

Master the art of leadership to become a better entrepreneur claims Blue Branch

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Leadership is almost entirely about managing people effectively, and <u>Blue Branch</u> believes that having great ideas and a strategic vision won't get a business far if the employees feel their leadership is lacking.

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Entrepreneurial leadership comes in many different forms often dependent on the nature of the entrepreneur themselves, but Blue Branch argue that too many of them are taking fundamental leadership principles for granted. This concerns the firm, as the ability to showcase strong leadership qualities is also often the difference between gathering acclaim, and potentially reducing credibility in an entrepreneurial capacity. The firm states that it is crucial for entrepreneurs to gain confidence in leadership if they are to truly take their career to the next level.

Blue Branch supports the view that being a great entrepreneur means being a great leader, claiming that it takes courage, resilience, teamwork, emotional intelligence and a lot of hard work in order to bring an entrepreneurial vision to life. The firm states that not all entrepreneurs are 'born' with such qualities, and are confident that entrepreneurship can also be taught, and entrepreneurs can be made. The firm argues that it is possible to teach yourself to have most entrepreneurial qualities and the skills needed to maintain a successful attitude, there just needs to be a willingness and determination present to work alongside it.

Leadership is definitely one of the qualities and skills required to become a successful entrepreneur, and here the firm provide some tips:

Be a positive role model.

A leader's actions sets the tone for what is appropriate behaviour in the workplace, and Blue Branch believe that it is essential for a business owner or entrepreneur to lead by example, and display values for employees to emulate. Businesses of all sizes must establish rules and codes of conduct for how staff should behave at work, and what actions will not be tolerated. Blue Branch firmly believes that the best way to encourage these specific actions is for the leader to correctly and precisely demonstrate these behaviours themselves.

Be humble.

Blue Branch believes that humility is a critical leadership factor for creating an environment where employees from different demographic backgrounds feel included. They stress the importance of sharing credit for successful projects, and sharing blame for failed ones as a collective unit. Avoid playing the 'blame game' with employees, as by demonstrating that the leader is tolerant and accepting of individual mistakes, a more cooperative atmosphere will be forged within the company (Entrepreneur, 2016).

Find a mentor.

Blue Branch states that entrepreneurs often desire to pursue a career path outside the traditional corporate system, as they realise there is always more to learn, and from a different source. Successful entrepreneurs will turn to a trusted friend or colleague for their opinion on a given issue or to receive feedback on their job performance. Seeking advice from someone with more experience is not a sign of weakness, as it takes a community of people to make amazing things happen. That's why great leaders surround themselves with other great minds.

Blue Branch believes that their good leadership can be felt throughout their entire organisation. Their company culture isn't forced - it's developed, and communication is daily and open. Everyone at Blue Branch understands the vision and goals of the organisation, and everyone has input into how they can be improved.

Blue Branch is an outsourced sales and marketing firm based in Edinburgh. The firm specialises in alternative event marketing strategies on behalf of their clients' brands. The firm connects with consumers on a face-to-face basis, as they believe this is the most effective way to create long-lasting

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and personal relationships between brand and consumer. In turn, this often leads to increased customer acquisition, brand awareness and brand loyalty for their clients.

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