

Practical Thinking for Project Success

A toolbox of thinking techniques to enhance project management

1 day in-house course that can be tailored

Overview of course content

For a project to succeed it is essential to have clarity on your outcome, have a deep understanding of the processes involved in achieving it, and have techniques that enable you to anticipate future challenges and prepare for them.

This course will generate awareness of current thinking styles, and provide fresh insights and new ideas for planning projects.

The course will explain:

- Gaining clarity on all phases of project lifespan.
- Identifying obstacles and barriers to project success.
- Identifying current thinking styles and preferences.
- Exploring habitual thought patterns, generating awareness of them.
- Techniques to gain clarity on project outcomes.
- The importance of understanding the perspectives of all stakeholders involved in the project.
- The key role of communication in planning and delivery.
- Tools to determine future pitfalls, barriers and challenges .
- Visual thinking tools for the planning phase, seeing the bigger picture and the detail at the same time.
- Techniques for generating ideas and finding solutions to future challenges.
- Running project planning sessions and applying techniques.

Key benefits

Develop greater self awareness, understand current strengths and weaknesses

Tools and techniques that improve thinking skills during all phases of the project lifecycle

Enhance project problem solving skills

Active learning, lots of opportunity to apply techniques and strengthen understanding



Duration and format

One day in-house course that can be tailored to meet particular needs.

Who is this course for?

Anyone whose job involves project planning, implementation and execution. It provides an essential toolkit for anyone looking for fresh insights and approaches to the planning process.

Managers as part of a management or leadership development programme.

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Additional course detail

How do we do it?



Clear thinking about projects

- Gain clarity on what a project is: outcome, design, implementation and evaluation.
- Reflect on the challenges that can affect project success.

Your current style of thinking

- Identify current thinking preferences.
- The importance of incorporating different styles of thinking when planning.
- Challenge habitual thinking patterns.
- Develop new, flexible patterns of thinking.

Outcomes and objective setting

- Explore the importance of getting really clear on objectives.
- Evaluate underlying reasons behind a desired outcome.

Thinking tools for projects

Delegates will learn a variety of tools that will help to:

- Broaden thinking.
- Communicate at the right time to the right people.
- See the big picture and prioritise the detail.
- Identify milestones and problem areas in advance.

Strategies for overcoming challenges

- Tools to understand a problem more fully.
- Techniques that will help to find multiple solutions to overcome a challenge.
- Tools to speed up the decision making process and overcome conflict.

Application

Delegates will identify projects to work on throughout the day and this will help:

- Explore the application of the tools and techniques.
- Bring the learning to life and make it practical.
- Enhance the confidence to use the learning back in the work place.

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Additional course detail

Continue and refresh your learning even after the course...

...all attendees on this course receive FREE access to the 'Practical Thinking for Project Success' post course learning area of the Illumine website.

How can I take this programme?

In-house courses - suitable for organisations that want to develop teams or groups of individuals from across the organisation. Programmes can be geared towards your organisation or industry sector with relevant activities, examples and case studies. Discuss your needs with an account manager on **+44(0)1753 866633** or email inhouse@illumine.co.uk

Continuous Development

CPD recognition is awarded on both public workshops and in-house courses, being dependent on the number of hours spent learning. On request Illumine will provide a certificate of attendance for you to use as evidence and attach to your record card.

Related Courses

Effective Change Management	Initiate, execute and manage change effectively.
Structured and Critical Thinking	Thinking tools that provide key insights into problems or challenges.

About Illumine

Illumine Training provides management and personal skills development, focused on developing *better brains for better business*.

The range of courses and workshops is split into six business critical areas and are delivered through:

Public Workshops - 1 and 2 day workshops.

In-house Courses - Specifically for teams or groups from within an organisation, tailoring as necessary.

FIT Sessions - In-house bite-size (90 minute) learning sessions designed by Illumine to maximise learning in the minimum time possible.

Other Options - E-learning, Facilitation, Coaching, Away-days and Speakers.



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