

Mentor Profile

Mentor Name Michael Lansdown

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Former military officer with over 30 years logistics and training experience, carrying out senior and executive management roles in the Royal Air Force. Specialist in leadership and management. Has since developed a career as a business coach and trainer, utilising leadership development, teambuilding, management and coaching skills to help individuals and businesses be the best they can be.

What is your greatest achievement so far?

In a mentoring context, training a young man from the Royal Brunei Air Force at the RAF College at Cranwell, who went on to win the prestigious "Best Overseas Student" prize.

Name an organisation (other than your own) that you see as the perfect one and why?

Easyjet. Small start, rapid and sustained growth, belief in its vision and aspirations. Sticks to the basic business model despite wide criticism, while being open to making necessary adjustments.

Name a business leader that you admire and why?

In the early 1990s, Volkswagen's Dr Ferdinand Piech had the vision to help transform the derided Skoda Car Company from a laughing stock into the highly respected model it is to today.

Why are you passionate about mentoring?

It's great to see someone succeed and know that you have played a part in that success.

Who or what has been your greatest inspiration?

My father, who said "if you've nothing sensible to say, keep quiet", and "always believe in yourself". I also like Nike's quote – "just do it"!

Professional Qualifications:

Fellow of the Institute of Leadership & Management. Member of the Institute for Learning. Contracts management.

Experience:

Over 35 years management, Training and coaching in both public and private sector, completed teaching diploma, 3 years coaching training.

Skills and Expertise:

Leadership, Management, Organization, Strategy & Policy-making, Coaching, Training