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Highways Agency Workshop

On the 21st May 2010 our Directors, Tony Gill and Steve Berry, delivered a one day bespoke "Inference Development" workshop to analysts of the Department of Transport, North East and Yorkshire & Humber Highways Agency at the Government Offices, Lateral Building, Leeds, West Yorkshire.



Lateral Building

The nine students were all analysts working in the Regional Offices in Manchester and Leeds. Also present were their line managers who observed and assisted in a role play scenario.

The workshop started with the class being split into 3 groups and presentation of a task that formed a thread throughout the workshop. Its purpose was to imitate a real life scenario allowing the students to practice the skills and techniques they were

taught, reinforcing and consolidating their learning.

The first input from Tony was "Thinking Skills", consisting of a selection of creative thinking exercises which built upon a pre-read the students received prior to the course. This was followed by "Terms of Reference" and included a role play scenario where the students negotiated a terms of reference with their line manager.

After the mid morning coffee break Tony lead the delivery of "Inference Development" which took up the remainder of the day. The students were taken through the analysis phase of the Intelligence Process. Inputs included extraction of statements from described data, using statements to construct arguments, the difference between inductive and deductive reasoning, and how inductive reasoning is applied to arguments to form premises and how premises are used to create hypotheses. A model for testing hypothesis was discussed, followed by the types of Inference that might be created from a hypothesis. Finally the students in their groups created an Inference which they presented to the class.

The feedback from the observing supervisors was that the input was just what they wanted and was described as "brilliant".



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A further workshop may be undertaken later in the year possibly exercise based again around the Development of Inference.

Belize Contract



As reported in the last news letter Intelligence Analysis

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Training Ltd successfully negotiated to train online 59 officers from the Belize Ministry of National Security incorporating a number of law enforcement agencies.

Most officers have successfully completed the level one course and are currently undertaking the level two Intelligence Analysis course. Feedback comments include:

“This was a very good course it encourage critical thinking. Overall Course Comments: The course was well put together. I have done a similar course in the past; however this is an excellent course”.

“Much as it was informative, it was also enjoyable”.

“It was very good, well put together”.

“Really enjoyed the course during my busy schedule at work....”

“Perfect course provides everything that it states in a clear and understandable format”.

Bespoke Intelligence Analysis courses or workshops available. Please contact Steve Berry to discuss your requirements. +44 8443581666

At Last! CI-02 Intelligence Analysis - Level 2.

For those of you who have been following the progress and development of our courses you will be pleased to hear that at long last our

level two course is now available. Admittedly this course has taken along time to develop. It has surprised us just how much work goes into putting an online course together but now we are there. The course whilst available to all will be put through its paces by officers from Belize. We are looking forward with baited breath to reading student feedback.

For those readers who have been waiting for the intermediate course (CI-02) since last year our sincere apologies for the delay. The course is currently offered at £60 offering remarkable value for money. However this price is an introductory price and will be rising to £99 in the not too distant future.

The advanced course (CI-03) won't be made available until next year. A requirement will be that participants must have completed the level 1 and 2 courses, and have been in role for at least 6 months.

Telephone Analysis.

Our next project is Telephone Analysis. We have learned from experience not to commit to a specific time frame for its delivery but we anticipate autumn this year, we hope. On the positive side the telephone analysis course manual is written, that's the easy part, the video presentations and other

material as yet to be developed.

Tip of the Month

We would appreciate short contributions to our tip of the week corner. In additions we would welcome longer articles for inclusion in the body of the newsletter (we reserve the right to make any editorial changes we feel necessary).

Terms of Reference

A TOR is a practical and useful tool and is to be recommended in the production of Intelligence Products. By reaching a consensus with supervisors and customers in respect of what is required, there will be no doubt as to what will eventually be produced. The analyst will be sure of their ground, the supervisor or customer will know what to expect and the true scope of the task will be realised. The TOR will be used to maintain focus and avoid interesting diversions.

Defined as; “ A written document presenting; the purpose and scope of an assignment, the methods to be used, the resources and time allocated, and reporting requirements”.