

The Chairs Leadership Programme

An innovative programme from the ETF for board Chairs, designed to help them maximise the impact of their tenure on their college and local community.

The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) has commissioned the Chairs Leadership Programme (CLP) for delivery to a new cohort during the 2026-27 academic year. Designed and delivered by King's College London and ChangeSchool, who are proven in the delivery of high-quality, contemporary leadership education for the further education sector, this programme brings to bear a wealth of experience to the participants.

The programme starts with a one-day residential with overnight stay in Birmingham, followed by three in person 'unlearning/relearning' masterclasses that approach management and leadership issues through a variety of curated learning metaphors. The programme also includes mentoring from experienced board chairs and optional agile learning sets to support participants in exploring and dealing with emerging and current issues in their work.



The programme is designed to be both practical and immediately relevant to both new and experienced Chairs, and provides the opportunity to embed learning through reflective practice and build new networks and support structures within the sector.

The CLP begins with a one-day residential in November 2026 focused on strategic leadership in a disruptive world. This interactive day starts with an exercise designed to highlight potential disruptive forces, surfaces potential opportunities these create and develop insights into the personal and organisational capabilities your organisation will need to enhance and develop in order to thrive. The second part of the day focuses on strategic transformation to drive innovation, foster adaptability and navigate the uncertainties of a dynamic environment. The three in-person unlearning/relearning masterclasses, taking place from December through to March 2027, focus on key topics relevant to senior executives such as risk, leadership intelligence and innovation using metaphors and facilitated learning experiences from the world of art, sport and science.

Who will benefit from attending?

New and experienced board Chairs looking to reflect on and refine their strategic leadership and use this to maximise the positive impact of the remainder of their time as Chair. Participants must be chairing the board of a college or be a Deputy Chair in order to participate.

For more information and to book please visit: [Chairs Leadership Programme](#)

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