

OUR MINDFULNESS TEACHERS TRAINING

At the Mindfulness Association we offer three levels of Mindfulness teacher training:

LEVEL 1 – INTRODUCTORY TEACHING SKILLS - This is the entry point to our Mindfulness teacher training pathway. Participants are trained to guide the key practices of Mindfulness sitting practice (Settling, Grounding, Resting and Support), Bodyscan and Mindful movement. They are also trained in Mindful enquiry into experience after the end of a practice. This course takes place over 2 weekends over 4 months.

LEVEL 2 – MBLC TEACHING SKILLS RETREAT – After completing Level 1 and 6 months of informal teaching practice, the 5 day MBLC retreat teaches participants to deliver our eight week Mindfulness Based Living Course (MBLC). If you are assessed as 'Ready to Teach' after the retreat you will have all you need to begin teaching the MBLC: detailed lesson plans, the MBLC manual and guided audio.

Levels 1 and 2 training meet the Training Pathway Requirements of the UK Good Practice Guidelines.

LEVEL 3 – CBLC TEACHING SKILLS RETREAT – This 5 day retreat is for those who teach the MBLC and teaches participants to deliver our eight week Compassion Based Living Course (CBLC).



OUR TRAININGS
ARE RECOGNISED
AND RESPECTED

We work to develop and adhere to best
practice within the UK

COURSE LOCATIONS

SAMYE LING – near Lockerbie in Scotland

ABOUT MINDFULNESS

Mindfulness is an innate capacity of the mind to be aware of the present moment in a non-judgmental way. It can be developed through systematic training and promotes a way of being that helps us take better care of ourselves and others, and lead healthier lives. It enables us to access inner resources for coping effectively with stress, difficulty and illness. The Mindfulness trainings this we offer are entirely secular.

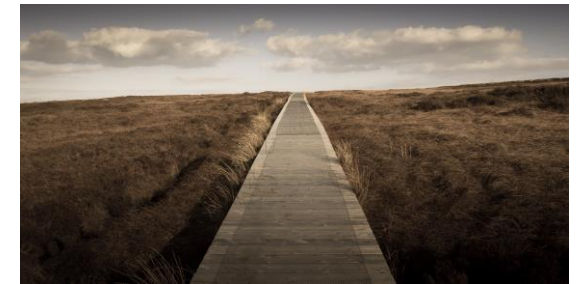
OUR TRAINERS

Our trainers meet the UK Good Practice Guidelines for Mindfulness Teachers and are all long term committed Mindfulness meditation practitioners. They either meet or are working to meeting the UK Good Practice Guidelines for Trainers of Mindfulness teachers. In addition to this they are all trained in Compassion and so are equipped to be sensitive to and respond skillfully to any personal challenges that may arise in your Mindfulness practice.



MINDFULNESS
ASSOCIATION

Finding freedom in our minds to
flourish in our lives



LEVEL 3 MINDFULNESS
TEACHER TRAINING

COMPASSION BASED
LIVING COURSE (CBLC)
TEACHING SKILLS
RETREAT

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ABOUT THE MINDFULNESS ASSOCIATION

At the Mindfulness Association we recognise how Mindfulness frees us from the conditioning that governs and limits our lives. This results in the flourishing of our human potential to make choices about how we live in connection with ourselves and our world. People are able to transform their lives through training in being present, responding with compassion and seeing deeply their habitual patterns of thoughts, feelings and behaviour.

Our objectives are to offer high quality long term trainings in Mindfulness, which help people to establish a regular and beneficial mindfulness practice and which help people to bring mindfulness into all aspect of their daily lives.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PREPARING FOR THIS RETREAT -

To join this retreat you need to have:

- completed our Level 2 Mindfulness Training – Responding with Compassion; and
- completed the Level 2 Teacher Training - MBLC teaching skills retreat.

It is recommended that after completing the Level 2 Teacher training, you teach a couple of MBLC courses under supervision, before applying to attend the CBLC retreat. Having some teaching experience will enable you to get the most out of the CBLC retreat.

THE CBLC RETREAT QUALIFIES AS AN ANNUAL RETREAT UNDER THE ONGOING REQUIREMENTS OF UK GOOD PRACTICE GUIDELINES FOR MINDFULNESS TEACHERS.



LEVEL 3 TEACHER TRAINING – COMPASSION BASED LIVING COURSE (CBLC) TEACHING SKILLS RETREAT

This is an in-depth training retreat over five days exploring each of the stages of the CBLC 8 week course. There will be a strong focus on participants getting ‘hands on’ experience of giving presentations, leading guided practices and enquiry on each of the sessions of the 8 week course with detailed feedback by the workshop tutors.

The rationale behind this retreat is to go through the 8 week course in a step by step manner ensuring that participants understand the rationales behind the practices and the way they fit together as a whole, and have experience in actually delivering them.

Feedback from participants and tutors on this course is given with reference to the domains of the Mindfulness Based Interventions Teaching Assessment Criteria (MBI-TAC), which are explored during this retreat.

During this course participants receive the curriculum including detailed lesson plans of the CBLC and the course manual, which they can copy and hand out to their course participants, as well as access to the audio of guided practices for the training.

Therefore, participants have all they need to begin to deliver the CBLC course by the end of this retreat.

THE COMPASSION BASED LIVING COURSE (CBLC)

The Compassion Based Living Course is a weekly Mindful Compassion course based on the Mindfulness Association’s Level 2 Mindfulness Training – Responding with Compassion. It is an eight week course consisting of eight classes, which are typically two hours long, preceded by an introductory class before the eight week course begins and concluded by follow up class after the eight week course ends. A day of practice is also typically included between weeks 6 and 7.

The weekly themes are:

	Introductory Session	What is Compassion?
	Week 1	– Why practice Compassion?.....Because we suffer
	Week 2	– The Compassionate Mess
	Week 3	– It’s not our fault: An evolutionary perspective
	Week 4	– Creating conditions for Saferness
	Week 5	– Befriending the self-critic
	Week 6	– Finding the Compassionate friend within
	Day of Practice	
	Week 7	– The Four Immeasurable Qualities
	Week 8	– Widening the Circle of Compassion
	Follow Up	– Compassion in action

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