

## Open Badge Network O1A2 OBN Charter

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## Executive Summary

The Open Badge Network Charter outlines the core principles which underpin the network and its mission, and the main activities that will deliver this mission. These principles have been informed by desk research, both into the global Open Badge Community that already exists, as well as establishing the need within Europe for greater understanding of the Open Badge Standard and support to implement it within a localised context. This has led us to understand where the efforts and outputs of the network and its partners should focus.

This Charter has been created collaboratively by the partnership through discussion at partner meetings, which continued remotely online until the final version was achieved. Each partner organisation has signed up to this document as part of their role in the project. Each Associate Partner that joins the network will be required to sign up to the Charter also via the Open Badge Network portal [www.openbadgenetwork.com](http://www.openbadgenetwork.com)



## Open Badge Network (OBN) Charter

**Mission:** To establish Open Badge Network as a trusted source of independent information, tools and informed practice, facilitating a badge ecosystem to be developed across Europe.

**Members of the OBN agree to:**

1. Advocate the adoption of Mozilla's Open Badge standard across Europe to recognise learning achievements gained in variety of contexts
2. Provide information, guidelines and case studies to enable the widest possible adoption of Open Badges across policy, education, employers, service providers and individuals
3. Advocate for and enable social inclusion by ensuring marginalised groups are able to gain recognition for all their skills and achievements, supporting their personal and professional progression
4. Raise the value and profile of informal and non-formal learning taking place outside of formal education
5. Support on-going development of an open source backpack to ensure end users' data is portable between systems and retained by the individual



## Core Activities

### This Charter will be delivered through the following activities:

1. **Promote the use of Open Badges for the recognition of learning;**
  - a. Creation of discussion papers to explore badge issues & opportunities
  - b. Production of guidelines to support implementation
  - c. Localised dissemination via partner networks
  - d. Dissemination via events
  - e. Dissemination via BEU community portal
  
2. **Develop Open Badge initiatives at institutional/local/city/regional/national levels (e.g. Cities of Learning, developing the example of Chicago Summer of Learning - <http://explorechi.org>);**
  - a. Implement pilots informed by guidelines
  - b. Evaluate and make recommendations
  
3. **Promote Open Badges at policy levels;**
  - a. Create White Paper
  - b. Develop a network of advocacy partners
  
4. **Develop innovative practices in learning and employment; and**
  
5. **Make recommendations and implement improvements to the Open Badge Infrastructure, technologies and services.**
  - Improved technology infrastructure
  - Active participation in wider OB community
  - Inventory of OB projects

These activities will be carried out directly, with the support of Open Workshops (6) and of a MOOC. (Massive Open Online Course)

