responsible.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the major threats to marine biodiversity, and how can they be addressed?
- **Meaningful Action:** Participate in or support a local beach cleanup or marine conservation effort.



Lesson #2

Zoos- A Hidden Opportunity for Sustainable Architecture & Education

- **Content Summary:** Investigate how modern zoos are evolving into centers for sustainable architecture and education on biodiversity.
- **Meaningful Action:** Visit a zoo focused on sustainability and write a review or blog post about your experience and learning.



Lesson #3

Light Pollution: Its Impact and Solutions

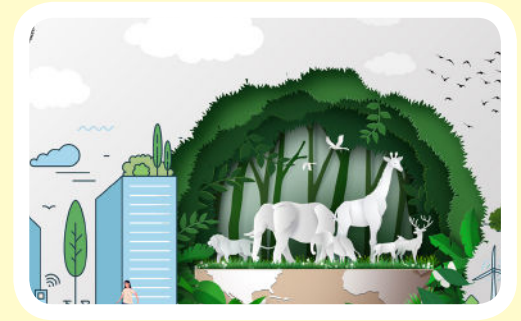
- **Content Summary:** Explore the effects of light pollution on ecosystems and human health, and learn about current initiatives to mitigate these impacts.
- **Reflection Question:** What steps can individuals and communities take to combat light pollution?
- **Meaningful Action:** Advocate for or implement dark-sky practices in your local community.



Lesson #4

How USGBC, AIA, and LBC are Changing the Built Environment to Protect Biodiversity | .5 Hour Article

- **Content Summary:** Learn how organizations like USGBC, AIA, and LBC are influencing the built environment to support and protect biodiversity.
- **Reflection Question:** What are some innovative strategies these organizations are implementing to protect biodiversity?
- **Meaningful Action:** Research and present a case study on a building project that exemplifies biodiversity protection.



Blog: Biodiversity and Its Significance in Climate Health

- **Content Summary:** Discuss the interconnectedness of biodiversity and climate health, highlighting how the preservation of diverse ecosystems contributes to climate stability.
- **Reflection Question:** In what ways can individuals and communities actively participate in biodiversity conservation?
- **Meaningful Action:** Initiate or participate in a local project or campaign that focuses on preserving a particular aspect of biodiversity in your area.



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ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

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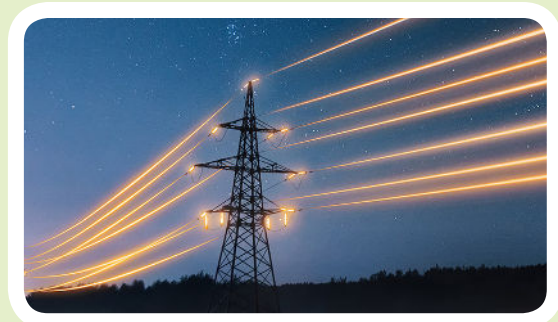
Today's Learning Objectives:

- Gain an in-depth understanding of various energy sources and their roles in sustainable energy systems.
- Evaluate the use of energy storage systems and their contribution to energy sustainability.
- Assess the environmental impacts and viability of natural gas, coal, and nuclear fission as energy sources.
- Explore the concept of Zero Net Energy performance and how it contributes to achieving net-zero goals.

Lesson #1

Energy Usage & Demand Response: What You Need to Know

- **Content Summary:** Understand the dynamics of energy usage and the importance of demand response in energy management.
- **Reflection Question:** How does demand response contribute to sustainable energy systems?
- **Meaningful Action:** Implement or suggest demand response strategies in your home or workplace.



Lesson #2

Energy Storage Systems - An Introduction

- **Content Summary:** An overview of energy storage systems and their significance in a sustainable energy future.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the key benefits and challenges of implementing energy storage systems?
- **Meaningful Action:** Advocate for the adoption of energy storage solutions in local energy planning.



Lesson #3

Natural Gas: Is it a Clean Fuel?

- **Content Summary:** Assessing the environmental impact and sustainability of natural gas.
- **Reflection Question:** Consider the role of natural gas in the transition towards more sustainable energy sources.
- **Meaningful Action:** Research and advocate for renewable energy alternatives in your community.



Lesson #4

Coal Black Gold... or is it?

- **Content Summary:** Exploring the environmental implications and future of coal usage.
- **Reflection Question:** Discuss how to balance the economic significance of coal with its environmental impacts.
- **Meaningful Action:** Educate others about the environmental costs of coal and promote clean energy alternatives.



Lesson #5

Exactly How Close Are You To Net Zero? Zepi and the Future of Zero Net Energy Performance

- **Content Summary:** Examine the concept of Zero Net Energy (ZNE) and its role in achieving sustainability.
- **Reflection Question:** How can ZNE be effectively integrated into current and future building projects?
- **Meaningful Action:** Explore and propose ZNE initiatives for local community or business projects.



Lesson #6

Splitting Up is Hard to Do: Nuclear Fission and Renewable Energy

- **Content Summary:** Delve into the complexities of nuclear fission and its comparison with renewable energy sources.
- **Reflection Question:** Evaluate the pros and cons of nuclear energy in the context of sustainable energy solutions.
- **Meaningful Action:** Participate in a discussion or forum on the future role of nuclear energy in sustainable energy systems.





