

# Learning from IGD 2024

Inspiring and  
supporting personal  
and career development

# Our purpose is to make a tangible difference to society, business and the individual.

Learning from IGD fulfils this purpose by inspiring professionals throughout their careers and aiding the development of relevant work skills.

This helps them to meet the challenges of an ever-changing business climate and therefore, play an important part in driving the food and consumer goods industry forward.

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# How we help you & your business

## Free learning

Provides everyone in our industry the opportunity to build a great skill foundation to thrive in their roles and drive greater impact.

## Paid-for learning

Develops individuals and teams with the functional capabilities they need to make better commercial decisions that improve the performance of their organisation.

# Free learning

# The food and consumer goods industry must accelerate efforts to build a workforce fit for the future.

Having enough people with the right skills is both a short and long-term problem for the industry and the competition for people is more challenging than ever.

We offer free learning programmes to give everyone in our industry the same opportunity to build a great skills foundation.

In 2022

**Over 400**

companies participated  
in our free learning  
programmes

**17,000**

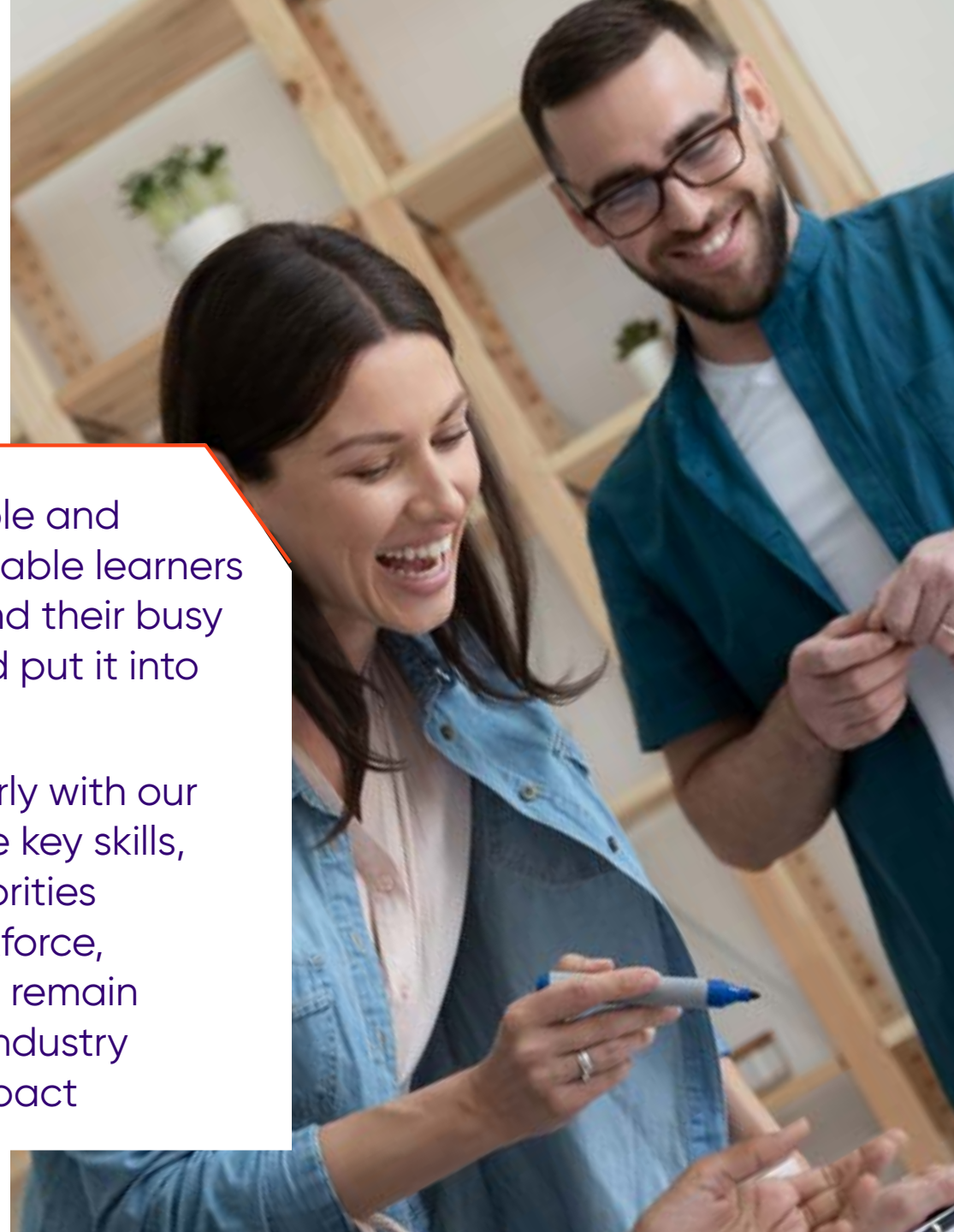
free learning hours  
were delivered to  
industry colleagues

