

Cross-Sectoral
Leading Edge

Empowering Future CEOs and Senior Leaders in the Public & VCSE sectors

COHORT 1: 6 days - January to March 2027

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The LEADING EDGE programme is a dynamic, six-day, in-person learning experience designed to accelerate careers and empower future CEOs and senior leaders in the public and non-profit sectors. This programme is exclusively designed for senior managers who want to take their career to their next level.

Participants will develop essential leadership skills, address sector challenges, and build a strong professional network. Delivered from January to March 2026, this comprehensive, in-person course focuses on practical application, peer learning, and reflection. It enhances individual capabilities, strengthens organisational resilience, and supports succession planning, ensuring a forward-looking and well-prepared leadership team.

Accreditation

The Programme provides an SCQF Level 9 Leadership Award, credit-rated and jointly awarded by Glasgow Caledonian University, equivalent to 10 micro credits.

Your Key Outcomes

- Invaluable insight from Public & VCSE Sector leaders sharing their experiences.
- Empowerment through effective leadership skills that can be utilised in your role.
- Confidence and clarity in your abilities to meet the potential leadership challenges you face.
- Strengthened support network of peers within both Public and VCSE sectors.
- Better understanding of the core competencies required to lead your organisation.

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COHORT 1
PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

MODULE 1

Leading from Within

- Welcome and introductions
- Exploring leadership in 2026
- Understanding our organisation: context and purpose
- Emotional intelligence and personal values
- Identify and explore your leadership strengths
- Learning triad
- Commitments / call to action

12 & 13 January 2027 - 9:30am-3:30pm

MODULE 2

Leading Others

- Check in and action review
- What is your style of leadership?
- Effective communication: feedback and crucial conversations
- Motivation and influence
- Coaching skills
- Learning triad

16 & 17 February 2027 - 9:30am-3:30pm

MODULE 3

Leading Outwards

- Understanding our stakeholders
- Leading diverse teams
- Managing and leading change
- Reviewing your leadership journey
- Planning for success and keeping connected

9 & 10 March 2027 - 9:30am-3:30pm

APPROACH TO LEARNING

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Social Enterprise Academy delivers leadership, enterprise, personal development and social impact programmes, with a strong commitment to peer learning, underpinned by Kolb's learning cycle. Our unique offering is practitioner-led learning exchange where the learning is based on sharing of each others' work and life experiences, facilitated by a relevant practitioner for your group.

OUR APPROACH WILL ENCOURAGE YOU TO:

- Learn from your actions and experiences.
- Take time to reflect on, question and challenge assumptions you make.
- Create mutual benefit from sharing your experiences in your group.
- Learn from the support and questioning of your peers and colleagues.
- Have the courage to try new ways of being and operating.
- Review with peers and colleagues the new insights and lessons you learn



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FACILITATOR

Mairi is an experienced Organisational Learning and Development Consultant. She is an Accredited Coach and has worked with organisations throughout the UK and abroad. Mairi was previously a mental health practitioner and as such has always been interested in issues of well-being in the workplace.

Delivery method: This programme will be delivered in person. Each day of the programme will be a combination of facilitated sessions with some self-directed learning and reflection activities.

100% Previous delegates would recommend this programme.

"It feels as though every element of my leadership has been positively impacted by this course. I have gained insight into not only leadership development but into myself and my team around me"

"I can now see *how* I am a leader (even if I didn't necessarily see it before")

previous Leading Edge Delegates

"The Leading Edge programme provides an innovative approach to leadership development and helped equip me with the skills and confidence to become a Chief Executive Officer. I would recommend this programme to anyone in a senior management role and contemplating taking that next step in their career!"

Martin Flynn - CEO at OCN

INVESTMENT

This programme is kindly supported by Chief Executive Forum and places are available at the highly subsidised rate of:

MEMBERS **£999**

NON-MEMBERS **£1600**

(PLUS £195 FEE FOR THOSE PURSUING ACCREDITATION)

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PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK

100% FEEL THEY HAVE CHANGED AS A LEADER

92% FEEL BETTER EQUIPPED TO ADDRESS THE CHALLENGES / OPPORTUNITIES IN THEIR ROLE

100% WOULD RECOMMEND THIS PROGRAMME



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