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Who we are



CIFAL Surrey is a UN accredited international training centre, working in partnership with UNITAR, offering high-quality thematic training on a host of areas, as well as supporting capacity development, stakeholder engagement and broader scholarship at the University of Surrey.



CIFAL Surrey is an active member in the worldwide **CIFAL Global Network (CGN)** of international training centres, whose mission is to strengthen decision-making capacities of business and government leaders.



CIFAL centres are coordinated by **UNITAR** (United Nations Institute for Training and Research) with the aim of strengthening global partnerships in a range of areas.



What we do

Training | Capacity Building Teaching | Stakeholder Engagement

CIFAL Surrey operates in conjunction with UNITAR and partners at and beyond the University of Surrey to provide public and private sector leaders with high quality training, capacity development and stakeholder engagement.

With specialisms in strategic sustainability, climate change adaptation, and climate leadership for both business and government, CIFAL Surrey also provides training across UNITAR's current themes, illustrated below.



Sustainability Learning

SDG Learning	Impact Sourcing
Sustainability Training	Global Citizenship
CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility)	Lean Product Management and Sustainability
ESG (Environment, Social, and Governance)	Sustainable Finance
Leadership	Sustainable Sourcing
Partnerships	



Public Policy and Governance

Governance	International Relations
Data Collection	International Organizations
Public Accountability (Transparency)	Emergency Management and Response
Disaster Risk reduction	Citizen Engagement
Diplomacy	Public Participation
Development Cooperation	Municipal Revenue Management
Regional Cooperation	Municipal Finance
Public-Private Partnership (PPP)	Local Government Institutions
Development studies	



Management

Ethics and Compliance	Property Development
Fair Recruitment	E-Commerce
Talent Management	Strategic Planning
Human Resource Management	Monitoring and Evaluation
Occupational Safety Management	Project Management
Procurement Management	Risk Management
Supply Chain	Knowledge Management



Peace and security

Peace
Security
Transnational Organized Crime
Anti-corruption
Drugs and Crime



Human and Social Development

Health	Social Movements
Human Mobility	Disability
Social Inclusion and Integration	Sanitation
Education	Social Change
Gender Equality	Social Services
Human Rights	Language
Sports	Literacy
Aging Population Care	Wellbeing
Culture	Youth Empowerment



Environment and Climate Change

Green Economy	Reforestation and Restoration
Oceans & Seas	Energy
Marine Conservation	Decarbonization
Water	Carbon Neutrality
Climate Change	Circular Economy
Environmental Legislation and Policy	Environmental Management



Infrastructure and Economic Development

Mobility	Smart Infrastructures
Road Safety	Employment and Decent Work
Airports and Aviation	Entrepreneurship
Air Transport	Business
Sustainable Transportations	Agribusiness
Urban Planning and Development	Agriculture
Smart Cities	Tourism



Technology and Innovation

Innovation	Intelligent Manufacturing (Industry 4.0)
Technology	Big Data Analysis
AI (Artificial Intelligence)	Digital Skills
STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics)	Digital Governance and Cybersecurity
Digital Economy	Information Security
Digital Transformation	Transgenics
ICT (Information and Communication Technology)	Digitalizations
Digital Infrastructure	Emerging Technologies
	Biotechnology



CIFAL Surrey Signature Training

In-person

1 Day Masterclasses

Theme-based approaches to Strategic Sustainability, designed to support public and private sector decision-makers

2-day Sustainability Leadership Programmes

Modular training on Strategic Sustainability, designed to support public and private sector decision-makers

Bespoke Training & Capacity Development

Co-created in partnership with CIFAL Surrey to support specific requirements

Strategic Sustainability



- Understanding local and global sustainability trends for business and government
- Systems thinking, circular economy & green growth



- Managing supply chains for positive environmental impacts
- Decarbonising businesses and communities: mitigating risk and climate adaptation
- Managing public policy to promote green growth



- Developing a bespoke actionable change plan for both business and government

CIFAL Surrey Online

CIFAL Surrey offers a number of online training opportunities in different formats, led by experts from academia, industry and business.



