Developing the leaders of tomorrow

Frontrunner is a student leadership programme delivered for Lancaster University by international development organisation, Common Purpose

What is Frontrunner?
The course explores leadership by taking you behind the scenes in the city of Lancaster to find out how it works.

You will meet leaders from an incredible range of organisations across different sectors (many of whom will be potential employers), explore local issues, how leaders are tackling them and the value of diversity in the workplace.

Common Purpose’s long-standing relationships with these organisations ensure your experience is authentic; and the networks that you form will be long-lasting and directly beneficial to your transition into work after university.

Developing student leaders
Common Purpose runs Frontrunner for students with disabilities in universities across the UK. Lancaster University has sponsored Frontrunner for its students with the aim of:

• supporting students embarking on careers
• developing confidence and empowering students who have faced significant challenges
• helping to establish and grow a future generation of leaders.

Common Purpose has delivered over ten Frontrunners for disabled students in cities across the UK. 400 disabled students have participated, representing almost 100 universities.

Date: 23-25 June 2015
Location: Lancaster University
Course fee: Free
Who: This course is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students with a disability as defined under the Equality Act 2010 as well as students who face significant challenges or difficulties due to their health or wellbeing.

How to apply:
Download an application at http://goo.gl/31NWcu or collect a copy from Careers at The Base.
Come to a drop-in session to find out more or get help with your application.
Contact careers@lancaster.ac.uk for further information.

Application deadline: Monday 25 May 2015

Information

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What will you do?

• Investigate how leadership operates in practice
• Learn about where power and influence lies in the city of Lancaster
• Tackle real life organisational challenges and present ideas for solutions to the organisations you visit
• Spend one afternoon off campus visiting an organisation (all transport will be provided)
• Work in and lead teams
• Meet senior leaders and benefit from their experience

How do you benefit?

• Accelerate your leadership skills
• Increase your employability by adding value to your CV
• Develop communication and presentation skills
• Develop your ability to adapt and thrive in multiple environments
• Collaborate with peer students and form long-lasting networks
• Foster an ability to work with senior leaders around the country
• Explore future opportunities for personal and professional development

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