What if the world’s greatest challenges were in your hands?

Join a Global Leader Experience (GLE) and develop your ability to lead from a truly global perspective. Along with students from University of Birmingham, University of Nottingham and University of Hong Kong, you will play a part in tackling the biggest issues facing businesses, governments and societies worldwide.

The GLE will give you an immersive international experience, challenging you to adapt and thrive in a new context while establishing a genuinely global network. It equips you with the tools you need to lead change, now and in the future.

“I have thoroughly enjoyed this leadership programme. It is inclusive, exciting, integrated and provides you with self-reflection skills to be a fair and inclusive leader. I will take my skills and knowledge learnt through this programme into my future working life as a staff nurse and I believe it will fuel my commitment to progressing in future management nursing roles.”

Lauren Proctor
Student, University of Nottingham
“I have identified more of my own core and flex as in development of my Cultural Intelligence. I have got a clearer picture of how leadership should be and a goal for me to be a leader after understanding and expressing myself boldly.”

Chan Yin Man, Student, University of Hong Kong

“Learning more about leadership and CQ has enabled me to make better decisions because you can communicate your ideas across with multiple parties of different cultures.”

Sam Sharma
Student, University of Birmingham

Why should you take part?

- Develop your leadership skills and grow Cultural Intelligence (the ability to cross boundaries and thrive in multiple cultures)
- Adapt and thrive in new environments
- Build new networks locally and globally with fellow students, contributors and leading employers
- Learn and practice the skills required to quickly understand and navigate complexity

What happens?

You will explore a major world challenge “How do we ensure technological innovation drives societal as well as economic value in cities?” from a local perspective. You will meet visionary leaders from global businesses, governments and international not-for-profit organizations. This will help you and your fellow participants understand the Challenge and find creative ideas to solve it.

Best of all, you won’t be alone; you will build international connections.

Who could you meet?

During the four days, you will direct your own learning, speaking to leaders from and visiting organizations such as:
- Pathfinders
- Schneider Electric
- Hong Kong Planning Department
- Asia Business Council
- Hong Kong Red Cross
- Teach4HK

Where do we run Global Leader Experiences?

We run programmes in cities around the world, where large numbers of the world’s talent convene to study, so you will meet fellow students from across the globe amongst this diverse group of students.

A global network

Everyone who finishes a Common Purpose programme, anywhere in the world, joins the Common Purpose 360 network - a 80,000 strong, growing, global community of our alumni with exceptional diversity and a huge range of skills, interests and leadership experiences.

Some will be very senior, experienced leaders across the public, private and NGO sectors, others will be emerging leaders and some will be fellow students just finishing university. This breadth and depth makes the network unique.