

LEADERSHIP & MANAGEMENT | COURSE BROCHURE

Leading Innovation Teams: From Ideas to Implementation

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Innovation rarely fails for lack of ideas; it fails because ideas are not developed, tested and implemented effectively. This course equips leaders to build and lead teams that consistently turn ideas into value. Participants learn how to create conditions for creativity, manage an innovation pipeline, use experimentation and prototyping, secure resources and sponsorship, and scale successful innovations across the organisation.

Leading innovation requires different skills from managing routine operations. This course helps you balance freedom and discipline, manage uncertainty and lead teams that deliver innovative products, services and processes.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

• Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
• Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
• Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

The course uses innovation case studies, design and experimentation exercises, pipeline management tools, pitching practice and team challenges.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Explain what drives successful innovation in organisations
• Create a team environment that supports creativity and experimentation
• Manage an innovation pipeline from idea to implementation
• Use rapid prototyping and experiments to reduce uncertainty
• Secure sponsorship, funding and stakeholder support
• Scale and embed successful innovations

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Innovation and R&D managers
• Product and service development leaders
• Department heads leading improvement initiatives
• Digital transformation leaders
• Entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Innovation leadership
- Creative team climate
- Innovation pipeline management
- Experimentation
- Stakeholder sponsorship
- Scaling innovation

Course outline

Day 1: The Innovation Challenge

09:00–09:54	Types of innovation: incremental, adjacent and disruptive
09:54–10:48	Why innovation efforts fail
10:48–11:00	Innovation strategy and portfolio
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Innovation strategy and portfolio (continued)
12:12–13:06	Leader behaviours that enable innovation
13:06–14:00	Exercise: Innovation readiness assessment

Day 2: Building Creative Teams

09:00–09:54	Psychological safety and diverse thinking
09:54–10:48	Ideation techniques
10:48–11:00	Balancing freedom and focus
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Balancing freedom and focus (continued)
12:12–13:06	Motivating innovation teams
13:06–14:00	Workshop: Facilitating an ideation session



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Day 3: Experimentation and Prototyping

09:00–09:54	Hypothesis-driven innovation
09:54–10:48	Minimum viable products and prototypes
10:48–11:00	Designing and evaluating experiments
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Designing and evaluating experiments (continued)
12:12–13:06	Learning from failure
13:06–14:00	Exercise: Designing an experiment

Day 4: Pipeline, Funding and Sponsorship

09:00–09:54	Stage-gate and lean innovation processes
09:54–10:48	Evaluating and prioritising ideas
10:48–11:00	Pitching to sponsors
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Pitching to sponsors (continued)
12:12–13:06	Managing resources and risk
13:06–14:00	Practice: Pitching an innovation

Day 5: Scaling and Embedding

09:00–09:54	From pilot to scale
09:54–10:48	Overcoming organisational resistance
10:48–11:00	Measuring innovation performance
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Measuring innovation performance (continued)
12:12–13:06	Building an innovation culture
13:06–14:00	Capstone: Innovation team plan

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the



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sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.

Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in GBP, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
Istanbul Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£2,540.–**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	30 Nov 2026	4 Dec 2026	**£2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	30 Nov 2026	4 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Singapore Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£2,820.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**



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London Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£2,860.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	1 Mar 2027	5 Mar 2027	**£1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Mar 2027	5 Mar 2027	**£1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**



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Rome Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£1,450.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£1,250.–**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	28 Jun 2027	2 Jul 2027	**£2,840.–**
Online Confirmed dates	28 Jun 2027	2 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£2,540.–**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**



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London Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	30 Aug 2027	3 Sept 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	30 Aug 2027	3 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£2,650.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£1,250.–**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£2,650.–**
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Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£2,450.-**
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