



FUTURE LEADERS CLASS OF 2022



BLAKE THORNYCROFT

MANGER, TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT
KG GROUP EDUCATION

Blake Thornycroft heads up Professional Training and Development for the KG Group, an industry leader in Education in Hong Kong. Additionally, he oversees the company's ongoing franchising efforts into international markets.

Blake is responsible for developing strategic partnerships with individuals and organizations to enhance new market opportunities. He has input into the Group's strategic planning, while conceiving and implementing development programs for operations teams, customer-service teams, and educators.

His previous role was as Head of English Operations for an international education group focused on expansion into Mainland China. During his time there, Blake achieved development success expanding franchises into more than a dozen cities.

With significant multi-cultural experience working across different business units and regions (Africa, Europe, and Asia), Blake acted as the liaison and relationship-builder between franchise owners, departmental teams, and headquarters.

Prior to transitioning into education, Blake built a career in Investment Accountancy for Kleinwort-Benson, UK as a member of a 9-person private investment banking team administering over \$1 billion in assets, providing services to 13 institutional clients across 23 investment funds.

Blake holds a Bachelors' Degree in Economics and a Post-Graduate in Financial Management (Rhodes University, South Africa); a PGCE in Education (Leeds-Beckett University, UK); a CELTA accreditation (the British Studies Centre in Manchester, UK) and a TEFL certification (Caledonian Language School, Prague).