

# Programme

## An introduction to strategic thinking Tuesday 29 September

Learn how to connect ideas, explore concepts, stay up to date with trends, anticipate change and imagine possible futures at this virtual workshop

In these unprecedented and challenging times, strategic leadership is needed more than ever.

But strategic thinking can be an elusive concept to grasp. For some people it's something they have been told is an area to work on to improve their chances of promotion, for others it's something they do on a regular basis but struggle to articulate to others exactly what it looks and feels like.

Several studies have identified strategic thinking as a key skill in leading organisations to success and is the leadership quality that people most strongly associate with successful and effective leaders, meaning strategic thinking is an essential skill for all leaders.

So, what is strategic thinking? It involves connecting ideas, exploring concepts, staying up to date with trends, anticipating change and imagining possible futures.

This workshop will be delivered by Emma Lindley, Housing Strategy Lead Officer for Ashfield District Council.

**10:30 Registration and HQN Welcome**

**11:00** Defining strategic thinking

**11:30** Why strategic thinking is important and its benefits

**11:40 Break**

**11:45** Creating your strategic knowledge bank of ideas, concept and trends

**12:30** Using systems thinking

**12:40 Break**

**12:45** Asking great questions

**13:00** Summary and feedback

**13:30 Finish**