

Windsor Leadership Bursary Recipient Testimonials 2019

Alex Harris
Senior Pastor, Beacon
Church
2019 Apr EmL



“The Windsor experience especially reminded me of the importance of leading through relationships as much as through position or vision. The programme went beyond ‘competency’ and enabled consideration of character and capacity. We are now working as a church to release 20-30% of my time to serving beyond Beacon Church in wider societal roles.”

Laura Peters
Director of
Communications,
Cancer Research UK
2019 Apr EmL



“It was truly life-changing and I'm a better, more confident leader because of the opportunity you gave me. The biggest impact of the programme was instilling a sense of courage in me and identifying the importance of living by my values. I've had lots of positive feedback about my performance as a leader since the programme.”

Rev Innocent Abonyi
Minister of Religion,
(Catholic Priest)
2019 Apr EmL



“Windsor has helped me to open up to new ideas and change, as well as realize the importance of adapting to new strategies. It was the reflection underpinned by critical assessment from my co-participants which allowed me to deconstruct and understand my assumptions and consider different ways to reconstruct incidents with other possible outcomes. This has helped me understand myself a little bit better.”

David Whyte
Youth Director-
Wesleyan Holiness
Church
2019 Jun EmL



“My time at Windsor was pivotal as it has given me the confidence to be the leader others need me to be, whilst being integral and holding firmly to the values I have. It was truly an amazing experience which has changed the way I look at leadership and has given me the confidence and belief to continue the work that God has called me to do.”

Kirsty Wordsworth
Head of Engagement,
Home for Good
2019 Feb EmL



“The bursary was hugely significant in enabling me to attend given my role in such a young charity. I'm very grateful for the investment into my leadership journey personally; it has given me a renewed confidence in the skills and authentic leadership I bring to my workplace which I know will continue to influence my contributions to the organisation.”

Abigail Lock
Group Head of
Community
Engagement, The
Charity for Civil
Servants
2019 Feb EmL



“Windsor has been pivotal. It came at a point when I was at a personal crossroads and it has enabled me to have more clarity about what is important to me in my leadership journey. I also have an amazing cohort who I am in contact with who I would not have had the opportunity to meet without Windsor.”

Susannah Drury
Director of Policy and
Development, Missing
People
2019 Feb DvL



“Firstly, a huge thank you - there is no way I or the charity could afford the world class leadership course, advice and contacts provided by Windsor. The programme has made me more reflective in terms of my approach. It has given me a peer group of impressive people to support, challenge and advise me. It has made me realise I have a lot to offer others from my own leadership experience”

Jehangir Malik
CEO, Muslim Aid
2019 Feb DvL



“Windsor taught me I was spreading myself too thin and needed to ensure greater focus for greater impact. Without the funders support, charities like ours would struggle to invest in leadership programmes. Leadership is a heavy burden and responsibility and leadership programmes and networks like this one are key to ensure civil society leaders get the support they need.”

Helen Jones
CEO, MindOut
2019 Jun DvL



“A massive thank you! It felt like a real privilege to come on the course, to have such a great opportunity and to meet so many amazing people. It has given me more confidence in myself as a leader. It was very instructive to network with leaders from such a broad range of organisations, to step outside my sector, and find what we had in common, and our differences”

Jo Rice
Managing Director,
Resurgo
2019 Jun DvL



“Without the bursary that was granted it wouldn't have been possible for me to attend this programme. The opportunity to engage with the leadership challenges of peers from other sectors was incredibly enlightening and the supportive community that was established in such a short space of time has already provide precious in a matter of just weeks.”

Clare Montagu
Chief Operating Officer,
Royal Trinity Hospice
2019 Jun DvL



“I'm profoundly grateful for the opportunity to attend Windsor. It is such a precious experience: the combination of peers from a wide range of professional backgrounds, expert speakers and time to reflect is truly unique. It was such a privilege, and not something that someone from my professional background could reasonably have expected to access without a bursary.”

Eileen Cole
Senior Communications
Officer, Catholic
Bishops' Conference of
England & Wales
2019 Mar WvL



“Coming to Windsor was definitely a pivotal experience. It allowed me to question myself deeply, contrast my perceptions with those of my syndicate group and reach very constructive conclusions for the way forward. It has helped me stop doubting myself. I have a lot to give and I am trying to be very generous in that giving. Thank you!”

Susan Whiddington
Director, Mousetrap
Theatre Projects
2019 May ExL



“My syndicate offered me an unparalleled opportunity to think through challenging leadership situations with a small group of individuals who over three days I got to know quite well. I think this leadership programme is exemplary - both for the range of outstanding senior leaders you meet and work with and for the opportunity to take time out of your day-to-day routine to reflect on larger, more strategic issues facing you at work.”

Chandra McGowan
CEO, Whiteley Homes
Trust
2019 May ExL



“The opportunity for thinking more broadly and the quality of the connections was incredibly stimulating. I have taken more positive action about my personal ability to influence social reform since attending. It re-connected me to my purpose on the planet. Thank you for the space in which to find this.”