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I did a leadership programwith the National Leadership Center,

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which is at the CabinetOffice, on systems leadership.

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And could really see the

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power in sort of bringing systems together effectively.

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And so I've had an ambition since then.

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And then I met Nicole Edgington from the The Open University at ab event in Cardiff.

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And so she contacted me and said,

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would I be interested in running a systems leadership event?

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And obviously I was.

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Luckily we managed to attract somereally high profile local leaders

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and some very high quality practitioners to come and join in the event today.

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The Open Universityhas been generating systems

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teaching for, well, since 1972.

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It's useful for activities like today,

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with, exploring economic inactivity because very often

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you get siloed attention

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to those kind of issues.

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And I think what you what we witnessed

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today at the event was an opportunity

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to have those kind of conversations between different professions,

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interdisciplinary, if you like conversations

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around the issue of, economic inactivity,

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which otherwise would not take place.

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So in providing them with the tools,

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with some very basic tools anddiagraming systems and modeling,

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complex systems, multiple

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management within the single day workshop,

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which provided that space

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for people to creatively talk about, explore

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those issues.

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And the timing was brilliantbecause on Monday, we were launching

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a whole set of new projects to deliver on our brand new Mansfield strategy.

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Some of the leaders of those project teams were in the room today,

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but we got a chance to put them straight into practice very soon.

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I think there's an opportunity to weave some of these tools and,

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some of that thinking into, into the work that we're doing.

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So I'm hoping that very quickly

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we'll see some, some real impactfrom what we've done today.