



LEADING CROSS SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMME



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The Leading Cross-Sector Partnerships Programme at the Blavatnik School of Government was an excellent experience. I thoroughly enjoyed the learning, connecting with a diverse cohort, and developing skills in building effective coalitions. It was an invaluable opportunity that I would highly recommend.

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Spring 2026



Duration: 3 days



Location: Oxford



Cost: £3,750 –
includes
accommodation and
all meals

Blavatnik School alumni are
entitled to a 25% discount

CREATE CHANGE WITH IMPACTFUL PARTNERSHIPS

Addressing complex challenges demands collaboration beyond governments, but traditional approaches to contracts stifle real partnership working and fail to unlock meaningful change.

Our faculty have worked alongside public officials and understand their frustrations, in particular with contracts that are meant to deliver complex human services. In response, the Leading Cross-Sector Partnerships Programme sets out a different approach.

Blending theory with practical insights, the programme explores the dynamics of cross-sector partnerships through innovative case studies that demonstrate impact measurement and lasting societal change. Participants will develop tailored tools and frameworks to achieve positive outcomes and overcome the frustrations of short-term, transactional approaches, ensuring they meet the challenge of network governance.

ACTION LEARNING

- **Navigate complexity**
Develop the skills to manage institutional constraints like procurement, audit and risk to unlock innovation and results.
- **Lead with purpose**
Master frameworks and practical tools to design and manage effective cross-sector partnerships that deliver real change.
- **Embed lasting change**
Integrate learning, accountability, and long-term thinking into every partnership you lead.

IS THIS YOU?

This programme is open to:

- mid-senior policymakers and senior department heads exploring Public-Private Partnerships, public contracting, cross-sector collaboration, and market stewardship.
- those working in philanthropy, not-for-profit or private sector professionals seeking insights into government partnership options.

WORLD-CLASS FACULTY



Andreea Anastasiu

Executive Director, Government Outcomes Lab

Andreea leads the GO Labs policy engagement and knowledge-exchange work to improve social outcomes. With over a decade of public policy experience, she is dedicated to driving innovation, collaboration, and accountability across government and the wider public sector.



Felix-Anselm van Lier

Research and Policy Fellow, Government Outcomes Lab

Felix is a Postdoctoral Research and Policy Fellow, exploring new ways to organise and improve public service delivery through social policy innovation and outcomes-based commissioning. His work draws on extensive research experience in digital democracy and public decision-making, as well as advisory roles with international organisations and government bodies.



Eleanor Carter

Academic Director, Government Outcomes Lab

Eleanor is the programme's director, specialising in innovations in social policy and outcomes-based commissioning, with a strong track record of informing government decision-making. Drawing on experience in the UK Cabinet Office and extensive academic work, she provides evidence-based insights on welfare-to-work programmes, service design, and value for money in public services.



THE OXFORD EXPERIENCE

While studying on one of our Programmes, you will be immersed in Oxford's academic rigour, learning from some of the world's leading scholars and practitioners. Emphasising a combined focus on academic theory and practical approaches will allow you to gain highly recognised Oxford credentials, renowned globally as a sign of excellence and authority, which could significantly elevate the contribution you make to your public sector organisation.

For our participants who join us in Oxford, there is a variety of unique opportunities and exclusive experiences to benefit from. As part of Leading Cross-Sector Partnerships, you will have the opportunity to attend an exclusive Oxford college dinner with your fellow participants and faculty, and also get the opportunity to wander the ancient, cobbled streets of the city and take in over 900 years of history.



BE PART OF A LIFELONG NETWORK

Upon completion of any of our programmes you will become part of a network of people who share the same commitment to improve public service globally.

This lifelong community will not only serve as a powerful reminder of a shared desire to make a real difference in the world, but also allow you to forge connections that you can turn to as trusted sources of advice and research. As an executive programme alum, your connection to the School will continue beyond the classroom, and there are several ways for you to stay connected with us, including:

- Becoming a mentor for other students.
- Acting as an ambassador for the School, connecting us with future students, partners and donors.
- Collaborating with faculty on future projects.
- Attending and participating in events.
- Participating as a visiting expert, for example at a career-focused seminar or practical skills session.
- Invitations to topical online events throughout the year.



TAKE THE NEXT STEP

INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE?

Please get in touch with our recruitment team for more personalised advice.

Email: executive.admissions@bsg.ox.ac.uk