

Writing inspiring thought leadership

Course for companies

Live online

**Who is it for?**

Anyone who has to write thought leadership articles, knowledge papers or white papers.

Delivery

We deliver this course live online.

Participant numbers

Four people up to your whole organisation. We train in groups of no more than ten to make sure everyone gets individual attention.

Course length

Flexible – typically two half-days of training plus a half-day of coaching sessions.

Pricing

The cost of the course varies depending on numbers. Please get in touch to talk about your group:

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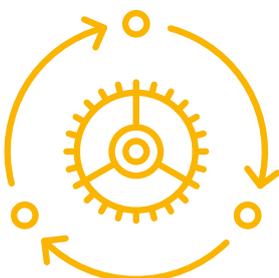
Effective thought leadership content can position you as an authority in your field, win business and even influence other business leaders – and the future of your industry.

But writing articles that stand out from the noise and cement your status as a true thought leader can be a challenge. How can you make sure your content is fresh, topical and timely? How can you give well-worn topics new life? And how do you set yourself apart from the hundreds of other voices?

This in-house training covers all this and more. It will show your team how to use storytelling and journalistic techniques to translate their in-depth knowledge and research into accessible, engaging, commercially viable content that stands out.

Tailored to your needs

Generic training only takes you so far, so we tailor our course materials to your team's goals, experience, organisation and sector. We'll use your existing thought leadership content and other content produced in your field to create targeted exercises that show your team exactly how to shape their future articles and workflows.





'Seamless use of technology. Some of the best interaction I have experienced on an online course.'

Harry Folkes,
Talbot Underwriting Services

Bespoke virtual training that works

Online training is the natural choice in a world where remote working is more widespread than ever.

We've been running remote-learning programmes for over ten years, continually refining our approach in that time. So we've learned how to design online sessions that ensure delegates can learn as effectively as possible.

We deliver the training in two intensive sessions over two days to keep learners' energy high. Group sizes are kept small to guarantee each delegate gets the individual attention they need. And they'll never find themselves sitting passively through a lecture. Live polling, breakout rooms and activities, shared whiteboards and other tools ensure participants have a highly engaging and collaborative experience.

Your team will be able to attend from anywhere. All they each need is a computer, a headset and stable internet access.

After the training, delegates will have a year's access to our business-writing helpdesk. This email and phone helpline provides an extra source of support while they're putting their new skills into practice.

Learning objectives

On this course, your team will learn how to:

- ✔ turn in-depth research and knowledge into compelling thought leadership articles
- ✔ plan articles with their target readers in mind
- ✔ be ready with content so they can be first to comment at the critical moment
- ✔ ensure key points are communicated to the reader – not buried at the end
- ✔ capture attention from the start and leave readers with a memorable ending
- ✔ use journalistic techniques to hook readers and make well-worn content engaging in new ways
- ✔ cut waffle and abstractions to write with authority and make an impact with thought leadership that stands out
- ✔ construct a persuasive argument to influence other authorities and industry leaders.



Personalised analysis and coaching

Every delegate will have their own unique combination of strengths, weaknesses and blindspots when it comes to their writing. That's why our unique individual writing analysis is such a pivotal part of all our training. It's the final puzzle piece that turns useful techniques into relevant practices that can change how well each person communicates in writing.

Before the live training, we'll request a sample of writing from each participant. The expert trainer will analyse each person's sample and we'll produce a graph of their results.



Gap analysis: every participant receives targeted feedback

After the group training, each participant will have a one-on-one with their trainer, who'll talk them through their results and answer any questions. The trainer will explain the areas they should focus on and exactly how to put their new skills into practice to make rapid improvements.



A blended approach for lasting learning

Your team will learn a lot on this intensive course. But changing writing habits takes time and practice. So you have the option of combining this training with other elements for even better results and lasting change.

You could choose to run a **coaching clinic**: a follow-up day of individual coaching sessions that can identify and target any ongoing problem areas. Or you can complement the training with **targeted seminars**, bespoke webinars or e-learning.

Contact us to discuss the best blended programme for your team.

Trusted by over 6,000 organisations worldwide, including:



Example programme

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9.30-12.30

Effective planning and structure

Introduction and course overview

Why good writing matters in thought leadership

Putting the reader first

- ☑ Why should your reader care?
- ☑ Setting clear objectives
- ☑ Establishing your key message

Giving your thought leadership power

- ☑ Finding your focus
- ☑ Supercharging with specifics

Applying journalistic techniques

- ☑ Planning your article like a feature or news story
- ☑ Structuring with the WHAT formula
- ☑ Being creative with intros and endings

Writing to persuade

Getting in there first: how to beat others to the punch

9.30-12.30

Clear, reader-focused writing

Introduction and recap

Improving readability for sharp thought leadership

- ☑ Making your writing active
- ☑ Writing in plain English
- ☑ Structuring your sentences for easy reading

Putting it all together

Business-writing essentials

- ☑ Confident grammar and punctuation
- ☑ Effective proofreading

Summary and close

13.30-17.00

Individual coaching and analysis feedback

Build your programme: optional follow-up

Comprehensive e-learning

A year's access to our e-learning programme *The complete business writer*, to build on and reinforce the learning.

Coaching clinics

Individual one-to-ones based on a second writing analysis, giving delegates the chance to target ongoing problem areas with the expert trainer.

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