**The Leading Together Programme for Learning Disabilities**

**Application form for families and carers**

*Would you like to understand and demonstrate how to effectively work with lay partners to improve health and care?*

*Would you like to support sustainable change and move beyond tokenism towards creating a culture of coproduction?*

*If “YES”, then the Leading Together Programme may be for you!*

**The Leading Together Programme[[1]](#footnote-1)**

The Leading Together Programme is a leadership development course co-created and co-delivered by service users, carers, professionals and the public. The Programme brings together lay people and professionals to reflect, learn from each other and help embed co-production across healthcare and research. It is aimed at lay people and professionals who are, or want to be, working together at a strategic level. The Programme consists of three one-day workshops over three months, bringing together equal numbers of lay people and professionals. This, in conjunction with a joint project, aims to develop local, sustainable relationships. In 2016, we delivered the Programme to 50 professionals and 50 lay partners across the South of England. We are now co-designing a programme for people with learning disabilities and those professionals that want to work collaboratively with them. This will be a pilot programme working with Oxford Health NHS foundation Trust and My Life, My Choice. The pilot will be independently evaluated.

**What will the Programme be like?**

This will not be the kind of programme where you’ll be sat back listening to people telling you what to do. We’ll be inviting you to think and talk about the concepts, try out some skills, reflect on your experience, test out your ideas and work with others to carryout a project to make a difference to the learning disabilities community. This is a link to a short video that hears from previous participants <https://youtu.be/PPtsDOTC_IQ>.

**Dates and Venue for the Programme**

The Programme workshops will be held at West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0BT. The workshops will run between May and July on the following dates:

* Workshop 1 – 01 May 2018
* Workshop 2 – 07 June 2018
* Workshop 3 - 05 July 2018

The project you will undertake will start during this time, although it is likely that it will continue after the last workshop. There will be project support calls with the Programme facilitators to help you design and complete your project. The length of time the project might take will be determined by the exact nature of what you, and your co-workers, decide to do.

**Please note that completion of all aspects of the Programme is important.**

**Application process**

There is a two-stage selection process for the two family and carers places on the course. The first step is completing this application form that will be reviewed by a panel of professionals and people with learning disabilities. On the basis of this review people will be invited to a short interview.

The criteria that will be used in this selection process are that the applicant shows:

* a clear statement of intent to work collaboratively with lay partners
* commitment to attend **all** the Programme workshops and complete a project
* an aspiration to make a positive contribution to change within health and care
* clear ideas on how to use the learning from the Programme within their role, team and organisation.

**Application deadline**

**Please submit your completed application form by February7th 2018 to** [**leadingtogether@oxfordahsn.org**](mailto:leadingtogether@oxfordahsn.org)**.**

Applications will be reviewed and decisions communicated within one week of the application deadline.

If you need any assistance with your application form, or would like to discuss the Programme, please send any queries to [leadingtogether@oxfordahsn.org](mailto:leadingtogether@oxfordahsn.org).

**Application form**

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| **Personal Details (please complete all fields)** | |
| Name (first name and surname) |  |
| Organisation |  |
| Role |  |
| Email address |  |
| Organisation address if applicable |  |
| Phone numbers (please give work and mobile numbers) |  |

1. What appeals to you about participating in this Programme?
2. What does “leading together” mean to you, and what in particular interests you about working collaboratively with lay partners?
3. What attributes, skills and experience would you bring to the Programme?
4. Why should you be offered a place on this Programme?
5. How did you hear about the Leading Together Programme?

**I understand that in applying I am committing to complete all aspects of the Programme, to attend all workshops and complete a joint project.**

***YES/NO***

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**Thank-you**

1. [***http://www.oxfordahsn.org/our-work/patient-and-public-engagement-involvement-and-experience/leading-together/***](http://www.oxfordahsn.org/our-work/patient-and-public-engagement-involvement-and-experience/leading-together/) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)