

Lloyd's Accelerate Programme

Developing our Future Ethnically Diverse Talent

Cohort 10 UK

October 2025 – April 2026

Application Deadline - 24 July 2025



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Programme Objectives

[Winner of a Brandon Hall Gold Award](#) for the 'Best Advance in Leadership Development for Racial/Ethnic Minorities' in 2023



Background & Business Case

- Part of Lloyd's 2020 Interim Ethnicity Commitments
- Lloyd's is committed to developing ethnically diverse talent as part of our wider Inclusive Futures Programme
- At Lloyd's, 23% of workforce in UK are from diverse backgrounds (10 years ago= 10%)
- Only 6% of UK top management positions are held by ethnically diverse groups
- In the Market, 9% of Leadership positions are held by ethnically diverse groups
- Ethnic diversity in the market increased by +2pp to 13% in 2024, and up +4pp over two years
- Culture is one of 4 pillars of Lloyd's Strategy

Programme Objective

The “Accelerate” programme aims to improve the pipeline of ethnically diverse future talent within the Corporation and the Market, through a modular based development programme targeted at individuals identified as future talent.

For participants it aims to build the skills, relationships and confidence to help them effectively manage their future careers.

Please note, this is not a leadership development programme that covers leadership ideas and concepts. It is a programme designed to help our future talent know how to leverage the skills, role models and opportunities that will enable them to manage their career.

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Benefits - Participants will be able to:

- Gain key **personal skills development** related to key areas of self-reflection, managing career and authentic leadership
- Understand and **discuss some of the challenges** they are facing as future leaders with their peers
- **Create key networks** with other ethnically diverse talent from across the Lloyd's market – as well as with a wider Lloyd's leadership network post-programme
- **Gain access to senior sponsors** from their own organisation
- **Manage themselves and their careers** effectively and confidently in a white dominated industry
- Use **psychometrics** that bring increased understanding of personal preferences and how they bring their authentic selves to work
- Tailor a **personal coaching session** to discuss their own individual challenges
- Use **action learning sets** to coach each other on relevant problems being experienced, skills that can be used post-programme

Asked if the cohort **feel they in control of their career** this rose from **45%** of the cohort pre-programme to **100%** post-programme.



This self-leadership programme aims to give skills and tools to enable the cohort to overcome obstacles in their careers and **100%** of the group agreed this was how they felt on leaving the course.

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Programme Design



All Times are UK



Virtual



In Person (London)

Accelerate Programme - Cohort 10

Launch Events	Module One	Module Two	Midpoint Events	Module Three	Final Event
 Delegate Launch Event 1 st October 2025 10:00 -12:00	 Authentic Leadership I 21 st October 2025 10:00 - 12:30	 Your Career Your Way 9 th December 2025 10:00 -12:30	 Role-Model Event 24 th February 2026 12:30-14:30	 Myths of Politics & Power 11 th March 2026 10:00 -12:30	 Journey Wrap Up 14 th April 2026 15:00 – 17:00
 Sponsors Launch Event 1 st October 2025 13:00 -14:00	 Authentic Leadership II 4 th November 2025 13:00 – 16:00	 Strategic Networking 14 th January 2026 13:30-16:00	 Sponsors Event 24 th February 2026 15:30-16:30	 Leadership Readiness 26 th March 2026 10:00 -12:30	 1-1 Coaching <i>(Optional)</i> April 2026
121 DISC Feedback sessions <i>(September 2025)</i>					

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Module Overview

Pre-work	Module 1: Self Awareness	Module 2: Navigating Your Career	Module 3: Developing your Authentic You
Tools to Succeed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncover techniques to manage Imposter Syndrome Understand the link between pressure & performance Explore the importance of story telling 	Authentic Leadership I (2.5 hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An exploration into authentic leadership Navigate the role and impact of Imposter Syndrome Building your leadership identity and styles for maximum impact Reflection and Action Planning 	Your Career, Your Way (2.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discover what Drives Our Career Importance of Confidence Employee Networks – to do or not to do Explore what can impact the chances of getting ahead Career planning 	Myths of Politics and Power (2.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge unhelpful thinking around Politics and Power and explore why they are an important part of how business outcomes are influenced Share tools and approaches to enable you to engage with Power and Politics for win-win outcomes
	Authentic Leadership II (3 hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why visibility matters & how to get it right Maximising DiSC for effective communication, motivation and influence Reflection and Action Planning 	Strategic Networking (2.5hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is Strategic Networking? Exploring approaches to networking Tools for effective networking and follow-up Looking at your network Reflections on strategic, operational & personal networking 	Leadership Readiness (3 hrs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An exploration of your leadership style/s Strategic – vs - operational Identification of your energy enhancers & depleters A consideration of the climate you create as a leader and colleague
	Action Learning Sets (3 hrs) <p>Working in small groups, each delegate shares a live challenge that they would value team support to work through.</p>	Action Learning Sets (3 hrs) <p>Working in small groups, each delegate shares a live challenge that they would value team support to work through.</p>	Journey Wrap up (2hrs) <p>This final module brings together key points that have been learnt in the programme to form concrete and strategic next steps, formed by identifying their own authentic leadership style.</p>

