**The Jo Cox Women in Leadership Programme**

**What does the leadership programme include?**

This training programme aims to train hundreds of women to be future leaders over five years.

This round of the programme will run from January 2019-June 2019 and will:

* Include three national training events delivered by experts from the Labour Women’s Network to develop participants leadership knowledge and skills
* Build a support network of women from across the country who can support participants in their future endeavours.
* Develop participant skills in all aspects of politics, not just in parliamentary elections but our councillors, Directly Elected Mayors, Police and Crime Commissioners and members of devolved parliaments and assemblies.
* Identify and train talented women in all regions and nations
* Establish a pipeline of talent to diversify the people who stand for election, play leading roles in the labour movement and wider public life.

**What we are looking for?**

We’re looking for women members who are:

* Determined to make things happen, change lives and improve the community you live in.
* Able to build strong relationships quickly and motivate others.
* Experienced at running a campaign or project that involves planning and teamwork.
* Able to communicate, encourage and support Labour activists with a wide range of experience.
* Creative – able to come up with innovative solutions to problems.
* Prepared to work hard to help Labour win elections at every level.

**As this is an advanced programme of high-quality training, candidates should already have some level of involvement with the Labour Party.**

Applicants **must** be able to attend events on **19/01/19, 23/03/19, 24/03/19** and **01/06/19** in order to participate in this programme. There will also be supplementary tasks which must be completed in between these events, which can be done flexibly to fit around your other commitments. All travel and accommodation for successful participants will be covered and all events will be free to attend.

**How can you apply?**

You can apply by completing the form below by **11.59pm Monday 12th November.** We will let you know whether you’ve been successful by the week commencing 19th November.

We are expecting a high number of applicants for this course but will endeavour to provide feedback to those who are unsuccessful.

We welcome applications from those who were previously unsuccessful. This programme is highly competitive and the application form is the only process – there will be no interviews – so please provide as much information as possible in a clear and concise structure.

**Guidance for Applicants**

Please read the below carefully:

* Applications **will not** be accepted without the required two references or if applicants have not answered all questions on the form.
* Applicants **must state their full name, and their region** in the email they send in with their application form.
* Applications will only be accepted in a Word and PDF format.
* You must send in the application before the deadline-**late applications will not be considered.**

If you would like to submit your application in a different format due to an access need please email womeninleadership@labour.org.uk. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

I can confirm I am able to attend events on **19/01/19, 23/03/19, 24/03/19** and **01/06/19.**

Signed: Date:

**Application Form**

Please fill in the information below if you are interested in applying to take part in the programme and submit your application to womeninleadership@labour.org.uk.

**Section 1 – Personal Details**

Surname:

Title:

First Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Region:

Daytime contact number:

Email Address:

**Section 2 – Labour Party and Trade Union Membership**

Labour Party Membership Number:

Are you a member of a Trade Union, if so which one:

**Section 3 - Personal statement (up to 400 words)**

**Section 4 – Further Information**

**To help us pair you with a mentor who can best support your future goals please fill in the information below.**

I joined the Labour Party because:

My previous experience in the Labour Party includes:

Explain what you want to achieve during your time in the programme:

In 5 years’ time I would like to:

**Section 5 – Two referee statements about the applicant**

The referees below do not have to be Labour Party members but must not be a family member.

Name of Referee:

Organisation:

Role/job title:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone number:

Email:

Reference Statement:

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