**CIFAL
Surrey
Webinar
Series**
(from
2025)



**CIFAL
Surrey
Podcast
Series**
(from
2026)



**RECLAIM
Plus
Network
webinars**



**UNITAR-
CIFAL
Surrey
Online
Events**



**UNITAR
Online
Training**
(gratis & fee-
paying)

CIFAL Surrey Training Options

CIFAL Surrey Basic Training **Awareness & Foundations**

Audience: all employees, basic operations staff, team leaders, HR, procurement

- General awareness & climate change fundamentals
- Corporate responsibility & sustainability
- Ethics, governance, and greenwashing

CIFAL Surrey Intermediate Training **Integration & Implementation**

Audience: Middle management, department heads, sustainability champions, procurement, legal, HR

- Carbon accounting & ESG data management
- Strategy development & materiality
- Sustainable operations and supply chains
- Policy, legal, and regulatory compliance

CIFAL Surrey Advanced Training **Leadership, Innovation & Reporting Excellence**

Audience: Executives, board members, ESG/sustainability teams, legal & compliance, investor relations

- Executive ESG leadership & governance
- Advanced climate strategy & Net Zero roadmapping
- Advanced ESG reporting & assurance
- Innovation, technology & impact

CIFAL Surrey Training Modalities

As a UNITAR international training centre, CIFAL Surrey specialises in a range of high-quality, audience-appropriate options to ensure an engaging, rigorous and effective experience. Masterclasses, , bespoke training options include:

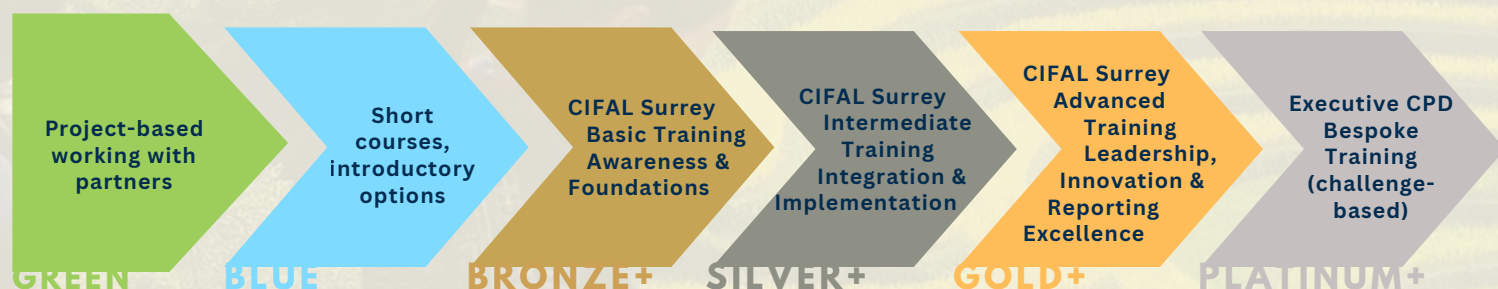
- Formal presentations
- Group-based, peer-to-peer learning
- Workshops & role-based simulations
- Scenario planning exercises
- ESG reporting labs
- Reflection panels
- Supplier/partner engagement forums
- Post-training support
- Cross-functional task forces

UNITAR / CIFAL Surrey Certification

CIFAL training centres, operating in conjunction with UNITAR, and the CIFAL Global Network, are entitled exclusively to award a range of UNITAR-accredited certification.

- Public and private sector individuals and entities undertaking training from CIFAL Surrey are entitled to a range of scaffolded certifications, indicating progressive attainment of learning, skills, and leadership.
- Ranging from project-based to foundational, intermediate, advanced, and executive levels, CIFAL Surrey's unique awarding powers enable it to recognise evidence of excellence across a range of topics.

