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# Become an Explorer

The Explore XR team provides a solid understanding of XRUK and is useful for anyone simply looking to find out more get involved. It also provides support, personal connections and all the tools you need for a flying start if you are looking to contribute to a local group or move straight into a role with one of our amazing teams anywhere across the movement.

To become an Explorer register for a [Get Involved session](#)

Comments from previous Explorers:

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“Very informative and very welcoming”

“I was inspired and motivated”

“I found the resources very useful as a grounding to XR (I wish I had done it earlier, I would have been better prepared for some actions) and to help me find where I could contribute in the working groups.”

“Having now started to engage with SOS (Self-Organising System team), I see that a lot of the training I did has put me in a very good position to understand most of what's going on in meetings”.

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We're working to make XRUK a diverse and inclusive space and we welcome applications from everyone. You can begin your studies at any time, choose which topics to study and take as long as you need to finish.

# The Explore XR Team

## Who we are and how to contact us

Our team is made up of Hazel, Matthew, Jacqueline, Sheena, Ned and Michelle. Some of us are established rebels who set up the team; some of us joined after taking the course ourselves.

Michelle and Ned offer 'Explorer Support' and, if you've been happy to give us your phone number, one of us will check in with you. Ned can be contacted for all things technical.

We look forward to meeting you at one of our Zoom Get Involved sessions.

If Explore XR can help in any way with supporting you, please get in touch either by messaging on Mattermost - XR's dedicated comms platform, or emailing us:

- [Explorers channel](#) [Please email us if you'd like a Mattermost account]
- [volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk)

# Finding Your Resources Form without a Hub Account

☐☐ Hello Explorers! Welcome to Explore XR ☐☐

A day or two after you apply to Explore XR (by emailing us at [volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk)), you'll receive an email from [ddat+hub@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:ddat+hub@extinctionrebellion.uk) which contains a direct link to the Explorers Resources form.

If you haven't applied to Explore XR yet, click the link below:

[Apply to Explore XR by joining a Get Involved session](#)

When you click on the Resources form in your email, you will see your form, which looks like this:

## FORM - XR RESOURCES - EXPLORERS

### Explore XR and Get Involved

Welcome to the key resources for Extinction Rebellion UK.  
The resources below will upskill you in useful parts of XR to help you get more involved.  
The form brings together online readings, recorded videos, and Zoom sessions.  
You can choose which materials you want to access and when.

### How to use the Form

Tick the box when you have completed a section to save your progress.  
You can tick things off in any order you like.  
Ticking a box saves your progress but you can also press 'Save' at the top of the form.  
Ticking the boxes also helps the Explore XR team plan improvements.  
If you're on a phone and can't see the tick box, pinch and zoom to expand the screen.  
Hover over or click on ? for important explanations about each module,  
such as what the module is about and who would benefit from it.  
We store this info under the ? to keep the form succinct and easy to read.  
(Click ? again to close the information)

### Tell Us About You ?

#### Full Name or Alias

#### Phone Number

#### Email Address

#### Postcode ?

I give my consent to Extinction Rebellion to contact me using the information I provide, for the purpose of news, actions, requests for volunteers and donations.  
Data processed in accordance with our [Privacy Policy](#).

#### Consent

#### Are you new to XR? ?

Yes  No

Extra information about each part of the form can be found by hovering over or clicking on the Question Mark icons.

- If you have a Hub account you can use the login option.
- Please email us if you'd like accounts on the Hub or Mattermost via [volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk) and we will send you an invite to the Explorers

group.

- Then you can join our [Explorers channel](#) [on Mattermost - XR's dedicated comms platform] for chat and regular updates about the live training.
- Click here if you need information about [Joining the Hub and Mattermost](#)

## We would love to meet you on Zoom!

Please join us for a **Get Involved session** and/or an **Intro to XR talk** on Zoom for a warm welcome and all your questions answered. These are held approximately four times monthly.

[Register here](#)

# Joining the Hub and Finding your Resources Form

☐ Hello Explorers! Welcome to XRUK ☐

We have created a direct link to the Explorers Resources form so that you can access the information without first joining the XRUK Hub. More information [here](#).

Everyone applying to the course from 1st April 2024, will receive this direct link. If you applied before this date and would like the direct link, please email us at

[volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk)

However, if you've received an invite email to join Explorers via the Hub, and you want support with what to do next, this page will help you.