**91%**

of learners agreed they  
developed their skills

# How we help you & your business

- Build foundation level knowledge for free
- A unique combination of both relevant personal skills and industry awareness
- Bring the outside in and inspire curiosity, enabling learners to see alternative perspectives and connect with others
- Delivered in a flexible and bitesized way to enable learners to fit learning around their busy work schedules and put it into practice quickly
- We connect regularly with our L&D Network on the key skills, challenges and priorities impacting the workforce, so our programmes remain highly relevant for industry and drive social impact



# Development courses

## New Starter Skills Course

An all-round introduction to the food and consumer goods industry, this unique course combines industry knowledge and personal skills, providing the following outcomes:

- Improving knowledge and awareness about the industry and the forces shaping it
- Broadening thinking and encouraging you to see alternative perspectives
- Inspiring you to be curious and proactive, boosting confidence and personal skills

## New Manager Skills Course

A two-part course giving you the insight, tools and reflective space you need to start your journey as a people manager.

### **Part 1 will help you:**

- Develop your confidence as a manager
- Develop your communication and coaching skills
- Learn how to manage your team's work through goal setting, delegation and prioritisation

### **Part 2 will help you:**

- Learn how to motivate and influence others
- Build your leadership style and skills
- Understand how to build a culture in which your team can perform at their best

