

## **The City & Guilds Group acquires The Oxford Group**

The City & Guilds Group has announced the acquisition of The Oxford Group – a global management training, leadership development and executive coaching company.

The acquisition strengthens the City & Guilds Group's support to multi-national employers. As a global leader in skills development, the Group develops and nurtures the skills employers need to grow their businesses. The Institute of Leadership & Management (ILM) is already part of the City & Guilds Group, offering leadership and management qualifications.

Through The Oxford Group, the City & Guilds Group will expand the support it can offer employers. Together, they will work with 350 employers worldwide – such as GE, Pfizer, Nikon, McDonald's and SAB Miller.

Chris Jones, Chief Executive of the City & Guilds Group said: 'Across the world, business and political leaders are worried about building the skills of individuals to help businesses and economies grow. That is the reason that the City & Guilds Group exists and why we are so thrilled to welcome The Oxford Group into our organisation. Leadership and management skills are essential to the success of any business; in today's interconnected, complex world, developing the skills of your senior leadership team has never been more important to business growth.'

The acquisition builds on the existing partnership between The Oxford Group and City & Guilds Kineo – the leading workplace learning company – which has already delivered outstanding results for Barclays, as well as an [award-winning](#) blended learning programme for Coats.

Nigel Purse, Chairman of The Oxford Group added: 'We set up The Oxford Group in 1987 to make a difference to business life and business performance through the development of people. After several decades of building our business across the world, we are delighted to begin a new chapter by joining the City & Guilds Group. Our strong brands and our values are complementary and we already have a great track-record of working together. Most

importantly, we will be able to offer even more services and support to our clients across the world.'

Chris Jones added: 'The Oxford Group's culture of professionalism, passion and dedication to quality customer service makes it a perfect fit for our organisation. We look forward to working together to deliver a fuller service to our employer customers.'

The Oxford Group is the latest in the City & Guilds Group's active programme of acquisitions which are aimed at continuing to build its global reach and offer to employers.

The City & Guilds Group reinvests its surplus into its purpose: helping people and organisations to develop the skills they need for personal and economic growth.

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### **About the City & Guilds Group**

The City & Guilds Group is a global leader in skills development. Its purpose is to enable people and organisations to develop their skills for personal and economic growth. Backed by a Royal Charter, the City & Guilds Group has 136 years' experience in making sure that people are prepared to contribute to successful businesses and thriving economies.

Other City & Guilds Group companies include the [Institute of Leadership & Management](#) (ILM) and [City & Guilds Kineo](#). The City & Guilds Group operates in over 80 countries, working with 350+ employers and 10,000+ training centres.

For more information about the City & Guilds Group visit: [www.cityandguilds.com/about-us](http://www.cityandguilds.com/about-us)

### **About The Oxford Group**

The Oxford Group is a people-focussed business driven by a passion for helping organisations get the best from their people, unleash hidden talent and successfully manage their businesses through times of change.

It offers a full curriculum of courses, workshops, master classes and one-to-one coaching at all levels of the Leadership Pipeline, through both standard and bespoke solutions.

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