

Leadership & Management, Wellbeing

Inclusive Leadership: Building Psychological Safety, Inclusion, and Neurodiversity Awareness in Teams

Course Details

Price

£325.00

Start date

24 March 2026

Length

09:00-17:00

CPD Points

7.00

Course Overview

This one-day course explores how to cultivate a culture where people feel safe to speak up, share ideas, make mistakes, and be themselves - the foundation of high-performing, inclusive teams.

Delegates will learn what psychological safety is, why it matters, and how leadership behaviour, communication style, and team norms can either foster or erode trust.

The course also introduces the topic of neurodivergence, offering insight into how conditions such as autism, ADHD, and dyslexia influence workplace experiences.

Through reflection, discussion, and practical exercises, delegates will gain the understanding and tools to create environments that support both psychological safety and neuroinclusion, enabling everyone to thrive.

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Course Content

The course will cover the following topics:

Welcome & Setting the Scene

- Introductions and icebreaker
- Objectives and agenda overview
- Ground rules for a psychologically safe learning space

Understanding Psychological Safety

- What is psychological safety? - Amy Edmonson model
- The four stages: Inclusion, Learner, Contributor, Challenger safety
- Why it matters - Innovation, engagement, retention
- When teams thrive vs. when they shut down

The Leader's Role in Building Safety

- How fear, blame, and perfectionism show up in teams
- The neuroscience of threat and safety
- Behaviours that build or break trust
- Language, feedback, and tone: psychological safety in everyday communication

Introduction to Neurodivergence

- What neurodivergence means – An overview
- Strengths and challenges of neurodivergent individuals at work
- Common misconceptions and biases
- Overlap between psychological safety and neuroinclusion

Creating a Neuroinclusive & Safe Workplace

- Inclusive leadership behaviours and environmental adjustments
- Flexible communication, feedback, and meeting practices
- Case examples of neuroinclusive workplaces

- Checklist: Building a psychologically safe, neuroinclusive culture

Reflection & Close

- Group reflection: Key takeaways and commitments
- Optional feedback circle - Modelling safe communication
- Resources and further reading

Benefits

By the end of the course, delegates will:

- Understand what psychological safety is and why it's essential for team performance and wellbeing
- Recognise behaviours and cultures that support or erode psychological safety
- Develop strategies to build trust, inclusion, and open communication in their teams
- Gain a foundational understanding of neurodivergence (ADHD, autism, dyslexia, etc)
- Learn how to create psychologically safe environments for neurodivergent colleagues
- Leave with practical tools and actions to implement immediately in the workplace

Next Steps

If you would like to book a place on this course, please click on the 'Book Course' button to the right of this page and login or register for a user account to complete your booking(s). Any queries please do not hesitate to contact us via admin@gta.gg or call us on 01481 224570.

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Course Tutor

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Shona McFarlane is an experienced, professionally trained and qualified facilitator, and a wellbeing & happiness coach with over 17 years' sales and management experience in blue chip companies, latterly within Unilever. Shona started her boutique L & D consultancy in 2002 and since then has travelled extensively, working with organisations in over 20 countries across a wide range of sectors and cultures. Shona has expansive local knowledge having spent a considerable amount of time in Guernsey over the past decades. She co-ordinated the 'World's Boldest Ever Happiness Experiment' in Guernsey and spoke at 'Thrive 2020' on behalf of the Dandelion Foundation. Shona is a member of the Guernsey Chamber of Commerce and works closely with a broad range of Guernsey businesses, institutions and the GTA. She is passionate about personal development and her 'WHY' is to help people be the best version of themselves so they can positively change their world. Shona brings a fun, grounded and inclusive real world style to the training room.