



free!

Business Leader Workshops

Practical problem-solving for managers and directors

As a business owner/manager or director, you are probably far too busy running the company to go on training courses – so where do you turn for fresh business ideas, or solutions to management issues?

Skillfast-UK, the Sector Skills Council for fashion and textiles, has joined forces with the Northern Leadership Academy, to offer business managers and leaders some very practical help in working smarter, not harder.

The Business Leader Workshop programme is a series of 10 four-hour sessions run over the course of a year. At the sessions, you will share your issues with a select group of your peers from other areas of industry. With the help of an expert facilitator, you will then discuss and solve each other's business issues in a confidential and supportive environment.

Through this programme, top business brains, with hundreds of years of business experience between them, will help you to get to the bottom of your business problems – whether it be a decision on how to branch out into new markets, how to handle staff issues, or ideas for new sources of finance. As well as practical business advice from people who have “been there”, previous course members have found the sessions to be highly motivating, and a great way to recharge the business batteries!

Venue and cost

Each workshop session will take place at a venue in Leeds. Due to support from the Northern Leadership Academy, this programme is offered free of charge, but places are strictly limited. Future courses will be on a paid-for basis, so this is a unique opportunity to save hundreds of pounds on support that is highly relevant to you, and that and really works.

How to take part

To join the programme, you need to check your eligibility against the criteria below.

You can join the Business Leader Workshop programme if you are:

- An owner-manager, director or senior manager in your business, and...
- Your company is involved in the design or manufacture of fashion and/or textiles, and...
- Your company has been running for two years or more, and...
- Your main company base is in Yorkshire, and...
- You are prepared to commit to attending 10 four-hour sessions over the course of a year (at times to be agreed by the group), and...
- You are willing to share your own business experiences openly and constructively with other business leaders in the group.

If you are eligible, and you'd like to know more, call Anji Barrett at Skillfast-UK on 07834 130614 for an informal discussion and/or to register for a place.

Skillfast-UK

Richmond House
Lawnswood Business Park
Redvers Close
Leeds LS16 6RD

T 0113 23 99 600
F 0113 23 99 601
info@skillfast-uk.org
www.skillfast-uk.org

Skills for Business is an employer-led network consisting of 25 Sector Skills Councils and the Sector Skills Development Agency. Through labour market intelligence, the identification of skills needs at all levels and its influence on the UK's education and learning infrastructure, the network aims to increase productivity in business and public services.