Badge Nation: Welcome to Badge School
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What is Badge Nation?

• Collective of employers, schools, colleges, training providers, and informal educators.

• Led by Real Ideas and Future Creators

• Using digital badges to recognise learning, achievement, and accomplishment outside of formal accredited learning.

• All badges are written using the Cities of learning badge standard endorsed by City & Guilds and the RSA.
What are 'digital badges’?

• Visual way of recognising non-accredited learning.

• Effective, inexpensive way of demonstrating your organisation’s impact.

• Accessible anywhere to anyone, using only a website link.

• Earners can proudly display on their website, email signature, LinkedIn profile, and CV.
How do they work?

- Using Acclaim by Credly, badges show the awarding organisation’s logo and the criteria achieved.

- Highlight transferable skills that employers value, not recognised through formal qualifications.

- Motivate learner behaviour by recognising achievement.

- They help learners better tell the story of their participation with you.
Trainee Volunteer – Children’s Centres

Issued by Real Ideas Organisation

Earners of this badge have understood the skills, knowledge, attitudes and values required to perform a volunteer role for Barnardo’s. This badge shows the individual has embarked on the Barnardo’s volunteer programme. They have attended the volunteer induction and started to volunteer. This is a Cities of Learning Badge

Skills

- Adaptable
- Communication
- Confidentiality
- Flexibility
- Health And Safety
- Participate

- Reliability
- Safeguarding
- Volunteer
- Volunteering

Earning Criteria

- Application has been completed with references provided and obtained. Interview completed DBS applied for and received

- Barnardo’s Induction Programme

- Earners will have volunteered reliably for 10 hours supporting staff in the provision of activities and learning opportunities/advice for children and young people and in the running of play sessions with children aged 0-5 years

- This is an open badge.
The Badge standard

This standard provides a structure to communicate learning in a consistent way, making it easier to understand what people are doing, how it helps, and where it could lead.

Acquire information and actively experience the topic.

Interact with learning and join in.

Apply knowledge in a real world context; gain experience and receive feedback.

Embed knowledge in different contexts and influence others.
What is Badge School?

• ‘Badge School’ is Badge Nation’s membership and badge creation area.

• Quickly create, design, use and award your own bespoke badges

• Share learning and knowledge with other Badge Nation members.
What is the process?

- Identify the activity you would like to badge, in line with Badge Standard.
- Receive badge writing training.
- Complete a form detailing the awarding criteria.
- Receive support to use Acclaim by Credly.
- Badges are quality assured.
- Badges published to Acclaim by Credly.
- Award the badge to earners who have achieved the criteria.
What is included?

12-month organisation membership:

• Access to Badge School and members platform.

• Award badges to an unlimited number of individuals.

• 6 badge templates, designed, quality assured and published by Badge Nation.

• Personalised support to create and use your own badge collection.

• Consultancy services by arrangement (additional cost).
What are the costs?

• 12-month membership is £200 +VAT (£240 inc.) per organisation.

• If you wish to create and publish additional badge templates – Quality assurance, design and publishing of these can be purchased for added cost of £25 +VAT (£30 inc.) per template.
How can I get started?

• Attend a workshop and learn all you need to know for writing your first badge!

• Enquire with our team at badge.nation@realideas.org