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SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL & ECO TOURISM



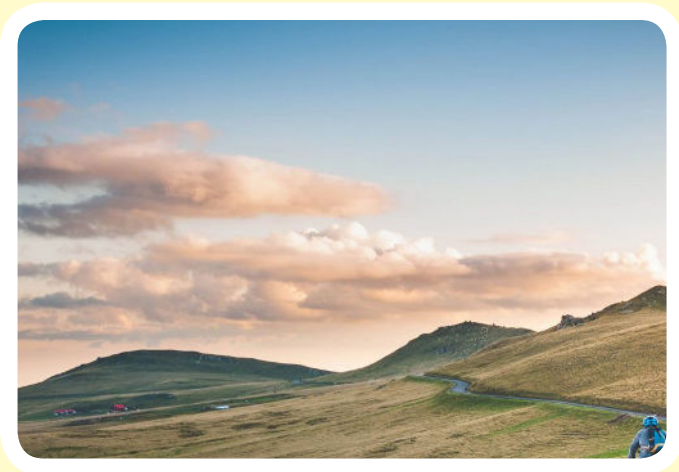
Today's Learning Objectives:

- Understand the environmental impacts of tourism and how to make travel experiences more sustainable.
- Explore a variety of sustainable travel practices and learn from real-world case studies.
- Reflect on the role of eco-tourism in promoting environmental conservation and cultural sensitivity.

Lesson #1

Don't Be a Tourist: How to Make Your World of Travel Experience Sustainable

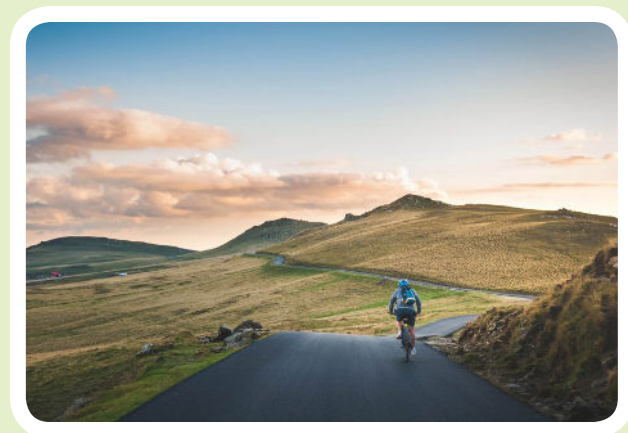
- **Content Summary:** Discover how to transform your travel experiences to be more eco-friendly, focusing on responsible and sustainable practices.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the key aspects of sustainable tourism, and how can they be implemented in your travel planning?
- **Meaningful Action:** Plan your next trip incorporating sustainable travel principles, such as supporting local economies and respecting local cultures.



Lesson #2:

Wanderlust: Taking the Sustainable Route

- **Content Summary:** Presented in a visually engaging Prezi format, this lesson explores creative and practical ways to travel sustainably.
- **Reflection Question:** How can sustainable travel practices enhance the overall travel experience while minimizing environmental impact?
- **Meaningful Action:** Create a guide or blog post sharing sustainable travel tips based on your own experiences or research.



Lesson #3:

Traveling Sustainably: Keeping Your Footprint Small While Expanding Your Horizons

- **Content Summary:** Delve into strategies to minimize the ecological footprint of your travels, from transportation choices to eco-conscious accommodations.
- **Reflection Question:** In what ways can you modify your travel habits to better align with environmental sustainability?
- **Meaningful Action:** Commit to adopting at least one new sustainable practice on your next journey, such as carbon offsetting or choosing low-impact activities.



Lesson #4:

Traveling Sustainably: Destination Case Studies & Lessons Learned

- **Content Summary:** Analyze various case studies that highlight successful sustainable travel initiatives and destinations around the world.
- **Reflection Question:** What can we learn from these case studies to apply to our own travel choices and recommendations to others?
- **Meaningful Action:** Share insights from a case study that resonated with you, either through social media or a community presentation.



Blog: The Future of Travel – Sustainable Journeys in a Changing World

- **Content Summary:** Discuss the evolving landscape of travel in the context of environmental sustainability. Examine how emerging trends in eco-tourism and sustainable travel practices are shaping the future of tourism, and the challenges and opportunities these trends present.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the most significant challenges in making tourism more sustainable, and how can these be addressed at both individual and industry levels?
- **Meaningful Action:** Engage in a community or online discussion about sustainable tourism, sharing your thoughts on how the travel industry can evolve to be more eco-friendly.

Blog: Telecommuting and Its Role in Reducing Travel-Related Carbon Emissions

- **Content Summary:** Analyzing how telecommuting can significantly reduce the carbon footprint associated with commuting and business travel.
- **Reflection Question:** In what ways does telecommuting contribute to environmental sustainability, and what are its potential limitations?
- **Meaningful Action:** If applicable, advocate for telecommuting options in your workplace to reduce collective carbon emissions.



