

Structured and Critical Thinking

A practical toolkit for effective thinking

**PRODUCTIVE AND INSIGHTFUL 1 DAY COURSE -
RUN IN-HOUSE OR VIRTUALLY**



KEY BENEFITS

Tools and techniques that improve thinking skills

Enhance problem solving skills

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

Overview of course content

This is a tool kit for tackling challenging situations systematically, thinking them through and swiftly considering all options. The structured thinking techniques will provide fresh insights and a better understanding of problems or challenges, making you better equipped to deal with them more effectively.

This course will explore

- The need for structured thinking.
- Generating awareness of habitual thought patterns.
- Techniques to gain clarity on outcomes and objectives.
- Understanding the perspectives of all stakeholders involved in a situation or challenge.
- The techniques designed to explore complexities within a difficult situation.
- The importance of questions to expand thinking.
- Creative tools that will help generate ideas and find solutions to challenges.
- Running sessions and applying techniques.

Duration and format

Full or half day in-house course, or structured virtual workshops, which can be tailored to meet client's needs.

Who is this course for?

Anyone whose job involves problem solving, ideas generation and wider thinking. It provides an essential toolkit for anyone looking for fresh insights and approaches for tackling challenges and problems.



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The importance of structured thinking

- Gain absolute clarity on what structured thinking is and why it's important.
- Challenge habitual thinking patterns.
- Develop new patterns of thinking.

Understanding a challenge

- Identify a problem and understand its root causes.
- Explore the problem fully using visual thinking tools which address any questions that arise and help to search for answers.

Multi-perspective thinking

Consider the challenge from the different perspectives where:

- All stake holders' positions are considered.
- The entire environment within which a business operates is considered.

The Creative Process Model

- Understand the process of thinking about the right things, generating new ideas and then working effectively with those ideas.

Using questions to search for answers

Questioning techniques that will:

- Help to broaden thinking.
- Find solutions to a challenge.

Application

Delegates will:

- 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.

