Go. Run. Lead. A Training for Women Interested in Elected Politics

What is it?

A series of three seminars for women and gender non-binary students and staff interested in either running for elected office or making a career in campaign politics. The three seminars are: 1) Ten Things to Know about Running for Office; 2) Gender and Political Parties; 3) Managing Gender-Based Expectations and Gender-Based Violence.

How Much Does It Cost?

Nothing – it is free!

Why?

Running for elected office is a gendered experience. Women are massively underrepresented in political leadership around the world – they constitute less than a quarter of the world’s parliamentarians. While the UK is slightly above that (34% in the House of Commons, 28% in the House of Lords), that is still far fewer than the women in the population. Research shows that women who run for office experience gendered expectations, endure gendered harassment, and remain at a fundraising disadvantage compared to their male competitors. Still, there are considerable and growing resources for female candidates and potential candidates – they can benefit from significant research, from organisations interested in promoting female candidates, and from building a network of women interested in seeking public office. This programme seeks to train potential candidates and build networks.

How?

Fill out our short application form. It should not take more than ten minutes – we’re asking you to tell us a little bit about what interests you in the programme. Applications are due January 29, 2021 by the close of business. By February 5, 2021, you will hear whether you’ve been chosen to participate in the programme.

When?

(Revised) Application Deadline: February 15, 5pm
(Revised) Acceptance Notification: February 16, 5pm
Dame Margaret Hodge’s Talk (open to the public): February 25, 1pm
Seminars (attendance required at all three): March 3, March 10, and March 17, 3pm-5pm