

The Transformation of L&D

We surveyed thousands of learning leaders from across the globe to understand how learning is evolving to help people and organizations grow.



L&D is more central, strategic, and cross functional

Learning leaders lived up to high expectations over the past year. Their time in the spotlight is just beginning.



L&D pros seize their opportunity to lead

91%

of L&D pros in South-East Asia helped their organization adapt to change

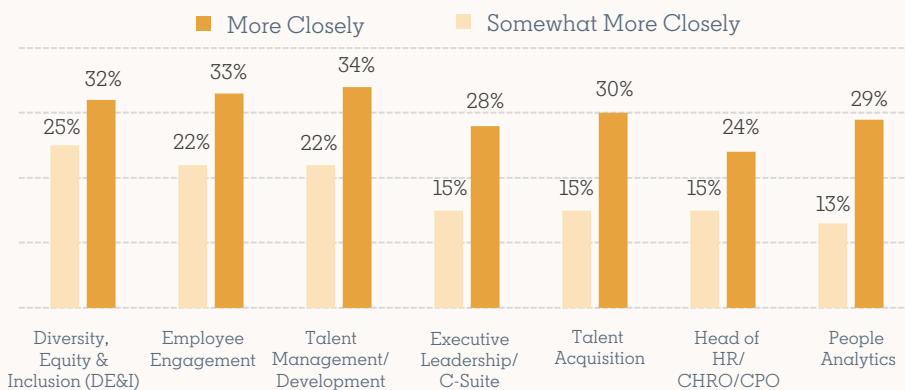
+94%

increase in demand for L&D specialists by mid-2021

Internal networks expand with more room to grow

84% agree that L&D in South-East Asia has become more collaborative, particularly with DE&I, employee engagement, and talent development.

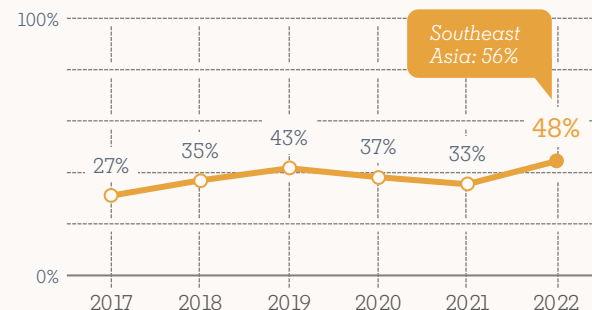
L&D Program Partnership Shifts vs. Last Year



Go big with budget

The percentage of L&D leaders who expect to have more spending power has reached a six-year high. That means more opportunities to build headcount and invest in technology.

Over half of L&D pros in South-East Asia expect their budgets to increase this year.*



*Note that past surveys included more granular categories of budget increases. This year's question simply asked whether L&D pros expect their budget to increase, decrease, or remain the same.

“Learning has become a priceless gift to thrive if not survive in this changing world. It enables success for both the individual and to the business.”

Eileen Reyes
First Vice President, SBC Academy Head
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L&D's 2022 to-do list

With more partners and budget comes more responsibilities. L&D will need to scale in all key areas to meet growing demand for skills-development.



Leadership and upskilling are top priorities

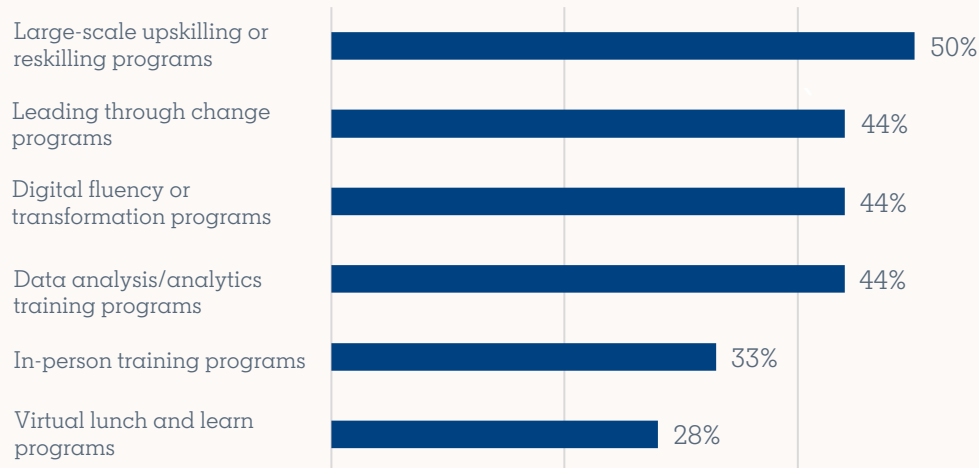
Amid many competing tasks, L&Ds ranked their top focus areas for the next year*:

- Building NET Skills **45%**
- Upskilling and reskilling employees **44%**
- Leadership & management training **36%**
- Digital upskilling / digital transformation. **26%**
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*Percent who selected the focus area as one of their top three choices

Launch more programs at scale

Compared to last year, more L&D Pros globally are planning to launch programs across all key learning areas.



Build a better employee experience

The top three ways to motivate employees to learn in APAC were all connected to careers:

- 1 If it is personalized specifically for my interests and career goals
- 2 If it helps me stay up to date in my field
- 3 If it helps me get another job internally, be promoted or get closer to reaching my career goals

"We are transforming our culture to one of self-motivated and self-directed learning where employees want to learn and are not just forced to learn."

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