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## Private Equity Foundation to give charity leaders buyout industry skills

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The [Private Equity Foundation](#), a buyout industry-backed charity focused on young people, will use private equity expertise to train the chief executives of the charities it funds to become better leaders. The programme's launch has come as the credit crisis puts pressure on senior management to better lead their staff.

The Private Equity Foundation has teamed up with firms working in the private equity industry including UK executive talent agency Armstrong Management [Group](#), [Deutsche Bank](#) and law firm [Kirkland & Ellis](#) to give the chief executives of all of its portfolio charities the opportunity for tailored leadership training.

Shaks Ghosh, chief executive of the Private Equity Foundation, said: "When we started in 2007, the world was a very different place. If leadership was important then, it is very important now.

"Just as private equity firms back their chief executives, at PEF we back the social leaders we have running our portfolio charities. The aim of the programme reflects PEF's mission which is all about full potential and young people. By helping our chief executives to realise their full potential, ultimately each charity will be better positioned to empower more young people to reach their full potential."

Richard Thackery, chief executive of [AMG](#), said: "The theory is leaders aren't born, they need a set of skills that have to be fostered. You can do that in a formal way."

The nine-month programme will include the opportunity for chief executives to attend a week-long social entrepreneurship programme at business school [INSEAD](#). INSEAD has also created a bespoke session to discuss how charities can adapt business principles for gaining a competitive advantage to the social sector.