Strategic Leadership Training Route



CIFAL Teaching

CIFAL Surrey supports taught undergraduate and postgraduate pathways offered by schools and faculties at the University of Surrey with a focus on sustainability, by providing enhanced content, UNITAR certification, and engagement with cross-sector and international stakeholders.

Undergraduate

- BSc in Environment and Sustainability
- LLB in Law, Environment and Sustainability

Postgraduate

- MSc in Sustainable Development (with industrial practice)
- MSc in Environmental Strategy
- MSc in Corporate Environmental Management

These three MSc courses are also offered in a 2-year 'industrial practice format': teaching in year 1 is followed by a postgraduate placement year within an appropriate industry.

Doctorate

- Practitioner Doctorate in Sustainability (PhD/EngD)

Offering industry partners the opportunity to lead on sustainability initiatives through the unique Practitioner Doctorate in Sustainability programme.



Key People



Professor Amelia Hadfield

CIFAL Surrey Director

Amelia joined the University of Surrey in 2019, as Head of Politics and International Relations, founding the Centre for Britain and Europe in 2020, a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. Through various posts including Associate Vice President for External Engagement, Amelia fostered a variety of stakeholder engagement between the university, including with UNITAR. In 2024, Amelia was appointed the inaugural Director of CIFAL Surrey, an international training centre & knowledge exchange hub based within the Institute for Sustainability, dedicated to training, capacity building and teaching supporting climate literacy and climate leadership.



Dr Roberta Discetti

Training Director

Roberta Discetti is a researcher in the field of business ethics and sustainability. Prior to joining Surrey, she was a senior lecturer in business ethics and responsible management on the MBA and Senior Leaders Apprenticeship programmes. In terms of research, she has extensive experience in sustainable food systems and is involved in several EU-funded projects in this area. At the University of Surrey, Roberta is the CIFAL Research and Training Director and the MSc Sustainable Development in Practice Programme Director. She is co-founder and co-lead of the SETS seminars (Socio-ecological Transition Seminars) and since 2017, an active member of the Fair Trade International Symposium Steering Committee.



Our Partners



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We are proud to collaborate closely with the **United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)**, our key partner in delivering a wide range of high-impact thematic events and specialised training programs. Through this partnership, we aim to empower individuals and institutions by fostering knowledge sharing, capacity building, and sustainable development across various sectors.



[surrey.ac.uk/
institute-sustainability](https://surrey.ac.uk/institute-sustainability)

A pan-university entity, the **Institute for Sustainability** delivers the University of Surrey's research & innovation in sustainability, working via trans-disciplinary collaborations, with business, government, and other external partner, producing impactful outputs for local, regional and national communities and stakeholders alike.



[surrey.ac.uk/centre-
environment-sustainability](https://surrey.ac.uk/centre-environment-sustainability)

The **CES** is an internationally-acclaimed centre of excellence on sustainable development. We provide a friendly and supportive environment in which innovative thought and creativity are strongly encouraged and our internationally and culturally diverse group of students and staff can flourish.



reclaim-network.org

We are proud to partner in the £1.45M UKRI-funded **RECLAIM Network Plus**, led by Surrey's GCARE with UKCEH and Universities of Bath, Bangor, and Warwick. This 'one-stop-shop' helps towns implement green-blue infrastructure, connecting 700 experts across 45 countries to create healthier, sustainable urban spaces.



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Reach out to us to make a difference

Since 1965, UNITAR: the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, has made profound and significant contributions to academia, industry, society, communities and individuals around the world. Through CIFAL centres like CIFAL Surrey, UNITAR's mandate is to ensure high quality, professional training across a host of areas is routinely available to all interested parties.

Join the CIFAL Surrey network to become part of a global movement for sustainable transitions and harness our training as a tool to lead and enact change.

Whether you are the leader of a large organisation, the founder of a micro-enterprise, or a curious individual, get in touch to discuss how we can support you in leading change in your department, community, organisation, and beyond.

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