

Finance for Non-Finance Managers

Please find below more information indicating the aims, our training approaches and a sample of the structure of the programme.

Aim

To provide participants with a clear understanding of:

- Mission, money, and impact
- Understanding financial statements
- Tools, frameworks and concepts in financial management
- Budgeting and resource allocation



Methodology

The training approach to be used, which governs the design and delivery of the training is based on the following principles:

- To actively involve the participants throughout the training
- To enable participants to share their thoughts and enquiries
- The training is designed based on the needs and expectations of the participants that are reflected in the pre-training questionnaire.

Workshop methods and tools

In order to achieve the objectives of the training, the following tools and methods will be utilised:

- Presentations: presentations will be used in order to provide the background of each subject and create discussion and questions.
- Discussions: throughout the training, participants will be encouraged to contribute to discussions and share their experiences and thoughts with the rest of the group. The discussions will be facilitated and coordinated by the facilitator in order to maintain the focus in the key areas of interest.
- Case studies: case studies will be used so as to facilitate and trigger discussion, as well as allow external benchmarking so as to achieve competitiveness.
- Group work: group work will be used in order to facilitate practical understanding of the issues and in order to enhance team working, team building and cooperation amongst participants.



Sample programme

Agenda

10:00	Welcome and introductions
	 Aims and learning objectives of the day
Session 1	Understanding finance and accounting
	 Key concepts and definitions
	The key financial statements
	 Reporting standards
	 Understanding the jargon
	Refreshment break
Session 2	Financing, Accounting for Assets, Understanding liabilities
	Where do we get money from?
	Capital expenditure
	 Depreciation
	 Accruals and why we do things the way we do
	Lunch
Session 3	Budgeting and Planning
	 Investment appraisal
	 Budget construction – cost behaviours
	 Contingency and management behaviour
	 Where budgeting can go wrong
	Refreshment break
Session 4	Financial management
	 Variance analysis – what matters and what to look for
	 Year end – closing the circle
Session 5	Learning review and action planning
	Conclusions