

Newsletter

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This is the first edition of a short quarterly newsletter from AHA. Whilst it provides the briefest of updates on our activities it is principally a vehicle for sharing our thinking and experience. In each newsletter we will have a couple of brief 'think' pieces drawn from our current work and reflection. This issue has pieces about the critical role of transaction between people in leadership - Exchange and gifts in leadership - and the similarities with marriage in joint political and managerial leadership - Making the arranged marriage work.

We trust these pieces will stimulate your thinking and you will give us your feedback. Feel free to use the pieces with an acknowledgement of their source.

Work in the summer quarter (July-September)

- Strategy work with top teams in Hounslow, Kingston, Swansea, North Shropshire, Havering, Harlow
- We have started writing a 'Rough Guide to Top Teams' for the IDeA, due end of the year. The title gives a sense of how joint political and managerial leaders can develop
 - what to look for, how to tackle challenges.

- Continued provision of the IDeA's Leadership Academy:
 - Personal Leadership modules for all leading local politicians;
 - Fastrack for young politicians;
 - Summer School with contributions on strategic story telling, performance management, Myers Briggs Step II and Gershon;
 - Scrutiny Chairs 2 day workshop.
- The strategic leadership in Housing and Regeneration Programme at CURS, University of Birmingham;
- OD and strategy work with housing organisations, Aster, Havebury, GHA, OCHA;
- Development work with the Council on Tribunals as it changes to the Administrative Justice Council;
- Delivery of Bristol City Council's BTEC Professional Award in local governance: Leadership skills for councillors.

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