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NAVIGATING CARBON SOLUTIONS



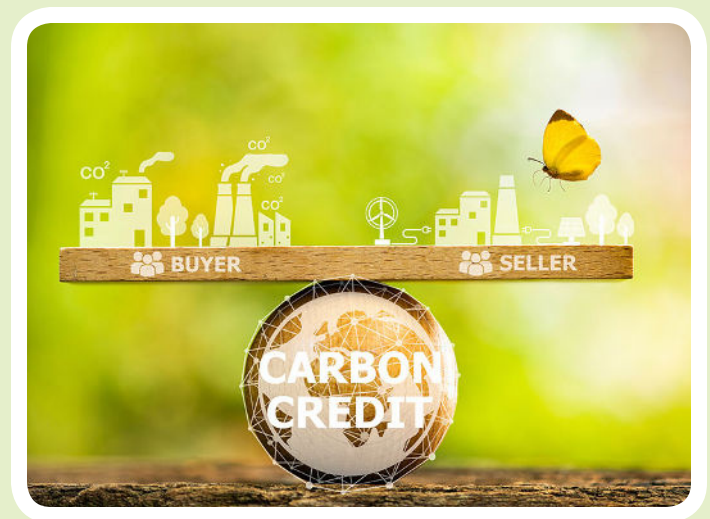
Today's Learning Objectives:

- Explore the role and functionality of carbon credits in emissions reduction and market dynamics.
- Examine the critical role of carbon credits in a global climate strategy.
- Understand how renewable energy credits can contribute to making the electric grid more sustainable.

Lesson #1

Carbon Credits in Action: Balancing Emissions Reduction and Market Dynamics

- **Content Summary:** Analyze how carbon credits are used in practice, focusing on their impact on emissions reduction and market forces.
- **Reflection Question:** How do carbon credits balance environmental goals with market dynamics, and what challenges arise from this approach?
- **Meaningful Action:** Participate in a workshop or seminar on carbon trading and share your insights with your community or professional network.



Lesson #2

Beyond Emissions: The Critical Role of Carbon Credits in Global Climate Strategy

- **Content Summary:** Dive into the broader implications of the carbon credit system within the global climate change strategy.
- **Reflection Question:** Evaluate the effectiveness of the carbon credit system in achieving long-term climate goals.
- **Meaningful Action:** Develop an opinion piece or blog post discussing the role of carbon credits in climate change mitigation and share it online.



Lesson #3

Green Tagging the Electric Grid with Renewable Energy Credits

- **Content Summary:** Explore the concept of green tagging in the electric grid, particularly how renewable energy credits can enhance grid sustainability.
- **Reflection Question:** What innovative approaches could further integrate renewable energy credits into the electric grid system?
- **Meaningful Action:** Propose a green energy initiative for your local community or organization that utilizes renewable energy credits.



Blog: Debating Carbon Offsetting: Pros and Cons

- **Content Summary:** Engage in a critical examination of carbon offsetting, its advantages, and its limitations.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the major criticisms of carbon offsetting, and how can these issues be addressed?
- **Meaningful Action:** Host a discussion or debate on carbon offsetting in your community or organization, considering its role in comprehensive climate strategies.

Blog: Calculate Your Carbon Footprint

- **Content Summary:** Provide a guide to understanding and calculating personal or organizational carbon footprints.
- **Meaningful Action:** Use an online tool to calculate your carbon footprint and implement a plan to reduce it over the next month.
- **Notes Section:** Participants can jot down their thoughts, responses to reflection questions, and plans for meaningful actions here.



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DECARBONIZING THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT



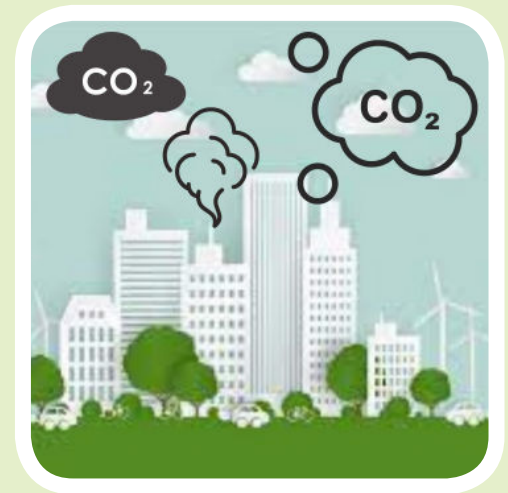
Today's Learning Objectives:

- Understand the current state of decarbonization in the building industry and the paths to achieving set goals.
- Investigate the potential of 3D printing technology in sustainable construction.
- Explore the concept and impact of positive energy buildings in the context of climate change mitigation.

Lesson #1

Accelerating Decarbonization: Where are we and how will we reach our goals?

- **Content Summary:** This lesson provides an in-depth analysis of the current progress and future strategies in the decarbonization of the building industry. It focuses on the challenges and milestones needed to achieve significant reductions in carbon emissions within this sector.
- **Reflection Question:** What key steps must the building industry take to accelerate decarbonization, and what barriers need to be overcome?
- **Meaningful Action:** Engage in or lead a discussion on sustainable building practices and decarbonization strategies within your professional network.



Lesson #2

3D Printing in Construction: Paving the Way for Sustainable Building Solutions

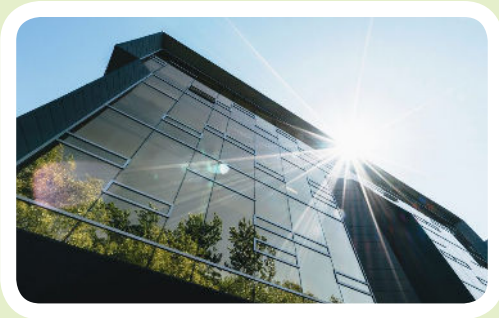
- **Content Summary:** Examining the potential of 3D printing technology in revolutionizing the construction industry with a focus on sustainability.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the environmental benefits and challenges of using 3D printing in building construction?
- **Meaningful Action:** Identify a building constructed using 3D printing technology and analyze its sustainability aspects.



