



“My work is about helping leaders surface and trust the ‘deeper knowing’ and wisdom to be gleaned from their experience, which is often buried beneath habitual patterns and assumptions.

This involves creating a safe space for people to access and action their true insights, to release their natural strengths, to challenge their limiting beliefs and to be bolder in their relationships.

For leaders this is ultimately about whether we are running the show or the show is running us - recognising it is a constant battle of vigilance to discern between these.

## Chris Blakeley

### Background and experience

Chris is the founder of Waverley Learning a boutique Leadership Development Firm and is responsible for its leadership development practice. He has been working as a coach and development consultant since 1989. The continual theme of his work over 30 years has been helping leaders appreciate and handle the human aspects of change – in themselves and others. He is also the Founder of ‘Crossroads Retreats’, a charity which provides space for people from all walks of life to take stock at times of major transition. He works across private, public and not for profit sectors, with people at all levels from experienced CEO’s to newly emerging leaders.

### Facilitation Approach

Chris specialises in helping leaders refresh and renew their clarity of focus and to retain this clarity in how they make choices in the day to day. He also helps leaders discern and orientate their leadership around their natural strengths rather than strive to be something they are not. His empathetic but probing style helps people face openly and courageously into where they are sensing a need to change and to unlock real energy for this change and the resources/relationships available to them to achieve it. He is also an experienced counsellor and Spiritual Director and has a developed capacity to listen to what is going on for people emotionally and spiritually as well as cognitively and practically. People often describe the outcome of his work in terms of ‘clarity’, ‘calm’, ‘connection’ and ‘confidence’



### Qualifications

MSc in Organisational Behaviour from LSE, MBA from London Business School, MA in English from Cambridge University. WPF Certificate in psychodynamic counselling, CWR Diploma in Counselling (person centred and CBT). Principles Of Integral Coaching, Transformational Narrative Coaching Accredited Spiritual Director. (Oxford). MIPD. BPS Level B Psychometrics (SHL, MBTI, CPI)



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