

MA in Leadership for Sustainability



This programme explores theories and practices relating to leadership and change for sustainability. Its highly participative learning approach is based on action research. Significant elements of the degree are conducted through virtual learning. Participants develop their own practice throughout the programme.

The MA in Leadership for Sustainability is for people who are already convinced of the need to develop a more sustainable society, and are taking leadership of some kind to contribute to change. Some participants will already be working in corporate responsibility and sustainability roles, and will use the programme to enhance their effectiveness in leading change. Other participants will want to develop their careers in these directions.

The MA will provide:

- Engagement in intellectual debates that reflect core issues and dilemmas
- Development of research skills and understanding
- Engagement with systemic thinking and issues of power, politics and diversity applied to change for sustainability
- Opportunities to experiment with leadership for sustainability both through participation in the programme and in work and professional lives.
- A learning community of colleagues

Participative approaches based in critical inquiry and action research underpin the programme. This learning model provides a forum into which multi-dimensional examples relating to issues of change for sustainability will be introduced, to be explored in depth. These will include discussions led by researchers from a range of disciplines and case examples of organisational and systemic issues. Sessions will provide both substantive material relating to sustainability and opportunities to explore issues of leadership and change. Participants' engagement in learning sets and in an online networked learning community are key elements of the programme.

Joint Programme Directors:

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KEY FACTS

Duration:
2 years, part-time

Start date:
November 2009

Designed for:
People who recognise the need for attention to climate change, sustainability, social justice and corporate responsibility, and who are seeking to take leadership in relation to these issues.

Intake:
16-20 course participants

Workshops:
4 at Lancaster University Management School;
2 online; 2 at residential centres

Fees:
£5500 per annum (2009 intake)