Lesson #3

Positive Energy Buildings

- **Content Summary:** Delving into the design and functionality of positive energy buildings and their role in mitigating climate change.
- **Reflection Question:** How do positive energy buildings contribute to climate change mitigation?
- **Meaningful Action:** Propose a feature or technology that could transform a standard building into a positive energy building.



Blog: Advancing NetZero through Decarbonization

- **Content Summary:** Strategies and approaches for achieving NetZero in the building sector through decarbonization.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the major challenges and opportunities in achieving NetZero in the building industry?
- **Meaningful Action:** Advocate for NetZero building practices in your community or professional circle.

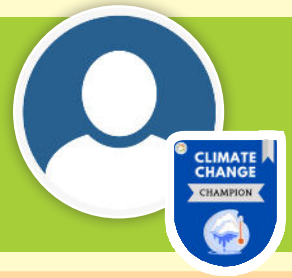


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Congratulations on completing Level 2 and becoming a GBRI "Climate Change Champion"! You've just earned 13 CE hours for your dedication and effort in expanding your knowledge on sustainable practices and climate solutions.



YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Earned the GBRI "Climate Change Champion" Badge.
- Gained 13 Continuing Education (CE) hours, ready for self-reporting or auto-reporting through GBRI.
- Deepened understanding of sustainable travel, eco-tourism, carbon solutions, and the building industry's role in mitigating climate change.



SPREAD THE WORD

- Add your newly earned "Climate Change Champion" Badge to your LinkedIn profile.
- Share your accomplishment with your network and encourage others to join the journey towards sustainability.



NEXT STEPS

- Ready to take your climate action commitment to the next level? Return to GBRI's Climate Change Ambassador Program to embark on the next stage of your journey.
- Continue to apply and share the knowledge you've gained, empowering yourself and your community to make impactful and sustainable decisions.
- Keep up the great work as you continue on your path as a Climate Change Ambassador!





LEVEL 3



CLIMATE CHANGE AMBASSADOR BADGE

EMBARKING ON THE FINAL STRETCH: BECOMING A CLIMATE CHANGE AMBASSADOR

Level 3 of the Climate Change Ambassador Program marks the culmination of your learning journey, where you transition from awareness and advocacy to becoming a beacon of change. This final stage is crafted to solidify your role as a Climate Change Ambassador, with an emphasis on advanced and specialized topics that impact both the planet and its inhabitants.

In this 7-day challenge, you will delve into the realms of Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) practices, responsible investments, sustainable solutions in various sectors, and the powerful intersection of mindfulness and climate action. This level not only broadens your understanding but empowers you to lead and inspire sustainable change in your communities and beyond. This level serves as a culmination of all previous levels, challenging participants to think broadly and act specifically.



Climate Change and ESG:

Understand the intricacies of corporate sustainability reporting and the role of ESG disclosures in driving green initiatives.

Responsible Investments:

Dive into the world of socially responsible and impact investments and their contribution to tackling climate change.



Coastal Resilience:

Explore strategies and challenges in maintaining coastal resilience against the backdrop of climate change.

Oceans & Marine Ecology:

Explore the critical importance of our oceans in maintaining climate balance and actions necessary to protect them.



Indigenous Wisdom and Nature's Design:

Discover how traditional knowledge and nature-inspired design contribute to sustainable living and climate resilience.

Biotechnology and Sustainable Agriculture:

Examine the intersection of biotechnology and sustainable agriculture in addressing global environmental challenges.



Innovative Solutions to Climate Change:

Uncover cutting-edge technologies and approaches, from carbon capture to AI in green design, as solutions to the climate crisis.

What Awaits You in Level 3:

This level is designed to challenge, inspire, and empower you with the knowledge and tools to make impactful, positive changes. As you complete this final level, you will not only earn the Climate Change Ambassador Badge but also join an esteemed network of individuals committed to creating a sustainable future.

Prepare to be inspired, challenged, and ultimately transformed as you step into the role of a Climate Change Ambassador.

WHAT'S NEXT: CLIMATE CHANGE, MINDFULNESS, AND MOVING FORWARD

- Reflect on the connection between mindfulness, sustainability, and climate action, integrating personal well-being with planetary health.

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CLIMATE CHANGE AND ESG



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Grasp the essentials of corporate sustainability reporting.
- Learn about the evolving role of ESG in business and environmental sustainability.

Lesson #1

Corporate Sustainability Reporting: Getting Started

- **Content Summary:** Introduction to the basics and importance of sustainability reporting in the corporate world.
- **Reflection Question:** How does effective sustainability reporting contribute to corporate environmental responsibility?
- **Meaningful Action:** Identify a company with robust sustainability reporting and share its practices.



Lesson #2

Accelerating the Path to “Green” through ESG Disclosure

- **Content Summary:** Understanding the impact of ESG disclosure on accelerating sustainable business practices.
- **Reflection Question:** In what ways can ESG disclosures be improved to better drive environmental change?
- **Meaningful Action:** Advocate for greater transparency and enhancement in ESG disclosures within your professional network.



