

**Charityworks (Charity number 1136964)  
Briefing for current Host Organisations  
6 July 2026**

The Board of Charityworks wishes to repeat its sadness and regret at the closure of the Charityworks Leadership Programme (LDP) and the 2027 Programme.

The Board is still working on all the issues and questions which have arisen since the closure was announced on 29 June 2026. In this briefing we provide answers to some of the questions we have been asked. We will endeavour to add to this as soon as we can.

**1. Are the Programmes closing and/or is the charity closing?**

The two Programmes closed at the end of June 2026. Once all the work being done to manage this situation has been completed, the trustees will take steps formally to close the charity.

**2. Why did this happen at short notice?**

The trustees were informed very recently by the charity's delivery partner and principal supplier that it was closing its programme business. With no prospect of finding another supplier at very short notice, the trustees were faced with the only feasible and regrettable decision to close the Programmes.

Our priority has been to inform trainees on the Programmes and their host organisations. This has been done. We also informed those who were waiting to be placed on a future Programme.

**3. Are there any safeguarding issues?**

The Board is not aware of any safeguarding issues in connection with the Programmes.

**4. Do the trainees lose their jobs?**

The trainees are employed by their host organisations not by Charityworks. We would hope that those organisations would be able to continue to employ the trainee but that is not something for Charityworks. It has to be a matter between each employer and their trainee(s).

We have suggested that trainees seek guidance or clarification through their employers as that is the key relationship.

**5. For those who have completed the LDP but are waiting Impact Research marks, ILM accreditation and certificate of completion, will these be provided?**

We are dealing with the withdrawal of our delivery partner and principal supplier at very short notice. Charityworks has never had staff of its own. We are urgently investigating other ways to deliver this but as yet, have been unable to identify an appropriate alternative.

**6. Will mentoring and other support continue to be provided for trainees?**

We would encourage mentor support to continue. It would need to be arranged on an individual basis between each mentor and their trainee with the support of their employer.

Unfortunately, there will no longer be any support from Charityworks.

**7. Will trainees and their employers have access to Programme materials?**

We are exploring if this might be possible but currently and unfortunately, we do not have a solution.

**8. Will there be any interim support or guidance issued?**

We are exploring if this might be possible but currently and unfortunately, we do not have a solution.

We are working quickly to address the issues arising and will endeavour to provide as much information as we can as matters become clearer. We are grateful for the support we have received from the sector at this difficult time and thank you for your patience as we work through this.

**Charityworks Trustee Board**  
**6 July 2026**