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Roles and Commitments



Participant

- Attend all the programme development events
- Own your learning, choose specific actions to apply what you learn
- Contribute, be open to learning from other cohort members and openly share your experiences
- Engage with your sponsor to broaden your access, connections and learning opportunities
- Network, proactively make connections with your fellow participants and find ways to utilise their professional networks
- Partner with your Line Manager to apply your learning and stretch yourself to prepare for more senior level opportunities
- Schedule all necessary meetings with the Line Manager and Sponsor
- Own your future career path

"Being on the Accelerate programme has helped me to actively think about career progression - where the opportunities are and how to prepare for obstacles that can get in the way."

"The Accelerate course has been really insightful as I've been able to understand more about how to navigate the path to authentic leadership as a black woman in the insurance industry"

"Made a real impact on how I could positively affect my career path, I feel empowered with the strategies I have learned to take the next steps."

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Manager

Support your employee during and after this challenging learning programme. Check-in with the participant regularly to talk about what they have learned and what support they need from you

- Attend the Launch Event and other events as required
- Ensure that your participant has the space to fully engage with their learning
- Be careful not to de-prioritise their learning by adding to their workload which gets in the way
- Coach them on how they can manage their learning and workload
- Post-programme, meet to agree a plan on how the participant will apply their learning going forward and check-in monthly to see how things are going



Sponsor

Work closely with your participant, meeting them during the programme (suggested bi-monthly) to understand their strengths and career aspirations; leverage your networks and position to create new career opportunities. They will be required to attend the Launch event and a Mid-point sponsor event.

Having a **Senior Leader** take on the sponsor role is critical to the success of this programme, to reinforce the organisations investment in its future talent. The sponsor must be someone different to the Line Manager.

We need sponsors who:

- 1) Are fully invested in the upward movement of their sponsee
- 2) Provide tangible career enhancing opportunities
- 3) Help sponsees turn their uniqueness into leadership capital.

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Application Criteria

Nomination Process

The programme requires active support from a candidate's line manager. The nomination is to be completed by the line manager, with the support from their Talent Development or HR representative. Individual organisations will be responsible for identifying the candidate and engaging their sponsors – who could be at an executive level / senior leadership level, or 2 levels above the candidate.

Consideration will be given to the range of organisations taking part in the programme, to participants identified as key talent and the points highlighted in the endorsement from the line manager.

Applications deadline is 24 July 2025 . Nominated candidates will be advised of the outcome by **1 August 2025**. Where the programme has reached capacity, it may be possible to defer a candidate to the next cohort if they have successfully met the criteria.

Candidates

This programme is aimed at UK based ethnically diverse talent. Nominees should consistently receive high performance ratings and would be considered suitable candidates for future management or leadership roles. They will show a commitment to learning and progression and have the ability to take on stretch assignments.

All applications will be considered on merit and sponsorship with agreement from your HR Business Partner.

Candidates must block out all dates (on slide 4) in their diaries when applying.
Attendance at all sessions is necessary to gain the full benefit from the programme.

Award winning!



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Programme Costs & Questions

Costs

The participant **cost of this programme is £4,500 +VAT** which includes

- Launch & Closing Events (in-person)
- Mid-point Managers & Sponsors Event
- Role Model Event / Q&A Session (in-person)
- Personalised psychometrics
- 1:1 DiSC Debrief & Career Coaching (virtual)
- 6 x Core modules with expert representative facilitators (3 out of 6 in-person)
- Action Learning Sessions (in-person)

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact:

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For Accelerate delegates in cohort 1, **83%** of the responders celebrated an improved role, promotion, secondment or role stretch, and **70%** from cohort 2, **100%** from cohort 3, , **75%** from cohort 4 & **78%** from cohort 5.
(54% delegate response rate)

Guest speakers have included:

Mark Lomas
Head of Culture
Lloyd's

Rob Anarfi
Chief Risk Officer
Beazley

Maxine Goddard
Senior Vice President
Sompo-Canopus

Suneeta Padda
Director
Padda Consulting

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