Lesson#3

Disney and Sustainability – Is Mickey Mouse LEEDing the Way?

- **Content Summary:** Analyze Disney’s approach to sustainability, focusing on its adoption of LEED and other green initiatives.
- **Reflection Question:** What can other corporations learn from Disney’s sustainability strategies?
- **Meaningful Action:** Develop a brief case study or blog post on an organization’s sustainability efforts and their impact, drawing inspiration from Disney’s approach or other similar examples.



Blog on Reporting Buzzwords - SBTI

- **Content Summary:** Dive into the world of sustainability buzzwords like Science-Based Targets Initiative (SBTI), understanding their meaning, significance, and impact in sustainability reporting.
- **Meaningful Action:** Create an infographic or guide demystifying key sustainability buzzwords for a general audience.

Blog: Moral America FT Blog

- **Content Summary:** Discuss the ethical dimensions of sustainability in American corporations, examining how moral considerations are integrated into business strategies and ESG reporting.
- **Reflection Question:** How do moral and ethical considerations shape the approach of American businesses toward sustainability and social responsibility?
- **Meaningful Action:** Participate in or organize a webinar or discussion panel on ethical sustainability practices in the business and non-profit sector.



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CLIMATE CHANGE & RESPONSIBLE INVESTMENTS



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Dive into the significance of socially responsible and impact investments.
- Explore the role of government initiatives in addressing climate change and revitalizing energy communities, including recent developments like the Inflation Reduction Act.

Lesson #1

Everything You Need to Know About Socially Responsible Investments

- **Content Summary:** Exploring investments that consider social and environmental impacts.
- **Reflection Question:** How can socially responsible investments influence positive climate action?
- **Meaningful Action:** Review your investment portfolio to incorporate socially responsible options.



Lesson #2

Impact Investing - What You Need to Know

- **Content Summary:** Delving into impact investing and its role in climate change.
- **Reflection Question:** What makes an impact investment successful for climate action?
- **Meaningful Action:** Research and share a successful impact investment initiative in climate change.



Lesson #3

How the US Government Is Revitalizing Energy Communities and Tackling the Climate Crisis - Is It Enough?

- **Content Summary:** Evaluating US government efforts in revitalizing energy communities and climate change.
- **Reflection Question:** How can government initiatives be enhanced for effective climate action?
- **Meaningful Action:** Advocate for improved governmental policies for climate action and community support.



Blog: Understanding the Inflation Reduction Act and Its Impact on Climate Change

- **Content Summary:** Analyzing the Inflation Reduction Act and its implications for climate policy, energy sectors, and sustainability.
- **Reflection Question:** What key aspects of the Inflation Reduction Act could significantly impact climate change mitigation?
- **Meaningful Action:** Inform your network about the Inflation Reduction Act and discuss its potential climate change impacts.



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COASTAL RESILIENCE



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Understand the challenges and strategies involved in enhancing coastal resilience.
- Explore the impacts of climate change on coastal regions and the importance of adaptive measures.
- Explore strategies for equitable and sustainable coastal revitalization, with an emphasis on supporting vulnerable communities.

Lesson #1

Coastal Resilience: Troubled Waters

- **Content Summary:** Investigate the pressing challenges faced by coastal regions, including rising sea levels and erosion, and their impact on ecosystems and communities.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the most significant threats to coastal areas in your region, and what measures are being taken to address them?
- **Meaningful Action:** Research a coastal protection project in your area and consider volunteering or raising awareness about it.



Lesson #2

Coastal Resilience: Rain or Shine

- **Content Summary:** Delve into various adaptive strategies and solutions that are being implemented to enhance coastal resilience in the face of climate change.
- **Reflection Question:** How can coastal communities balance the need for development with the necessity to maintain ecosystem health?
- **Meaningful Action:** Create an informational brochure or social media campaign highlighting successful coastal resilience initiatives.



Blog: Exploring the WEDG Rating System in Coastal Resilience

- **Content Summary:** Examine the Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines (WEDG) rating system and its role in promoting sustainable and resilient waterfront design.
- **Reflection Question:** How does the WEDG rating system contribute to sustainable coastal development, and what can be learned from its implementation?

ISP Student Presentation: Waves of Change: Coastal Revitalization and Vulnerable Communities

- **Content Summary:** This presentation prepared by GBRI ISP students focuses on the challenges and opportunities in coastal revitalization, particularly in vulnerable communities affected by climate change.
- **Reflection Question:** How can coastal revitalization efforts be made more equitable and inclusive, particularly for communities most vulnerable to climate change?
- **Meaningful Action:** Research a coastal revitalization project and its impact on local communities. Consider how it addresses or could improve social equity.



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OCEANS & MARINE ECOLOGY

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Today's Learning Objectives:

- Further explore the critical state of our oceans, building upon previous insights from Level 2.
- Understand the various factors contributing to the ocean crisis and the urgency of taking action..



Note: These lessons are presented by the same instructor from Level 2, offering a deeper dive into oceanic issues.

