### LEADERSHIP BEYOND THE THEORY

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"Take the leap of faith, you wont regret it. I was surprised how energised this course made and makes me feel. I am driving change with a new level of excitement."

20+

NUMBER OF YEARS AS A LEADER **10/10** LIKELIHOOD TO RECOMMEND TO OTHERS

LARGEST TEAM KERRY HAS LED

13

# WAS THERE ANYTHING THAT PLEASANTLY SURPRISED YOU ABOUT THE LBT EXPERIENCE?

I didn't expect the course to be so practical, given where I was at within my current role it was absolutely the perfect timing.

I went through the program at the same time as another leader I knew locally, so each week we would meet up to discuss what we had taken from that week's module and how this directly related to our roles. I can't understate how helpful this was. It worked in really well with the linear format of the program and the small, bite-sized chunks of content covered in each new module.

I was also surprised about how much of the content can actually be used! I must admit that where some of the content appeared to be simple, upon further reflection I was amazed at how much it helped.

## WHAT SPECIFIC CAREER CHALLENGES DID YOU HAVE, THAT LED YOU TO LOOK FOR A SOLUTION LIKE LBT?

I continually seek to learn as much as I can, to draw on concepts, ideas, frameworks that assist my teams to deliver on an exceptional product within an exceptional environment.

I love innovation and driving the business into newly unexplored territory.

I had been listening to the podcast for 6 months and had completed the free masterclass and still felt like I wanted to gain a more in-depth understanding of Marty's framework and how the concepts link to create a full leadership model.

## WHAT CHANGES HAVE YOU SEEN IN YOURSELF OR YOUR TEAM, SINCE COMPLETING LBT?

I am now clear about what we need to deliver and our road map on how to get there. And to think that I was going to put this off until next year!

#### WHAT WAS THE MOST VALUABLE THING ABOUT THE PROGRAM?

The ability to operationalise and apply the learnings straight away.

#### **DID THE PROGRAM EXCEED, MEET OR NOT MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS**

Exceeded my expectations! Being time poor between a busy work and home schedule I try to choose carefully where I spend my time, LBT did not disappoint the timeliness of attending this program and my work/life balance was on point.

### HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT LBT WAS GOING TO BE A SOUND INVESTMENT OF YOUR TIME AND MONEY?

I need to resonate with the presenter and with what it is they are trying to achieve. I was looking to attend Harvard this year but due to COVID this was not a possibility for 2020.

I then came across this program through the podcast. I needed a program that could fit my new COVID landscape, so all of those factors together helped me make the decision to enrol!

#### WHAT WAS YOUR 'PIE IN THE FACE' MOMENT DURING THE PROGRAM?

Definitely Module 6, 'Drive Accountability', closely followed by Module 1, 'Deliver Value'. The concept that resonated with me the most is 'Working at Level, Don't Dip Down.'