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# FAITH-BASED LEADERSHIP APPRENTICESHIP

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## JOIN THE FAITH-BASED LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME THROUGH OUR APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME

Apprenticeships bring together university study and invaluable on-the-job training. Our aim at the University of Birmingham is to support participants with practical knowledge and understanding required to lead a faith community. Our Faith-Based Leadership Level 7 Apprenticeship, aligned to the Senior Leader Apprenticeship Standard, allows learners to gain a Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-Based Leadership funded by the Apprenticeship Levy.

As a Russell Group University our levy-funded Apprenticeship programmes are developed with research-informed teaching at their heart, bringing together world-class research and cutting-edge facilities to produce exceptional learning outcomes.



## WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAMME?

- Interdisciplinary programme offering a unique combination of insight and learning in organisational leadership, professional development and theological reflection upon practice in interreligious and interdenominational context.
- Collaborative online learning delivery with plenty of opportunities to learn from colleagues as well as leading academic experts with experience in faith community leadership and with regular live, interactive seminars and material for self-directed learning.
- Strong focus on equality, diversity and inclusion in leadership and on professional excellence in organisational management.
- Three 'virtual residentials' a year with special practitioner masterclasses led by leading international experts from a variety of religious and professional backgrounds.
- A continuing focus on the practical application of learning in the context of participant organisations, and the positive outcomes created.
- Fully levy-funding compliant with advice and guidance from our Apprenticeship team
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## OVERVIEW

Leading a faith community today is an increasingly complex and challenging task. Our Level 7 Faith-Based Leadership Apprenticeship programme helps develop effective, equipped and well-informed leaders who can help their organisations maximise their impact for the good of the society.

Today's faith communities are often sizeable organisations with sophisticated educational, healthcare or social engagement projects and significant financial turnover. However, the initial training of faith leaders understandably focuses on their theological and pastoral skills, leaving many leaders with significant professional responsibilities and management challenges that they sometimes feel ill-equipped to confront.

The Postgraduate Diploma in Faith-Based Leadership offers a globally-unique approach to faith leadership development, combining insight into organisational, administrative, managerial and leadership skills from negotiation to social entrepreneurship, from decision science to ethical purchasing, and from leading volunteers to intercultural engagement with a commitment to faith-sensitive application of these core principles on the ground in faith communities across the world.

The Faith-Based Leadership Level 7 Apprenticeship is a two-year, part-time programme designed for senior and emerging senior leaders from across a variety of faiths, from faith-based organisations and from governmental and non-governmental organisations that deal with faith-based issues as part of their everyday life. Our programme is ideal for, for example, chairs of trusts, mosques, temples and gurdwaras, directors of companies and CIOs, bishops, area deans or equivalent, CEOs or COOs from faith-based organisations.

## GETTING IN TOUCH

To learn more about engaging with the University please visit:  
[www.birmingham.ac.uk/partners/degree-apprenticeships](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/partners/degree-apprenticeships)

Or email us at: [degreeapps@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:degreeapps@contacts.bham.ac.uk)

## SUCCESS AND IMPACT

The University is currently offering Apprenticeship programmes with a number of partners across the private, public and third sectors, in business, local government, education and the NHS against the following Apprenticeship Standards:

- Level 6 Digital and Technology Solutions Professional
- Level 7 Rail and Rail Systems Principal Engineer
- Level 7 Senior Leader
- Level 7 Chartered Town Planner
- Level 7 Advanced Clinical Practitioner
- Level 7 Geotechnical Engineer

The University is continuing to develop further programmes against a number of additional Apprenticeship Standards and our offer for partners continues to grow.

## GUIDANCE FOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES

The programme is fully levy-funding compliant. Talk to our Apprenticeships team to understand what this might mean for you.

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