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Young Public Sector Programme 2012

**Lancaster
May 2012**



The **Young Public Sector Programme** exists to stretch the minds
broaden the horizons *and*
develop the communication skills
of people in the early years of their public sector careers.

It helps to build confidence where it is fragile, and to enhance the ability of more accomplished delegates. It also provides a valuable opportunity for the exchange of ideas and experiences in an atmosphere of mutual trust, away from the demands of everyday professional life.

Although the minimum age for entry on the programme is 18, **there is no upper age limit**: delegates may be young in years, or in terms of professional development, or both. People who have come late to a career, for example, are positively encouraged irrespective of age.

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The 2012 programme will bring together, for three intensive days, delegates from government departments, executive agencies, public bodies, the police and emergency services. In a challenging time for Britain's public sector, it provides a positive and rewarding way of encouraging and inspiring new talent.

A vital part of the programme is the presentation by each delegate of a 900-word paper ("Argument") on a topic – of the delegate's choice – of current interest or controversy. Researched, written and submitted in advance, the paper is delivered and adjudicated during the event. **Our coaches provide useful advice – in a written briefing before the programme and then in rehearsal before the papers are presented.**

Argument is part of the competitive element of the programme along with **On the Spot**, in which delegates ask themselves a question on a topic of their own choice and then answer it without notes in as close to three minutes as possible!

But there's much more...

The lively **Yes, No, Don't Know** debates on hot issues of the moment.

Guest speakers sharing their extraordinary life experiences.

And the **Group Challenge** in which delegates are divided into small discussion groups, allocated a question prompted by current events, and given an hour to prepare an informal presentation.

The entire event adds up to a rich and unique experience.

The title **Public Sector Young Thinker of the Year 2012** will be awarded to a delegate on the final evening. A runner-up will also be announced.



The benefits for your organisation and your delegate

By nominating a member or members of staff for the programme, you will:

- ✗ expand their intellectual horizons and their awareness of the issues which affect us all as a society
- ✗ develop their communication skills and presentational abilities
- ✗ inspire them to have confidence in themselves
- ✗ expose them to a wide range of ideas, thoughts and life experiences
- ✗ give them the opportunity to be eligible for a prestigious title

We aim to inspire your delegates – at all levels of experience and ability – to have more confidence in their own ideas and in their ability to express them.



FAQs

Where and when?

The venue for the programme is Lancaster House Hotel on the campus of Lancaster University in Lancashire. The postal address is: Green Lane, Ellel, Lancaster LA1 4GJ. Lancaster House is close to the M6 and around 10 minutes by taxi from Lancaster railway station on the main west coast line.

Registration is in the afternoon of Tuesday 15 May. Delegates will check-out after breakfast on Friday 18 May.

Who's eligible?

People aged 18 or over who are working in the public sector and who are considered by their employers to be in the early stages of their careers. There is no upper age limit.

What is the enrolment fee?

£1000 plus VAT per delegate, inclusive of accommodation (single room occupancy) for three nights plus all meals. However, if you book on or before **Friday 16 March**, you are entitled to an **early bird discount** of £50 per delegate, bringing the cost down to £950 + VAT. Note: we do not need the name/s of your delegate/s until 5 April. Travel costs and arrangements for travel to and from the venue, are the responsibility of delegates or their employers.



How do we register?

Book online at www.youngprogramme.org. See next page for further details. **The final closing date is Thursday 5 April 2012.** Information packs including advice and full details of the event will be e-mailed to delegates shortly after that date.



How to book a place for your delegate/s in the Young Public Sector Programme 2012



It couldn't be simpler. Go to our website –

www.youngprogramme.org

– and complete the registration form. An online version of this brochure is also available on the website. **See the home page for both.**

There is no limit on the number of places each organisation can book.

The cost per delegate is £1000 plus VAT. This covers three nights' accommodation and all meals at Lancaster House Hotel and is inclusive of enrolment fee. Bookings made by the "early bird" deadline qualify for a **£50 per delegate discount.**



**Early bird closing date for registration:
Friday 16 March 2012**

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Thursday 5 April 2012**



Name/s of your delegates must be received no later than Thursday 5 April. All delegates will receive an information pack with full details including advice on preparing their Argument paper and travel information, by e-mail on Tuesday 10 April.

An invoice will be raised following receipt of your booking. Payment is due no later than Monday 30 April.

We look forward to receiving your booking for the 2012 Young Public Sector Programme. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the event, please call us on 01292 473777.

**Lancaster, 15–18 May 2012
Book now!**

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