**Critical Thinking**

**1 Day Course**

**Overview**

The essence of critical thinking centres not on answering questions but on questioning answers, so it involves questioning, probing, analysing, evaluating.

For example: To understand a news item, try to give some context to the current event. For instance, if it is reported that a group of Sunnis today attacked a meeting of Shiites in Iraq, three things are needed to make full sense of the report.

*First,* explanation: what is the difference between Sunnis and Shiites and what proportion of the population do they constitute?

*Second,* history: what is the origin of the division of Sunnis and Shiites in the country and how has the power relationship altered in past years?

*Third,* anticipation: what does the attack mean for future developments such as the formation of a government or the conduct of an election?

**Who will this course benefit?**

This course is aimed for Managers or individuals who would like to improve on effective methods and techniques to critical thinking

**Learning Objectives:**

After this interactive course you will be able to:

* Use different thought approaches at different times to yield better results
* Generate innovative responses to business problems and opportunities
* Assess your own thinking style preferences
* Think in the present to prepare for the future
* Determine the root cause of business problems and opportunities
* Apply different types of thinking for improved analysis and problem solving
* Assess possible responses accurately to select the optimal response

**Course Outline/Modules**

* Introduction
* Situation Appraisal – Clearing the Path
* Problem Solving – The endless search for “why”
* Some Critical Thinking Process Models
* Taming Data Overload
* Critical Thinking in Teams
* Socrates and asking the right questions
* Deployment – putting into play