

# Open Badge Network (OBN) Charter

## The Open Badge Network 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.

The Partnership and Associate Partners of Open Badge Network agree to the following Charter:

1. Advocate the adoption of Mozilla's Open Badge standard across Europe to recognise learning achievements gained in a variety of contexts
2. Provide information, guidelines and use cases 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 Mozilla's open source backpack and other open badging tools, to ensure end users' data is portable between systems and retained by the individual

We ask that all partners of the Open Badge Network agree to support and advocate this Charter.



## Main Activities

This Charter will be delivered through the following project activities:

- 1. Promote the use of Open Badges for the recognition of learning;**
  - Creation of discussion papers to explore badge issues & opportunities
  - Production of guidelines to support implementation
  - Localised dissemination via partner networks
  - Dissemination via events
  - Dissemination via OBN community portal
  
- 2. Develop Open Badge initiatives at institutional/local/city/regional/national levels (e.g. Cities of Learning, developing the example of [Chicago City of Learning](#));**
  - Implement pilots informed by guidelines
  - Evaluate and make recommendations
  
- 3. Promote Open Badges across Europe;**
  - Create White Paper at policy level
  - Develop a network of associate partners to advocate Open Badges within their territories
  
- 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 6 Open Workshops across Europe 2015 - 2017 and a MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) in 2016.

Details of all project activities and the registration portal can be found on the OBN website [www.openbadgenetwork.com](http://www.openbadgenetwork.com)