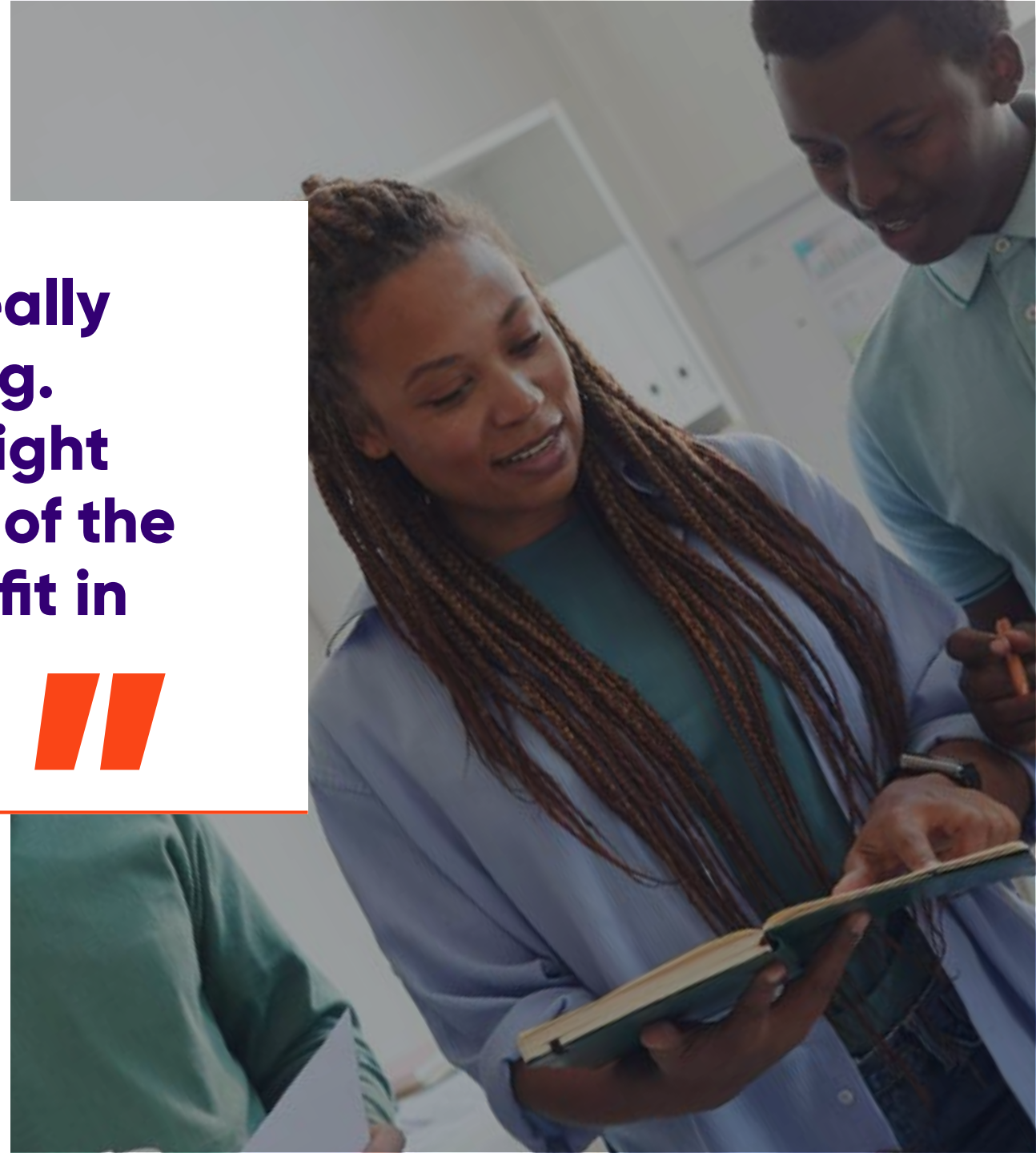


**This course has been really motivating and inspiring. It has given me real insight into the inner workings of the industry and how I can fit in and make a difference.**

**New Starter Skills course participant**



You can also join our live interactive events to re-connect with others and practice your skills – **see the latest events [here](#)**



# Mentoring programmes

## Inclusion and Diversity Reverse Mentoring

Through this mentoring programme we are creating a safe and collaborative space for leaders to hear the lived-in experiences of those from under-represented groups. This helps build knowledge and understanding of what great inclusion looks like and gives leaders the confidence to take-action.

Mentoring partnerships are made up of two individuals from different, non-competing companies across the food and consumer goods industry.

- ▲ A mentee – a senior person who can impact the business culture i.e. director or head-of level. Someone looking to broaden their understanding of inclusion
- ▲ A reverse mentor – someone from an under-represented background who would benefit from the opportunity to grow an external network and support a mentee. Someone who wants to be part of leading change in our industry

# Mentoring programmes



**Having a neutral contact has allowed me to be incredibly honest about my development needs... the breadth from understanding a different working culture and approach has been eye-opening.**

**Mentee**



## Supply Chain Mentoring

A cross-company development opportunity for supply chain professionals.

We work with businesses across the industry to make non-competitor matches for those in junior roles through to Supply Chain Directors.

