

# LIFT OFF!

## 2026 Mentoring Program for Aspiring Leaders

### Program highlights

- **Structured mentoring**
- **Professional connection**
- **Targeted leadership development**
- **Group coaching**
- **Career growth**



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### Co-facilitated by:



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LG Professionals WA**



**Jill Dare, Leadership  
Coach, Integral**

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**Join us as we celebrate 10 years of Lift Off! - our flagship mentoring program shaping the next generation of local government leaders across Western Australia.**

Lift Off! provides structured mentoring, professional connection, and targeted leadership development; a powerful headstart for aspiring leaders looking to grow their careers in local government.

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**Stacey Hutt, CEO, LG Professionals WA**

Stacey brings sector-wide insight and a passion for developing people, guiding emerging leaders to build confidence, capability, and meaningful connections across local government.

**Jill Dare, Leadership Coach, Integral**

Jill is an experienced leadership coach known for her practical, strengths-based approach, helping aspiring leaders gain clarity, grow their impact, and thrive in complex environments.

**EOIs  
close  
31 July  
2026**

**Program fee**

**\$850 +GST for  
mentee registration.**

**Typically funded by  
the employer.**

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**Call for Mentees**

Mentees will receive targeted mentoring, exclusive access to the ABLE professional development program, and a 180 Leadership Survey to launch their development journey.

**New offerings for Mentees**

- ILP 180 Leadership Survey to launch your learning journey
- 12-month access to ABLE, professional development software platform
- Invitation to join the mid-point networking session
- Three structured online group coaching sessions with your Cohort
- Complimentary registration to an LG Professionals WA conference of choice.

**Call for Mentors**

We are seeking experienced leaders to serve as mentors and help shape the next generation. Mentoring is a meaningful opportunity to give back, refine your own leadership practice, and support the development of talent across the sector.

**New offerings for Mentors**

- Enhanced tools and supports, including a short mentor training session at program commencement
- Invitation to join the mid-point networking session
- Recognition and promotion by LG Professionals WA as a sector mentor

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## Eligibility

This program is open to our members and any employees within an LG Professionals WA subscribing local government.

## Key dates

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| Call for nominations for mentees and mentors                                                                                                                                                                   | June & July 2026 |
| EOI closes                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 31 July 2026     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assessment of nominations</li><li>• Register of Mentors established</li><li>• Cohort of Mentees endorsed</li><li>• Matching of Mentees and Mentors finalised</li></ul> | August 2026      |
| <b>Launch events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentor training (1 hour, online)</li><li>• Mentee kick off (1 hour, online)</li></ul>                                                            | 26 August 2026   |
| Program runs / pairs meet                                                                                                                                                                                      | August to August |
| <b>Mid-point event:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mentees group coaching session (1 hour, online)</li><li>• Mentors &amp; Mentees networking event (evening)</li></ul>                           | 17 February 2027 |
| <b>Program wrap up event and evaluation</b><br>(1 hour, online)                                                                                                                                                | August 2027      |

**Expressions of Interest for both Mentees and Mentors are now open and will close 31 July 2026.**

**Mentoring categories include:** assets, communications, community development, communications, council planning, engagement, engineering, executive support, finance, and people & culture.

Applicants are assessed based on their genuine expressed desire for career development and commitment to full program participation.

**Apply now, visit:**  
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