

# WOMEN'S SPORT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY NZ 2017

We are delighted to announce an exciting new initiative that supports New Zealand's female Olympians to make a positive transition from sport performance to sport leadership, and connect with an international network of women leaders in sport.

The first intake of the Women's Sport Leadership Academy (WSLA NZ) will bring together up to 20 outstanding Olympians to take part in a 2-year programme.

The programme will provide a unique learning environment that will support these women to further develop their confidence and leadership competencies.



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## By the end of the programme the women will have:

- Further developed confidence and competence in a range of leadership behaviours
- Produced a Personal Development Plan with clear goals
- Developed career strategies
- Participated in regular networking
- Greater self-awareness
- Access to mentoring
- Better knowledge and understanding of the women and sport movement in NZ and globally

## Who is WSLA NZ aimed at?

We are seeking expressions of interest from retired or retiring female Olympians who:

- are currently in middle management or recently appointed senior managers or Board members of sport or sport related organisations, including the NZOC
- have key areas of responsibility such as heading up a specific department/area/project for their organisation or have current responsibility for influencing people and/or managing staff
- are identified as future leaders by their organisations, and have the aspiration and commitment to pursue a leadership pathway
- are committed to making a difference and enhancing opportunities for women and girls in and through sport
- demonstrate a commitment to continuous professional development

## The Programme Elements:

The Programme is facilitative rather than prescriptive based on a personalised learning approach with shared experiences and peer coaching, an emphasis on self-reflection and action learning. It consists of the following core elements:

- › **Workshops** – 4 x 2 day workshops over 18 months commencing March 2017
- › **Personal Development Plans** – setting goals on leadership behaviours and career strategies
- › **Mentors** – providing support throughout the programme
- › **Home Team Projects** – designed for maximum learning outside of the workshops

## Expressions of interest for the 2017 intake open now!

More detail on timelines and processes can be found at:

[www.olympic.org.nz](http://www.olympic.org.nz)



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