



'Their Future in Their Hands'

Leadership and the Younger Generation

From 10.30am until 4.30pm on Thursday March 4th

A consistent theme in our dialogue with leaders from all walks of life has been their growing concern and desire to do what they can to support the emerging generations in these deeply challenging times – whether it is young people struggling to find a foothold in the harshness of the current climate, or emerging leaders seeking to get to grips with the enormity of the challenges they see ahead in refounding businesses, stimulating enterprise and renewing our social infrastructure to make these fit for the future. In this Conversation we will enquire purposefully into what this means for us as leaders – both in terms of our own direct leadership and how we influence the leadership dialogue around us.

Our start point will be a discerning: what is really going on, where do we see life and where do we see barrenness? Then, learning to 'see our seeing'? How are we viewing our situation as leaders and what would it be like to view them through the eyes of those who will inherit it from us? And finally, what is really needed from us – not to 'fix the problem', but to work with the natural, radical energy of young people who have accessed the self-belief to determine their own future.

All of us will be in contact one way or another with people who are facing into this kind of challenge and we will focus of course on what we can each practically and personally do in our own arenas. But this is also an issue that as the wider Society of Leadership Fellows we may all be concerned with and we would see this as a conversation in which we may want to find more of a collective voice.