

Understanding UK Parliament

Anyone who is working in or with government needs a working knowledge of the constitutional role and importance of Parliament. This programme is a fast and fun route to gain that expertise.

Aim

To provide participants with a clear understanding of:

1. The job of Parliament - what it actually does
2. The work of the Commons, Lords and Westminster Hall
3. How Parliament holds government to account via parliamentary questions, the legislative process and Select Committees

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

- 10.00** **Welcome and Introductions**
- The two Houses of Parliament**
- 10.30** **Select Committees (including a short clip of a Committee)**
- Including a short Refreshment Break
- 11.45** **How Parliament makes our Law**
- 13.00 Lunch
- 13.45** **Debates and Questions**
- 14.45 Refreshment Break
- 15.00** **Debates and Questions (continued)**
- 16.45 Review and Close.