Lesson #2

Oceans in Crisis: The Blame Game

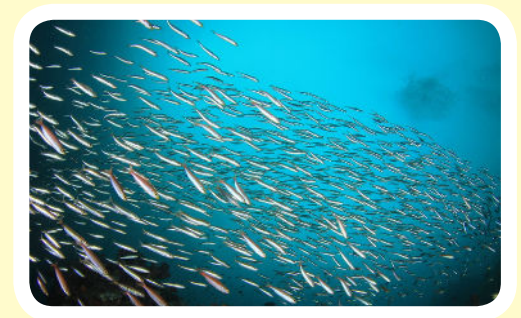
- **Content Summary:** This audio-visual course examines the myriad of factors contributing to the ocean crisis, from pollution to climate change, and how various stakeholders are involved.
- **Reflection Question:** Who holds responsibility for the ocean crisis, and how can these parties be held accountable?
- **Meaningful Action:** Engage in or organize a community discussion or awareness campaign about the shared responsibility in addressing the ocean crisis.



Lesson #3

Oceans in Crisis: The Importance of Taking Action

- **Content Summary:** This course emphasizes the critical need for immediate and concerted action to protect and restore our oceans, discussing various strategies and initiatives.
- **Reflection Question:** What practical steps can individuals and communities take to contribute to ocean conservation?
- **Meaningful Action:** Participate in or support a local or global ocean conservation initiative.



Blog: Bridging the Gap in Ocean Conservation

- **Content Summary:** Discuss how individuals, communities, and policymakers can work together to bridge the gaps in ocean conservation efforts. The blog will explore innovative approaches and successful case studies in marine ecology preservation.
- **Reflection Question:** What are some effective ways to engage different stakeholders in collaborative ocean conservation efforts?
- **Meaningful Action:** Write an article or blog post highlighting a successful ocean conservation project and share it on social media or community platforms.



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INDIGENOUS WISDOM AND NATURE'S DESIGN



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Explore how indigenous knowledge contributes to sustainability and environmental stewardship.
- Understand the principles of biophilic design and its application in educational environments and architecture.
- Examine cutting-edge approaches in sustainable architecture, including zero energy buildings and biomimicry.

Lesson #1

Indigenous Wisdom and Sustainability: Returning to Traditional Knowledge for a Greener Earth

- **Content Summary:** Uncover how indigenous knowledge and practices offer invaluable insights into sustainable building.
- **Reflection Question:** How can traditional architectural techniques be harmoniously blended with modern design to promote sustainability?
- **Meaningful Action:** Investigate a case where traditional building methods have been successfully incorporated into contemporary architecture and share your findings.



Lesson #2

Cultivating Climate-Conscious Biophilia: Integrating Nature into School Design for a Sustainable Future

- **Content Summary:** Explores how biophilic design can be implemented in school environments to promote sustainability and climate-consciousness.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the benefits of incorporating biophilic design in educational settings, and how can it be achieved?
- **Meaningful Action:** Propose a biophilic design concept for a local school or educational facility.



Lesson #3

Living Future Zero Energy is 10+ for Environmental Sustainability

- **Content Summary:** Delve into the Living Building Challenge and the pursuit of zero energy buildings as a pinnacle of sustainable architecture.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the key elements that make a building truly sustainable and zero-energy?
- **Meaningful Action:** Identify a building in your region pursuing zero-energy goals and explore its strategies and innovations.



Lesson #4

The World's Fair in Dubai: Iconic Buildings and Structures

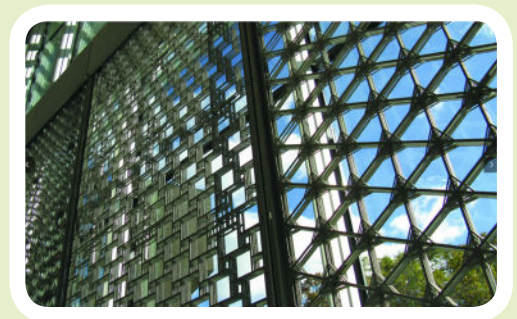
- **Content Summary:** Discover how the Dubai World's Fair showcases cutting-edge sustainable architecture and design.
- **Reflection Question:** What are some of the most innovative sustainable design elements showcased at the Dubai World's Fair?
- **Meaningful Action:** Share information about an innovative sustainable design from the World's Fair with your network.



Lesson #5

Biomimicry in Architecture: Learning from Nature's Genius

- **Content Summary:** Understand biomimicry principles in architecture and their role in creating sustainable buildings.
- **Reflection Question:** How can biomimicry transform our approach to sustainable architecture and design?
- **Meaningful Action:** Create a presentation or blog post about a building that exemplifies biomimicry in design.



Blog: Nature-Based Solutions in the Building Industry

- **Content Summary:** Explores biophilia, biomimicry, bioclimatic design, vernacular architecture, and their roles in sustainable building.
- **Reflection Question:** What nature-based design solutions do you find most effective for sustainable architecture?
- **Meaningful Action:** Advocate for incorporating nature-based solutions in local architectural projects and community planning.



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BIOTECHNOLOGY AND SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Understand the intersection of biotechnology with sustainable agricultural practices.
- Explore how sustainable agriculture can address global environmental and social challenges.

Lesson #1

Biotechnology and Sustainability: Where Science and Earth Meet

- **Content Summary:** This lesson delves into how biotechnology is being used to advance sustainable agriculture, focusing on innovations that enhance environmental stewardship and food security.
- **Reflection Question:** In what ways can biotechnology positively impact sustainable agriculture, and what are the potential risks or challenges?
- **Meaningful Action:** Research a biotechnology application in agriculture and discuss its benefits and drawbacks in a short article or blog post.



