INTRODUCTION TO HIGHER EDUCATION

Understanding the context
Introduction to Higher Education provides the sharpest insights into live issues to help professionals navigate the complex higher education landscape. Those new to higher education or to a managerial role will find this orientation invaluable for becoming effective quickly.

About IHE
Delivered by some of the sector’s most experienced and forward-thinking leaders, speakers include vice-chancellors, deputy and pro vice-chancellors, registrars, directors of professional services, and world-class academics, as well as representatives from national agencies that support higher education institutions.

This dynamic programme complements local induction by illuminating a wider perspective on the most current issues affecting higher education in the UK and globally. Launched in 1971, around 2000 leaders and managers have participated in the programme, many of whom have gone on to top leadership positions within higher education.

You will reflect on how you can make an impact in your role in your own institution and consider how you can best apply insights from the programme.

IHE enables you to share experiences and ideas with managers working in many different functions across the full range of higher education institutions. As well as providing the sharpest insights into live issues, IHE offers the long-term benefits of a network of peers across the UK, and a great foundation for future career development.

Who is IHE for?
IHE benefits those new to higher education, or newly promoted to a managerial role within a university or higher education college.

Participants new to higher education will gain an understanding of the cultures, systems and processes that are specific to it, while the recently promoted manager will increase their awareness of the strategic issues facing leaders and managers across higher education.

Managers working for organisations related to higher education will also find that it provides them with a wide and thorough understanding of how higher education operates.

Programme objectives
By the end of the programme you will have:

- Questioned the core business of higher education to consider the place of teaching, research and enterprise from the perspectives of people leading and delivering these areas
- Expanded your perspective of the current and future leadership and management challenges in the sector
- Deepened your understanding of how higher education works; its policies and practices and cultures
- Seen how other institutions are similar and different from your own, and shared ideas with colleagues
- Identified how you can make a positive impact in your own institution
- Developed a valuable network of contacts
Special features

The programme covers the following core areas:

- The framework of higher education – understanding the evolution of the sector in the UK
- The student experience – a first-hand account of how HEIs engage with students
- Finance – a practical session on funding and finance across the UK
- Managing strategically within a global context – exploring the international landscape and how it affects the management of UK institutions
- The developing role of professional managers and administrators – expertly guided personal reflection and development
- Visions for the future – a look at some of the challenges and opportunities that are emerging within the higher education sector

Programme structure

This insightful programme is delivered as two one-day modules, which can be taken individually or as a set:

- Today’s Universities: Today’s Issues
- Tomorrow’s Universities: Tomorrow’s Challenges

The two modules complement each other and are structured so that presentations are interspersed with participative activities. The programme is knowledge-rich and, to ensure participants can apply this to their own situation, there are frequent opportunities for questions and informal discussion.

IHE examines the most pertinent topics in higher education. Day one explains how we arrived where we are today and what universities do (teaching, research, enterprise and the student experience) and how they are funded. Day two offers insight into how universities are responding to government policy, demographic shifts and the international picture.

Find out more

Want to discuss this programme further? Talk to Kate.
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A previous participant said:

“IHE is an excellent programme for any one who has recently been employed in the higher education sector. The diversity and views of the speakers make for a very interesting and thought-provoking two days and the opportunity to engage with colleagues who are in a similar position (in terms of their experience with higher education) is invaluable.”

Programme director

Kate Tapper

Kate has worked in the higher education sector since 2002, first in student recruitment and admissions, then careers guidance, before moving into staff and organisational development at the University of Bristol. Now an external consultant to the University sector, she supports individuals, teams, departments and organisations through change and development programmes. Kate works in partnership to question and challenge the ways things are done and create a working culture that supports people, research, teaching and enterprise to grow and shine. She is a regular conference speaker in the UK but most enjoys her work as a facilitator, supporting groups to release and give life to their ideas.

If you would like more information about IHE contact the programme coordinator:
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How to book

Places are offered on this programme on a first come basis. Dates, deadlines and booking conditions can be found online at www.lfhe.ac.uk/ihe
What they say about Introduction to Higher Education:

“This course exceeded my expectations and fulfilled its aims perfectly. Kate Tapper was great as course leader, with the right amount of input and interaction. All the speakers were really well-chosen and gave invaluable insights into University life. Thank you!”

Annikki Laitinen, University of Kent

“A very informative programme with excellent speakers who have a great deal of knowledge to share.”

Patricia Duzinkewycz, University of Dundee

“Simply the best explanation of the student funding issue and its impact on universities that I have heard from any university management, academic, journalist or government source.”

IHE past participant

“A stimulating and comprehensive introduction to HE for non-HE people.”

Rob Careless, University of Derby

“Very enjoyable and useful for someone new to the HEI sector. Great to get together with colleagues from across the sector and share and explore approaches to the issues we are all grappling with.”

Michelle Usher, Birmingham City University

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