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## A bit about me....

I joined Leading Edge as a Team Coach in 2016 following a career leading teams and running retail businesses in the UK. After a firm grounding at BHS I joined Burton Group/Arcadia Group and held various positions including Area Manager, Head of Marketing at Top Shop and General Manager of the world's largest fashion store – Top Shop Oxford Circus. In my last role at Arcadia Group, Retail Director, I was responsible for a £300m business across all Arcadia brands. A three year period as Retail Managing Director at The Body Shop followed where I was fortunate enough to work with the late, great Dame Anita Roddick - an inspirational leader who taught me so much.

More recently I have been delighted to use my commercial knowledge and business acumen to support charities and social enterprises, as COO, Chief Executive and Chair. For five years I was Chair of The ELLA Foundation that was set up to coach, mentor and inspire charity chief executives. Currently I Chair the charity Sing Inside that brings singing workshops into prisons to break down social barriers and encourage creativity, confidence and a greater sense of self-worth.

As part of the Leading Edge team I love spending time leading, developing and facilitating teams as well as managing and driving change. Coaching and speaking are my passions and he would describe myself as a 'champion of people engagement'.

Having been born and raised in Manchester, I now live in north west London with my wife Nicole and we have two grown up sons.

### I've worked with....

- The FA
- Jaguar Land Rover
- England Rugby
- GSA
- MARS
- Carnival
- Levi's
- Whitbread

### Colleague View

"I love Nigel's energy and curiosity for knowledge and to better understand people. He always makes time for everyone and he is very skilful at flipping from crazy funny to ultra-challenging. He works really hard at building trust with the teams that he supporting and that affords him to get 'under the bonnet'. He is a skilful coach who uses his strong noticing skills to quickly asses the support that is going to be most helpful to help the teams thrive. I love being in Nigel's company as I'm always learning from him."

### Client View

"It was a pleasure working with Nigel he was inspirational and motivational. It is not easy to work with a mixed group of people across Europe, not only due to the language barrier, but also because of the cultural differences between each Country. Nigel managed to bridge the gap and found common ground. I would be delighted to work with him in the future."

### Credentials & Qualifications

- Trustee and Chair of the charity Sing Inside

### Quirky fact

"As a passionate Manchester City supporter, I was offered my dream job in 2013 to host the weekly Manchester City podcast 'The Man City Show' and regularly comment in the media about all things Manchester City."