Lesson #2

Sustainable Agriculture as a Problem Solver of Global Challenges

- **Content Summary:** Explores how sustainable agricultural practices can provide solutions to global challenges such as climate change, food scarcity, and loss of biodiversity.
- **Reflection Question:** What are some key sustainable agriculture practices that can mitigate global environmental challenges?
- **Meaningful Action:** Identify a local or global sustainable agriculture initiative and explore ways to support or promote it within your community.



Blog: Innovations in Sustainable Agriculture - Paving the Way for a Greener Future

- **Content Summary:** Discuss the latest innovations in sustainable agriculture and their potential to transform food production in an environmentally friendly manner. Highlight case studies or examples where these innovations are making a significant impact.
- **Reflection Question:** How can these agricultural innovations be more widely adopted to ensure a sustainable future for food production?
- **Meaningful Action:** Create an awareness campaign on social media about an innovative sustainable agricultural practice or technology.



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INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE



Today's Learning Objectives:

- Discover advanced technologies and innovative methods to combat climate change.
- Explore how artificial intelligence (AI) and novel biological solutions are contributing to sustainable practices and climate mitigation.

Lesson #1

Capturing Carbon from the Air: The Futuristic Technology that Might Solve the Climate Crisis

- **Content Summary:** Investigate the potential and challenges of carbon capture technology as a major player in climate change mitigation.
- **Reflection Question:** What ethical and practical considerations should be addressed when implementing carbon capture technologies?
- **Meaningful Action:** Start a conversation or social media thread discussing the role of carbon capture in future climate strategies.



Lesson #2

Building Smarter, Greener, Better: The Intersection of AI, Green Buildings, and Climate Action

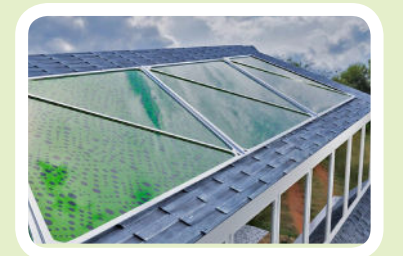
- **Content Summary:** Analyze how AI is revolutionizing the green building sector, enhancing sustainability and resilience.
- **Reflection Question:** In what ways does AI contribute to the efficiency and sustainability of building designs and operations?
- **Meaningful Action:** Identify a building project or concept where AI plays a key role in sustainability and share it on a professional network.



Lesson #3:

Algae Biopanel Windows: A Promising New Solution to Our CO2 Problem

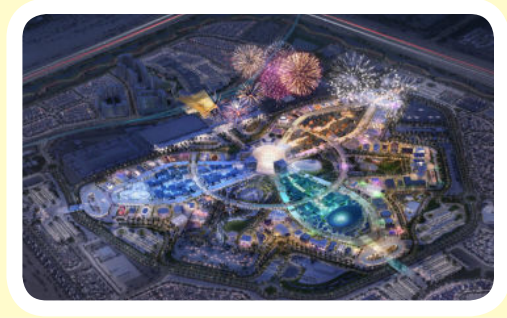
- **Content Summary:** Discover how algae biopanel windows offer a cutting-edge approach to reducing CO2 emissions.
- **Reflection Question:** What are the potential benefits and limitations of using algae biopanel windows in urban environments?
- **Meaningful Action:** Create an infographic or blog post explaining the concept and benefits of algae biopanel windows.



Lesson #4

The World’s Fair in Dubai: Connecting Minds and Creating the Future Through Sustainability, Mobility, and Opportunity

- **Content Summary:** Explore the innovative sustainable solutions presented at the Dubai World’s Fair, focusing on sustainability, mobility, and future opportunities.
- **Reflection Question:** Which sustainable innovation from the World’s Fair do you think has the most potential to impact climate change positively?
- **Meaningful Action:** Share insights from the Dubai World’s Fair’s sustainability showcases with your social network or professional group.



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CLIMATE CHANGE, MINDFULNESS, AND MOVING FORWARD

Today's Learning Objectives:

- Reflect on the comprehensive journey through the Climate Change Ambassador Program.
- Understand the critical role of mindfulness in integrating and applying the knowledge gained.

Reflective Overview: A 21-Day Journey in Review

- **Content Summary:** Take a moment to look back on the diverse topics and insights explored over the past 20 days. From the fundamentals of climate science to the specifics of ESG, responsible investments, sustainable practices in various sectors, and the role of innovation, this journey has been a deep dive into the complexities and opportunities in the fight against climate change.
- **Reflection Thought:** Consider the key lessons and themes that resonated with you throughout this program. How have these insights shaped your understanding and perspective on climate change?

Lesson #1

Mindfulness, Sustainability, and Climate Change - What is the connection?

- **Content Summary:** Examining the role of mindfulness in enhancing environmental awareness and fostering sustainable action.
- **Reflection Question:** How can mindfulness practices support a sustained commitment to climate action and personal well-being in the face of environmental challenges?
- **Meaningful Action:** Commit to a regular mindfulness practice that incorporates elements of environmental consciousness. Share your plan and invite others to join you in this mindful journey for climate action.



Concluding Thoughts: The Path Ahead

- As you step forward from the Climate Change Ambassador Program, carry with you the mindfulness and knowledge gained. Recognize that your journey as a Climate Change Ambassador does not end here but continues as you apply these learnings in your personal and professional life. Embrace mindfulness as a tool to remain grounded, thoughtful, and proactive in your ongoing commitment to a sustainable and equitable future.