# Paid-for learning

**Our commercial workshops will help to improve the way you work and unlock long-term commercial benefit for both organisations and individuals.**

**This training is delivered virtually, face-to-face or on a bespoke basis, depending on each organisation's particular needs.**

**Enhance your knowledge and skills across category, sales, insight and shopper**

In 2022

**Over 180**

companies participated  
in our open workshops

# How we help you & your business

- Offer best practice capability solutions, tailored to the specific needs of each function and experience level
- Provide specialist understanding of the food and consumer goods markets, shoppers and trends
- Deliver robust plans, built together, like having us as an extra member of your team
- Help to form closer and more effective relationships with internal and external stakeholders
- Build confident and capable employees who are equipped with the abilities needed to overcome the biggest challenges



# Category workshops

## Successful Category Management

The first step in your category management learning journey. You will learn how to use category management principles to build meaningful partnerships and plans with your retailers, identifying and delivering opportunities for the category and your business.

## Advanced Category Management Techniques

Develop your category management techniques and learn to build better proposals. Our experts will introduce you to new tools and techniques that will improve how you deliver your recommendations.


## Category Leadership

Find out the difference between category leaders and category partners. If you are looking to develop your capabilities in category management and aspire to lead the category agenda, this workshop is for you.


## NEW: Mastering Retailer Relationships

In retailer facing commercial roles, having a strong understanding of how retailers work and using this knowledge to build great relationships, is essential to deliver success.

We'll take you through how you can leverage better understanding of the needs and challenges of your retailer to build better proposals and have productive engagement.



**The tutor and the interaction with other people all at similar levels has enabled me to develop a better understanding of skills required to be a successful account manager.**



# Insight and shopper workshops

## Data to Insight

This workshop will take you through the main process required to distil reams of data into meaningful insights. Our industry experts will demonstrate techniques to ensure you uncover what is important in your data. You will discover what actionable insights are and learn a process to guarantee you go beyond sharing observations to delivering insights.

## Successful Ecommerce Management

Throughout this virtual workshop delegates will learn how to overcome the unique challenges of ecommerce to drive engagement and sales. Our experts will help you understand the shoppers' journey online and the essentials to get right. We'll share the tools to leverage to ensure you are set up for today's online shopper.

## Successful Shopper Activation

How can you better align your shopper activation with what shoppers want now and in the future? Learn the key differences between shoppers and consumers and how you can increase your sales by applying shopper thinking to shopper activation.



**The course builds theoretical knowledge but also gives you chance to apply this knowledge in a real-life situation.**



**It covered all the areas that I wanted to review and allowed me to see where our business could get to.**



# Sales workshops

## Successful Account Management

This workshop is a 'how to' guide for all FMCG account managers new to the role or industry. You will learn what is required to build and manage successful customer relationships.

## Revenue Growth Management

Discover the tools and techniques required for implementing a successful revenue growth management mindset in your business. This workshop will explore how to drive profit and revenue growth whilst remaining relevant to your customers and consumers.

## Advanced Account Management

Are you looking to the next step in your account management journey?

In this workshop We'll teach you how to extend your influence with your customer, how to optimise your proposals and create more chances to succeed. And when sales techniques aren't enough how to deploy negotiation.



**Brilliant course, really useful  
and engaging content  
and the exercises were fun  
and educational.**



# Supporting over 400 companies

**AG Barr**  
BUILDING GREAT BRANDS

**ASDA**

**BAKKAVÖR**

**BOOKER**

 **brakes**  
a Sysco company

**BURTON'S  
BISCUIT CO**

*Coca-Cola*

**CO  
OP**

**Greencore** 

SINCE 1888  
**HOVIS**

**KARRO**  
FOOD GROUP

*Kellogg's*

**KP** SNACKS

  
**LINDT & SPRÜNGLI**

**McCain**

**Mondelēz**  
International

  
**Morrisons**  
Since 1899

 **Nestlé**

  
**pilgrim's**

 **PREMIER  
FOODS**

**Sainsbury's**

**SPAR** 

**SUNTORY**

EST. 1804  
**THATCHERS**  
— THE FAMILY CIDER MAKERS —

 **Yeo  
Valley**

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we'd love to hear from you!

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