



Leadership in Action



Dear Leadership in Action Participant

Welcome to the Leadership in Action programme. I and the course team are looking forward to working with you during the course.

Three days is a lot to commit to and I would like to thank you for doing so. The team of facilitators and presenters will be focused on enabling you to make the most of your time on the programme. For us, it is really important that you are able to take away what you learn and apply it in your working life as a researcher.

I used to be an academic and I have worked in researcher development for some years. I believe in enabling researchers to maximise their potential and equipping them with skills to succeed in higher education and beyond. Learning leadership skills can make a significant contribution to your career and the lives of those you work with. We know from experience that programmes like this are an established and successful way of training people in leadership skills.

The course's aim is for you to build your awareness of how you lead best. By this I mean ways that make the most of your personality, your skills and your values. This is not a course about leadership theory – it is about learning leadership by doing it. Everyone will be given the chance to lead a group activity. These activities are interactive, experiential and fun. They will stretch you, so come prepared for a challenge and ready to learn

To get the maximum benefit, we encourage you to engage as fully as possible with the activities and then take time to reflect on what you have learnt. The way the programme is designed will help you in this process.

Your learning and how you apply it is unique to you. So, before you start the course it would be helpful for you to consider:

- What would you like to learn from the programme?
- What do you need to do to make the most of the opportunity?

If you have any specific requirements that will enable you to participate fully in the programme, please email catherine.seed@mpls.ox.ac.uk or karen.brayshaw@mpls.ox.ac.uk, the course managers.

Looking forward to meeting and working with you on the course.

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