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Congratulations on successfully completing Level 3 of the GBRI Climate Change Ambassador Program! You've not only deepened your understanding of critical environmental issues but also earned 12.5 valuable Continuing Education (CE) hours.



YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- Earned the GBRI “Advanced Climate Change Strategist” Badge.
- Gained 12.5 CE hours, verifiable for your professional development.
- Explored complex topics like ESG, sustainable agriculture, biotechnology, and the intersection of mindfulness and sustainability.



CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION:

- Download and share your verifiable certificate, a testament to your commitment and knowledge. Showcase it on your LinkedIn profile and let employers know about your achievement.
- This certificate serves as a credible validation of your learning, which employers can verify.



NEXT STEPS

- Apply the comprehensive knowledge and insights gained throughout the program in your personal and professional life.
- Share your journey and learnings with peers, colleagues, and your community, inspiring others to join the movement towards sustainability.

✓ Verified

Congratulations



You are now a

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SOCIAL MEDIA: A CATALYST FOR CHANGE

Level 1

Climate Change Warrior:

- Just earned my #ClimateChangeWarrior badge with GBRI! Embarking on a journey to sustainability. **#GBRI #SustainableFuture**
- “Proud to be a Climate Change Warrior! This is just the start of my sustainability journey. **#GBRI #ClimateAction**”
- “I’ve stepped up as a Climate Change Warrior with GBRI! Excited to learn and act for our planet. **#GBRI #EcoWarrior**”



Level 2

Climate Change Champion:

- “Leveled up to a #ClimateChangeChampion with GBRI! Gaining momentum in the fight for our planet. **#GBRI #ChampionForChange**”
- “As a newly minted Climate Change Champion, I’m ready to make bigger strides in sustainability. **#GBRI #ClimateLeadership**”
- “Honored to earn my Climate Change Champion badge! Join me in championing a greener world. **#GBRI #Sustainability**”



Level 3

Advanced Climate Change Strategist:

- “Achieved the #AdvancedClimateChangeStrategist badge with GBRI! Ready to strategize for a better planet. **#GBRI #EcoStrategist**”
- “As an Advanced Climate Change Strategist, I’m committed to driving impactful environmental solutions. **#GBRI #ClimateStrategy**”
- “Elevating my climate action journey as an Advanced Climate Change Strategist with GBRI! Let’s lead the change. **#GBRI #ActOnClimate**”



General Posts for All Levels:

- “Thrilled to progress through GBRI’s Climate Change Ambassador Program! From Warrior to Champion to Strategist, each step fuels my commitment to our planet. **#GBRI #ClimateJourney**”
- “Each badge in the GBRI Climate Change Program is a step towards greater understanding and action. Proud of my journey from Warrior to Strategist! **#ClimateEducation #GBRI**”
- “Celebrating my journey with GBRI’s Climate Change Ambassador Program! Every level deepens my resolve to make a difference. **#GBRI #SustainabilityJourney**”

Encourage Others:

- “Join me in the GBRI Climate Change Ambassador Program and become a part of the global solution for a sustainable future!. **#GBRI #BeTheChange**”
- “Ready to make a difference? Start your journey with GBRI’s Climate Change Program and transform your understanding into action. **#GBRI #ClimateWarriorToStrategist**”

“Tag Three Friends” Challenge

After sharing your accomplishment, let’s spread the word even further! We introduce the “Tag Three Friends” Challenge. Tag at least three friends in your post and challenge them to join you in becoming a Climate Change Trailblazer. Encourage them to enroll in the course, learn, and take their first steps toward meaningful action.

“Proud Trailblazer in the fight against climate change! Who’s joining me? **#ClimateChangeTrailblazer #GBRI**”

A JOURNEY TOGETHER: CLOSING THOUGHTS

As we come to the close of this enlightening journey, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to each one of you. Your dedication and commitment to learning through the Climate Change Ambassador Program have been nothing short of inspiring.

At GBRI, as a small but passionate business, we are continually motivated by the desire to make a positive impact on our planet. We believe that education is a powerful tool in the fight against climate change, and it is individuals like you who transform this knowledge into meaningful action.

I encourage you to take the insights and skills you've gained and consider sharing this transformative experience with your office, classroom, or community. Together, we can expand the ripple effect of sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Your feedback is invaluable to us. It helps us grow and refine our efforts to deliver impactful educational experiences. Please take a moment to review us on one or all of the following platforms:

 <https://g.page/r/CaggPFWQvIUZEB0/review>

 <https://www.facebook.com/GBRIonline/>

 <https://www.trustpilot.com/review/gbrionline.org>

Your voice matters, and your review can inspire others to embark on their own journey towards becoming climate change ambassadors.

Thank you for choosing GBRI for your sustainability education. Remember, your journey as a Climate Change Ambassador doesn't end here. Stay engaged with ongoing environmental initiatives and continue to be a part of the solution in addressing global climate challenges.

Use your newfound knowledge and mindfulness practices to actively contribute to a sustainable and equitable world. Your role is crucial in shaping a greener, more resilient future for all.

The journey doesn't end here; it evolves as we continue to learn, share, and act for a better world.

Warm regards,

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