

Topic

Are great political leaders born or can leadership be learned?

This is an age-old question, answered by liberal democracies in the following way: Political leaders “are made not born. If you have the desire and willpower, you can become an effective leader. Good leaders develop through a never ending process of self-study, education, training, and experience” (Jago, 1982). We believe that leadership can be learned. At the basis of leadership, lies a set of skills and knowledge enabling the leader to be effective at what they do. But, these skills and knowledge are in turn influenced by certain specific attributes and traits of any individual leader, such as their beliefs, feelings, values, ethics and character. Where knowledge and skills enable the process of political leadership, attributes and traits give the leader certain way of being that make her or him unique.

Subjects

Our seminar will follow these different aspects of political leadership. On the one end, we will widen and deepen our understanding of the knowledge and skills needed to be a political leader. But importantly, we will also explore individual leadership attributes and traits, growing self-awareness in order to develop and utilise these unique qualities to attract and motivate followers, to inspire them with our vision and to establish trust in our political leadership.

Target group

Young Leaders from liberal parties and NGOs.

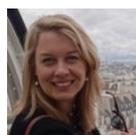
All participants invited to the event are required to participate in a preparatory online phase scheduled for April 2018 (time required: approx. 2 hours per week). Exact dates tba.

Facilitators



Petra Pabst

Petra Pabst became involved with politics in different youth organizations at the early age of 15. Focusing on policy development and political programs she later became president of her regional branch and vice president at the state level. Today she continues her political commitment at the local level as member of the regional parliamentary group. By profession, she is a political scientist and facilitator; her areas of work are liberal values, policy development, strategic planning and Europe. She currently works for the parliamentary group of the FDP in the state parliament of North Rhine-Westphalia as a Scientific Consultant.



Marike Groenewald

Marike Groenewald is the founder of Anew, a facilitation, consulting and leadership development company. Holding a Masters Degree in Law from Stellenbosch University, Marike was until recently employed by a political party, the Democratic Alliance in South Africa, as the Executive Director of Development, Learning and Training. In this role, Marike was responsible for the development and learning needs of almost 700 members of staff and nearly 2000 public representatives. Marike also served for nearly ten years as the Director of the DA's Young Leaders Programme, the party's flagship year-long leadership development course and the only programme of its kind in the world. Marike is an accredited facilitator of the Thinking Environment and the Strength Deployment Index (SDI). She holds a Graduate Diploma in Ontological Coaching through Australia's Newfield Institute. Marike works with individuals, political parties, think tanks, NGOs, and companies around the world.

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