

National Badge School

COLUK Badge school is a community of organisations committed to recognising individuals for the learning and experience they gain outside of formal accredited learning.

Digital badges are becoming the new standard for recognising learning and skills development. They enhance the informal and real-world learning that individuals take part in (whether that's at school or college, in their personal lives or as part of work-related training) by articulating the outcomes and value of that learning into a shareable digital format.

Why badging?

- Badges are a smart, simple, and visual way of recognising non-accredited learning
- They allow you to recognise and acknowledge the development of transferable skills and aptitudes that employers value (typically not recognised through exams and formal quals)
- Badges can be used to motivate learner behaviour by recognising achievement
- They help learners better tell the story of their participation with you
- Badges are an effective and inexpensive way of demonstrating your impact as an organisation



Badge School Membership Offer

The basic badge school membership costs £200 a year and includes:

- A licence to issue COLUK badges to an unlimited number of individuals
- Quality Assurance and publishing service for up to 6 badges (per organisation)
- Support to understand how best to use digital badges in your context and create your own collection
- Support to set yourself up as a badge issuer and use the YourAcclaim badge issuing platform
- Support to introduce, issue and promote your badges to the people you work with
- The ability to display your badges in up to 3 organisational collections

Enhanced packages are available if you require consultancy or larger badge packages.

We are currently in the process of building a new home for Badge School which will provide an online hub of support and resources. While we do this you can access all your Badge School support directly from the Cities of Learning team, including virtual events, materials and tools you need to get cracking. The platform launch is planned for April 2021.

Get badging for Britain! E-mail Rachel.Carter@brightondome.org for more information and to join our community of issuers empowering and supporting learners.