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LEADING THROUGH COMPLEXITY

An interdisciplinary leadership programme
designed for health and care professionals.

Start date: April 30th, 2025

LIS x THE KING'S FUND

Why are we joining forces?

LIS and The King's Fund share a common mission: equipping leaders with the tools and perspectives needed to navigate today's most pressing challenges.

Both institutions are deeply invested in fostering systemic change and innovation, particularly in health and care systems. By combining LIS's expertise in interdisciplinary learning and cross-functional leadership with The King's Fund's in-depth knowledge of health and social care policy, this collaboration creates a unique opportunity to address the complexity of leadership in health.

Together, we aim to empower leaders to drive systemic change, challenge entrenched norms, and lead beyond traditional boundaries. The result is a unique learning experience that combines cutting-edge insights with practical applications for real-world leadership.

Visualising
Complexity

Attention
Practice

Justice &
Sustainability

Perspective
Inclusion

Systems
Thinking

Immunity
to Change

Interactive
Expertise

COURSE STRUCTURE

ONSITE (full day)

4 ONLINE (2hr)

ONSITE (full day)

Duration: 7 weeks

Format: Blend of in-person and virtual sessions

Start Date: April 2025

Price: £2,000

This experiential course is designed to help health and care leaders navigate complexity, lead systemic change, and build the capacity for sustained impact. The programme combines hands-on activities, interdisciplinary frameworks, and collective problem-solving to address real-world challenges in health and care leadership.

Participants will:

- Explore the evolving landscape of health and care leadership.
- Develop tools to lead beyond their formal authority.
- Build their internal capacity to manage complexity.
- Work on a personal leadership challenge using a unique Course Artefact framework.

**What learners are
saying about LIS.**

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**The course
was potentially
life changing.**

**I'm hoping this isn't the end
of my journey with LIS.”**

Adam,
Founding Partner at Simple Revolution
Cross-Functional Leadership alum

WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

Participants will engage with real-world challenges to explore:

The Evolving Landscape of Leadership: Understand interdisciplinary and systemic approaches to health challenges, and learn about collective intelligence and interactional expertise.

Leading Beyond Authority: Explore the distinction between authority and leadership, and develop skills to influence and collaborate across sector boundaries.

Building Internal Capacity: Practice attention techniques to enhance leadership, and engage in self-reflection and identify “immunity to change” barriers.

Creating Systemic Impact: Use a “Course Artefact” to map and visualise complex systems, and develop actionable strategies for systemic change.

FACULTY

Our distinguished faculty brings expertise from **interdisciplinary leadership, health and care policy, and systemic change:**



Kathryn Perera

Senior Consultant, The King's Fund

Dr Kathryn Perera works in the Leadership and Organisational Development team, where she co-designs and facilitates leadership initiatives with boards, executive teams and organisations, supporting them to work with more intention and impact.



Carl Gombrich

Dean, London Interdisciplinary School

Carl has a background in Maths, Physics, Philosophy and Music but for the last 15 years has worked as a philosopher of and practitioner in interdisciplinary education. He was the founding Programme Director of the Arts and Sciences BASc at UCL - the first BASc in the UK - and is the founding Dean of LIS, leading on curriculum design and building of the faculty.



Waqas Ahmed

Assistant Professor, LIS

Waqās is the author of *The Polymath* and founder of the DaVinci Network. A former Visiting Scholar at Cambridge, his work spans art, science, and international affairs, with research in comparative theology, non-Western art, and interdisciplinary leadership.



Dr Adam Kenny

Assistant Professor, LIS

Adam is a quantitative anthropologist applying data science to study human behaviour and evolution. With degrees from Cambridge, UCL, and Oxford, he has taught data science, lectured on human sciences, and worked as a secondary school teacher before joining LIS.



Ash Brockwell

Associate Professor, LIS

Ash is an interdisciplinary academic, consultant, and visual artist with expertise in biochemistry, anthropology, and sustainability, contributing to 30+ publications across evaluation, healthcare, biodiversity, design, and sustainability fields.



Simon Newitt

Senior Consultant, The King's Fund

Simon has a PhD in cultural anthropology and has taught health anthropology and sociology at several UK universities. He works at The King's Fund and chairs Empire Fighting Chance, a Bristol charity using boxing to support at-risk youth.



Niccolo Pescetelli

Associate Professor, LIS

Niccolo is a senior behavioural and data scientist with a DPhil in experimental psychology from Oxford. He co-founded PSi, a platform for analysing large-scale online conversations, and researches collective intelligence to improve collaboration and governance.



María Angelica

Associate Professor, LIS

María Angélica is an artist, curator, and researcher with exhibitions worldwide, including Los Angeles and London. She holds MAs in Art and Philosophy and is completing a PhD in Philosophy, Art, and Critical Thought. She was Head of Art in Colombia from 2015-2020.



Ella Miodownik

Special Projects Associate, LIS

Ella is a biochemist, artist, and science communicator. She holds a dual degree in Fine Art and Biochemistry & Molecular Biology from Wesleyan University and a MSc in Science Communication from Imperial College London.

COURSE DATES

SCHEDULE

Session 1: 30th April
10am - 4pm, LIS Campus

Session 2: 7th May
1pm - 3pm, Online

Session 3: 14th May
1pm - 3pm, Online

Session 4: 4th June
1pm - 3pm, Online

Session 5: 11th June
1pm - 3pm, Online

Session 6: 18th June
10am - 4pm,
The King's Fund Campus

MODULES

Intro to Systemic Thinking

Explore systemic thinking, complexity, and interdisciplinary approaches to leadership.

Leading Beyond Formal Authority

Learn to lead beyond formal roles by integrating cultural perspectives.

Shifting Mindsets

Discover new ways to approach complexity through collaborative perspectives.

Leading 'From the Outside-In'

Leverage collective intelligence and systems thinking for deeper impact.

Leading 'From the Inside-Out'

Enhance collaboration by aligning personal growth with systemic leadership.

Integration and Synthesis

Apply course insights to your unique context and organisational challenges.

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