

# LEADERSHIP, ETHICS AND WORKING WITH UNKNOWING

## An International Conference

### 10th – 11th March 2017, UWE, Bristol, UK.

The focus on ethical values in leadership has been sharpened through a string of recent world events, and it seems that the need for truly ethical leadership has never been greater. Yet in what do genuine ethical values really lie? Is ethical leadership something that individuals can cultivate? And can ethical values be instilled into organisational culture in such a way that it is both evolving and sustainable? This conference sets out to encourage inquiry and stimulate debate on these questions. We will address the theme from a range of perspectives and we will specifically consider the importance of working creatively with unknowing. Here, the idea is that ethical inspiration and ethical action can arise as much out of states of openness and emptiness as it can out of solution-focused effort. The poet John Keats called this 'negative capability' and we will be examining what this means and what its relevance for ethical leadership practice might be. The conference offers contributions from scholars in the field and practicing leaders in a blend of key-note presentations and interactive workshops. The conference is for leaders, managers, academics, students, philosophers and anyone else interested in the practice of ethical leadership today.

#### Registration and programme details

To register and view the conference programme, please visit:

<https://unknowing.eventbrite.co.uk>

There is no conference fee, but there is a £20 charge to cover food and refreshments. **Early booking is advised.**

#### Time and place

Friday 10th March, 4pm to 9pm.

Saturday 11th March, 9am to 5pm.

Address: Bristol Business School, UWE, Bristol, BS16 1QY, UK.

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#### Organisation

This conference is a collaboration between *Bristol Leadership and Change Centre* (University of the West of England, UK), the *Institute of Philosophy and Aesthetics* (Alanus University, Germany), and *Crossfields Institute* (UK).