



International Conference: Action Learning

7th – 9th April 2025



Keynote Speakers:

When, where and how the magic happens

Professor Naomi Chambers Professor of Healthcare Management, Alliance Manchester Business School, University of Manchester

Drawing on her 25 years of experience of facilitating, researching and evaluating action learning, Naomi identifies the critical ingredients. She will go on to explore both the difficulty and the importance of striking a good balance between the processes of learning, reflecting, and taking action.

Manchester & Action Learning

Mike Pedler

Mike will share his experiences of Action Learning over the years, highlighting the many links to Manchester.

Conference Theme:

The theme for the 2025 International Action Learning Conference is Creating the conditions for developing people and organisations with a focus on two areas in particular:

Collective capability – action learning has a tradition of people interacting and working together to achieve ‘something’. Collective capability describes those ‘somethings’ as being delivered through a process of collective agency. Papers are welcomed on action learning and how it supports that focus of collective capability/agency/leadership.

Action learning as an agent in leadership development – action learning is used throughout many industries as an agent for development of leaders. Please share papers on how action learning supports or is the key component of leadership development within programmes or as one-off activities.

The conference will be hosted by Alliance Manchester Business School (AMBS), University of Manchester <https://www.manchester.ac.uk/>

Please use this email address for any queries about the conference, and access this link to book your place: <https://www.alliancembs.manchester.ac.uk/events/international-conference-action-learning/>

Conference Details:

7th April 2025 6 pm – 9th April 2025 4.30 pm

Location: Oxford Road, University of Manchester

Cost: Conference rate

Early bird booking £250 – closes 24th January 2025

Full delegate rate £285 – closes 24th February 2025

Day rate - £180 per day

The delegate fee & early bird rate offers:

- Admission to all sessions and plenaries
- Access to conference materials
- Tea, coffee and lunches throughout the conference
- Drinks reception on Monday
- Conference Dinner on Tuesday
- The day rate allows access to the conference for a specified day and refreshments during that day

Note: accommodation is not included in the fees and must be booked separately. There are many hotels within easy walking and public transport distance of the venue.