

PRESS RELEASE: Radical thinking and fresh perspectives at the Humanitarian Xchange 2024

The Humanitarian Leadership Academy is proud to launch the [Humanitarian Xchange \(HX\)](#), a hybrid event taking place on February 20, 2024; set to bring together the humanitarian worldwide ecosystem of non-profit, business, and academia.

The most effective humanitarian response efforts are locally led by experienced individuals who take charge in a crisis. These individuals are the front line and create solutions that deliver immediate and far-reaching impact.

As crises become more frequent and prevalent across the world, Paul Skinner, Author of *The Purpose Upgrade: Change your business to save the world* states: "it is time to understand that "everything problems" require "everyone solutions" and to make a humanitarian of us all. It is time for a new humanitarian era." An era that brings actors together for better collaboration, cooperation, and collective impact.

Gareth Owen, Humanitarian Director at Save the Children UK – HX founding partner said: "our objective is to address the systemic changes that are required to transform the root causes of human suffering. This requires a different approach with more radical thinking."

This maiden Humanitarian Xchange will be filled with stories of real-world impact. It will bring new faces, intergenerational conversations, unexpected partnerships, and long-term engagement between traditional and new humanitarians to create action. The one-day event will comprise of a conference, an exhibition and opportunities to network.

Whatever your level of experience, we welcome you to share stories or ideas you have that challenge accepted thinking and generate action. These can be from inside and outside the humanitarian community, but they should create fresh perspectives and provoke questions, opinions, and discussion.

Under the five broad themes of: Exploring the Challenges, Leadership, Collaboration and Partnerships, Technology & Data and Finance, [you can contribute to shaping the agenda](#).

The Humanitarian Xchange 2024 is free to attend. You can sign up for updates to be informed when registration for attendance is open.

About Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA)

The Humanitarian Leadership Academy is a global learning initiative set up to build people's skills and capabilities through learning. The HLA facilitates partnerships and collaborative opportunities to enable people to prepare for and respond to crises in their own countries.

As a sector-facing team within Save the Children, the HLA benefits from the knowledge and experience brought by 100 years of responding to crises while still retaining independence. This allows us to complement Save the Children's work, supporting more humanitarians,



working with anyone with an interest in creating positive change and exploring new innovations in learning.

[Kaya](#) is the HLA's online learning platform, designed specifically for humanitarian and development professionals and volunteers to access relevant, up-to-date learning content covering a broad range of general and technical subjects. Kaya is accessed by over 700,000 registered users from over 190 countries and offers over 500 courses in up to 12 languages. The Kaya interface itself is available in Arabic, French, English and Spanish.

[HPass](#) is a digital platform for humanitarians to showcase their skills and expertise. Badges awarded can be shared online or printed as with normal paper certificates. The initiative promotes transparent and efficient recruitment, by enabling humanitarians to quickly provide verifiable evidence of their skills as they transition between organisations and locations.

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