

New strategic leadership programme set to change the way workplace and facilities management is perceived

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In a first for the workplace and facilities management profession, **IWFM** Academy has launched a new Level 6 strategic leadership programme aimed at aspiring WFM leaders looking to transform how they lead – whether it’s driving a team or influencing outcomes as an individual contributor.

The unique programme is designed to develop the strategic thinking needed to raise the profile of workplace and facilities management. It will equip learners to move the profession beyond day-to-day operations, positioning it as a trusted, value-driving partner at the heart of business strategy.

Through independent study, guided activities and tutor-led workshops, the programme addresses a wide range of disciplines. It will guide learners through the evolving role of technology to sustainability and human-centric design in the built environment. Leaders who complete the programme will be ready to drive cultural change, to inspire teams, influence stakeholders and build a workplace culture that boosts performance and wellbeing. On successful completion, learners will hold a Level 6 qualification, equivalent to degree level.

The first intake is recruiting now, limited to 15 people who will begin the programme in January 2026.

IWFM’s Head of Academy, Emma Bellingham, said: ‘For too long, we’ve seen that the role of workplace and facilities leaders has been under-recognised, with departments perceived as a cost centre rather than as a vital business pillar. We know that WFM delivers huge value to an organisation and its people, which is why we’ve created a programme to equip WFM leaders with the strategic skills to transform the way our

profession is perceived.'

Anyone interested in joining the first intake will need to act quickly - full information and booking is [available here](#).