

**The KYRA
Foundation Degree
Programme
March 2011**



LEADERSHIP for a BETTER FUTURE

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KYRA is a unique and distinctive organisation that brings together businesses, the public sector, the community and voluntary sector to offer students from all walks of life the opportunity to become leaders.

It seeks students who are motivated; ambitious to see a better future for themselves and their families; keen to improve their prospects in the workplace and take on more responsibilities. KYRA's strong focus on work based learning and developing leadership and management skills also offers clear benefits to employers, particularly in these very competitive times.

It asks students who graduate to contribute to building a better society especially in areas of greatest deprivation.

Course Details

The course develops strong academic and vocational skills to boost your long term employment prospects and power you to the next level. The course comprises ten modules with results based on a combination of coursework and work related activity.

Every applicant will be given an individual interview to ensure that they know as much as possible about the course before enrolment.

We want to hear from students who are interested in joining the KYRA programme beginning in March 2011.

An Employer's View

'The KYRA Programme adds great value to the individuals who take part and to our organisation as a whole.

The approach that is taken to developing leaders within the context of the community and the society which they serve is unique.'

Ben Birchall
HR & Staff Development Director
Pertemps People Development Group

'The KYRA course can be directly related to the day to day work of busy nursing managers, enabling them to transfer theory into practice whilst undertaking the necessary analysis expected at degree level.'

Emma Aspinall
Director of Care
Acorns Childrens Hospices

**Pioneering
Programme**

The first of its kind in the UK, the KYRA Foundation Degree Programme takes two years part-time study. KYRA's flexibility ensures that you gain higher level qualifications without having to take a career break.

Every student will have the support of a Learning Counsellor and a workplace Mentor to guide them through the course and to help identify and develop the key skills needed for success.

The programme has been running for five years and KYRA graduates are already reaping the benefits of the skills, knowledge and experiences gained through their studies.

What Our Students Say

'KYRA has revolutionised the way I work and my learning is having a big impact on my own and others' performance.

I would heartily recommend this course to anyone looking to just be better'

Steve Binns
Current Student
Pertemps Coachright

'You can only go so far in a job until you hit a wall. If you want to go further, you have to get that wall down. I got the wall down by joining KYRA.'

Nicky Jones
Security Supervisor
Millennium Point

"Good Leaders
are made not born."

Bob Battye,
VISTAGE International

External Examiner

In his reports The External Examiner says the following:

August 2008: "I am very impressed by what the students are achieving on this course. In particular, the course has achieved this practical focus whilst developing students academically as well... I would like to reiterate my view that this course has tremendous potential and is doing something very important."

August 2009: "The quality of assessment and feedback would demonstrate a purposeful programme with a high level of pastoral care regarding assessment for the learners which is tailored to suit their learning needs."

Programme Modules

- Lifelong learning
- Leadership
- Management and Organisation
- Financial Management
- Communication and ICT
- Law
- Culture - diversity and the common good
- Enterprising communities
- Individual Research Project
- Student negotiated module

Contacting KYRA

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Student Benefits

- Part-time, flexible course
- High levels of individual support from experienced mentors and learning counsellors
- Highly valued Degree qualification from Aston University.
- Opportunity to develop key leadership skills to make a difference in the workplace
- High quality teaching from course tutors and director

Benefits for Employers

- New energy and skill into the organisation
- Innovation to improve performance
- Collaborative relationships supporting the expectations of employers

Entry Requirements

- Unlike traditional degrees, the KYRA programme does not require formal academic qualification.
- Successful applicants will need to demonstrate ability to undertake the programme, display a spirit of enterprise and social awareness, be highly motivated and passionate about succeeding.
- They will also need to be in regular employment or in a recognised voluntary placement.

Student fees apply as with all HE courses.

"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."
John F Kennedy

The KYRA Foundation Degree is validated by

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Birmingham