**Calling all Southampton healthcare professionals!**

The Environment Centre (tEC) is working with Global Action Plan to train healthcare staff as **Clean Air Champions.**

Air pollution is acknowledged by the UK Government as the largest environmental health risk to the public. (1) Long-term exposure to air pollution can worsen or cause many chronic health conditions and reduce life expectancy. It causes up to 43,000 deaths in the UK each year. Vulnerable patients in Southampton are particularly at risk of poor health from breathing dirty air.

**What’s a Clean Air Champion?**

A Clean Air Champion shares knowledge and solutions to empower their patients in reducing the impact air pollution has on their lives. A Champion enhances their patients’ health by integrating air quality advice into their consultations.

**What’s involved in becoming a Clean Air Champion?**

Recognising that healthcare professionals are under enormous time-pressures, we’ve made it as easy as possible.  You’ll attend a 2-hour training session (online or in-person) to increase your knowledge and skills so that you can confidently offer air quality advice to your patients.

**What’s in it for me?**

You’ll have access to free resources for your patients and organisation, and on-going support from the Clean Air Champions Network. The Network will host regular webinars and give personalised guidance, as well as opportunities for shared learning.

**How do I register my interest?**

Please complete this short form:

[https://environmentcentre.com/air-quality-champions/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fenvironmentcentre.com%2Fair-quality-champions%2F&data=05%7C02%7Cfreya.kennedy%40nhs.net%7Ca44ada52656c4ba662a908dc2d831aa8%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638435288347486245%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=xdYYZ2pojhWYbyWrvFZfPv%2BwoYqV1%2F7VP6FcDLCL2qM%3D&reserved=0)

We will send you training dates for you to choose from. The training will be delivered between March – June 2024.

**Who can become a Clean Air Champion?**

This programme is available to all healthcare professionals who work within Southampton. The project will run for a minimum of 12 months.

*Feel free to email us at:* [cleanair@environmentcentre.com](mailto:cleanair@environmentcentre.com) *if you have any questions.*

***Please share this invitation with your colleagues! Thank you.***

(1) https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-matters-air-pollution/health-matters-air-pollution