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FEMALE LEADERS AND WHAT MAKES A GOOD LEADER?



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What I Have Learnt as a Female Leader

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If you have been following our socials, you would have noticed the great female leaders we discuss in our Influential Women Series. All these wonderful female leaders have paved a path for women like us to be able to break barriers and become leaders in our respective fields. How will you continue their legacy? Below I have some learnings of being a female leader myself:

Be Ready to Leave Your Comfort Zone and do Uncomfortable Things

A leader is someone who is willing to put their hand up and take on extra responsibilities to support the team as a whole. However, with every achievement and milestone you reach, there are some uncomfortable things you must do. Expect to have many disagreements, things not going the way you expect it to and continuously making mistakes that the whole team will see. However, without this, your team will not be able to grow into strong resilient individuals that consistently strive to perform their best, and neither will you.

Support Each Other

Women need to support other women. Assist where you can, celebrate each other's achievements and provide your advice from your own experiences. Most importantly, ask for support from others when you don't feel you are able to complete tasks on your own. I guarantee you, there will be people who will put their hand up to help you.

Be a Role Model

Do what you expect your team members to do. Modelling qualities such as high performance standards and achievements will optimistically encourage those around you to do the same!

I hope during my time at WEB I will have the opportunity to mentor and motivate the next team of leaders.



The Makings of a Good Leader

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From Napoleon to Mulan, Joan of Arc to Big Brother, society has been exposed to a plethora of leaders and leadership styles. Whilst traditionally, there has been a general consensus on the qualities of a good leader, this trend has changed... and this could be attributed with the increase of female leaders within society. When we look at Melinda Gates or Shemara Wikramanayake, these amazing women are *very* good leaders... here's why.



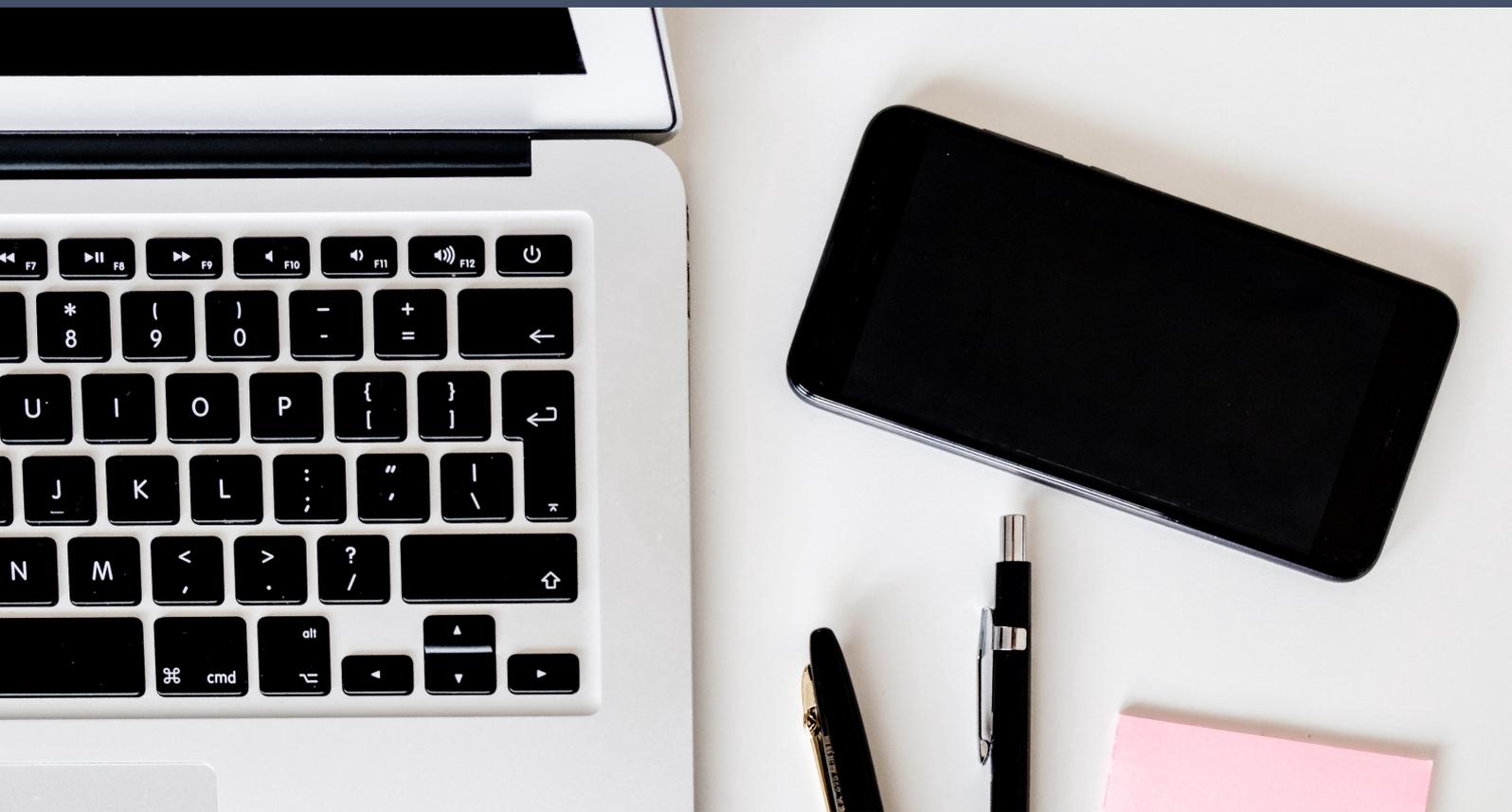
Communication: What is arguably one of the most important attributes of a good leader is the ability to effectively communicate with other people. Whether this be within their team or to external parties, a leader who can get the message across will be able to rally their team members behind a common purpose.

Empathetic: Within the workforce, it is easy to forget that someone is more than an employee. Oftentimes, the human element is lost to the bigger system. These leaders encourage you to take time off, they understand that you are more than your job title and role.

Self-Accountability: They accept responsibility for their actions, good or bad, setting an example for their team. By doing so, leaders with self-accountability encourage their own team to acknowledge their own errors and celebrate achievements.

But for all of these qualities, the hallmark of a good leader is in their interest with the next generation and their excitement to watch the next leaders succeed.





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