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## STEP 1

### How to Join the Hub

1. Go to your inbox and find the email from **ddat+hub@extinctionrebellion.uk**  
Subject: **Invite to Explorers** (you may need to check your Spam/Junk folder).
2. Click on your invite link. This will open a webpage containing a form that looks like this:

## ACCEPT INVITE TO NEW GROUP

▶ **HELP**

You have been invited to join Explorers

**Your Hub Email Address**

explorer@proton.me

**Login name you will use for logging in here ?**

explorer

**Your full name or nickname (visible to other users)**

Explorer

**Preferred Pronouns ?**

None

**Phone Number ?**

07949069730

**Existing Password ?**

[I have forgotten my password](#)

You have been invited to the following Hub Group(s). If you do not want to accept one or more of the invites, then untick it in the list below.

Hub Group	Group Admin	Accept This Invite	Show My Email ?	Show My Phone Number ?
Explorers	Ned Evans	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

I agree to [Terms of Service](#), [Privacy Policy](#), [Principles and Values](#), and [Online Behaviour Guide](#).

Confirm

3. Fill in the form with your name (this is visible to other users, so you can use a nickname if you like) and create a password and then click **Confirm**.
4. If you know how to find your Resources form then go ahead and create your Hub account, otherwise follow Step 2.

## STEP 2

### How to Find Your Resources form

**Once you've created your Hub account**, you can find your Resources form by clicking the green link 'Hub - My Forms' below, and then select the 'Explorers'

Link here → **Hub - My Forms**

When you click on the green link above, this is what you'll see. If you **don't** see this page, log into the Hub first.



You'll then see the Resources form

Back Save Delete

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Are you new to XR?

Yes No

To find your Resources form again easily, you can save it by bookmarking. Click the green link to find out how to do this.

## How to Bookmark

## Getting in Touch

Once you're on the Hub and Mattermost (XR's dedicated chat platform), use the **Explorers** private chat channel in Mattermost to say "Hi" to your fellow Explorers and the Explore XR Coordinators. You can also ask for support there.

- Click this **link** to go to that channel.
- Or open a browser (Safari, Chrome, Firefox etc) and type in **organise.earth** into the address bar at the top of your screen, select Enter, (Sign in if you need to) and then navigate to the Explorers channel.

**Please Note:** The green link above will work **only** once you've created your accounts on the Hub and Mattermost, so follow the steps above to get set up.

## Help!

If you are concerned about using new tools and platforms – please don't panic! The Explore XR team are here to help. You can get personal help by:

1. Registering for the next **Get Involved** on Zoom for a warm welcome and all your questions answered.

**[Register here for a Get Involved session](#)**

2. Emailing us at **[volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk](mailto:volunteer@extinctionrebellion.uk)**
3. Speaking to a human by calling our super-friendly technical support woman - Ned on 07949 069730

## What on earth is the Hub?

The Hub is our own incredible tool which contains all the info about XRUK groups, as well being a one-stop-shop for our other platforms, e.g. Mattermost and UK Cloud, that we use to organise online. All of our platforms run on secure servers in Switzerland using green electricity! Further info [here](#).

## Mattermost - the App

If you want to use Mattermost via the app on your phone or tablet, download Mattermost Business (Mattermost Classic is the older version of the app - download this one if that's your only option) from the App Store (iPhones) or Google Play Store (Androids). Once downloaded:

- Open the app and go through the Welcome screens
- Where it asks for the Server URL, enter - `organise.earth`
- Where it asks for the Server Name, enter - anything you like! XR or Extinction Rebellion or your cat/dog's name - it doesn't matter what you put here.
- Sign in using the account details you chose when you created your Hub account.

## If You Already Have a Mattermost Account

If you already have a Mattermost account but **not** a Hub account, you can find additional support [on this page](#) or watch this [video](#).

# Zoom and Data Protection Information

## **Zoom Technical and Practical FAQs**

We recognise that studying online is very different from hard copy reading materials and face-to-face learning. Using your Course Schedule form and attending Zoom sessions, as well as registering for them and keeping track of registration emails, can be a challenge, especially if you are not familiar with technology.

For these reasons, do please study our FAQ sheet FIRST as it has answers to many of the most frequent Zoom technical and practical issues you may encounter on the Course.

[Zoom FAQ's / Troubleshooting](#)

## **Data Protection - XR Volunteer Agreement**

By taking part in Explore XR, you may have access to other people's personal details such as email addresses. Therefore, please sign (digitally) our [XR Volunteer Agreement](#).