



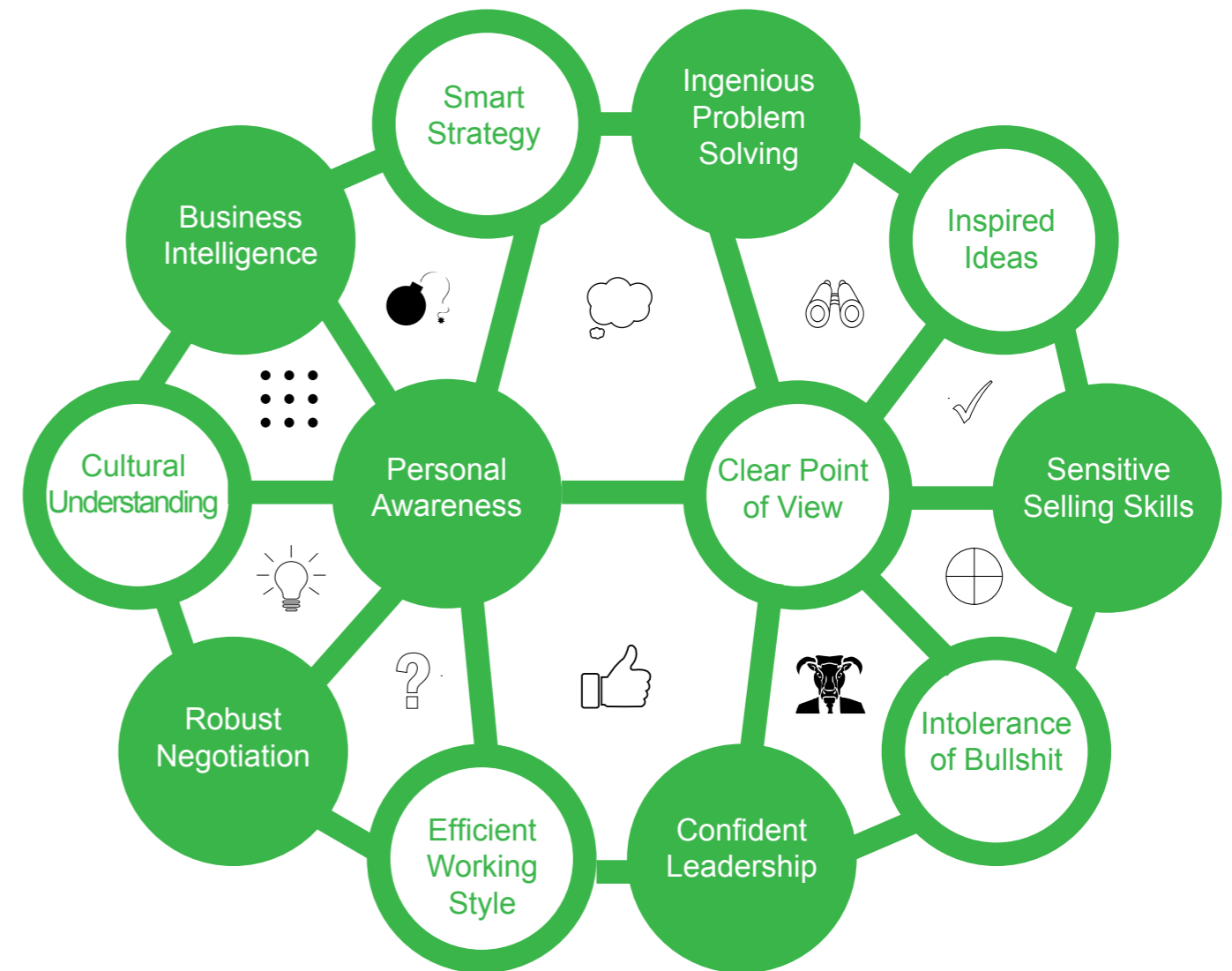
EVERYTHING
THE MODERN
EXECUTIVE
NEEDS

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The modern executive needs...

“Kevin does for business what Nike does for sport.”

Richard Hytner, Deputy Chairman
Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide



Expert Advice has a comprehensive range of books, techniques, and training programmes to provide all these skills.

Business Intelligence

THE SMART THINKING BOOK

60 bursts of business brilliance. The sticky note format is ideal for stimulating teams in fast-paced sessions. Topics include growth, communication, innovation, creativity, relationships, and thinking.

Smart Strategy

GREATEST HITS

Over 300 important business books summarised and used to develop your business. A typical session generates 100 new ideas. Supported by books and the only blog of its kind in the world.

Ingenious Problem Solving

THE DIAGRAMS BOOK

Solving business problems intelligently using visual thinking. How to think, negotiate, sell, tell strategic stories, win pitches, and much more. Excellent for international businesses, and translated into 12 languages.

Inspired Ideas

THE IDEAS BOOK

How to run brainstorming properly and generate ideas more effectively. Very powerful for stimulating individuals, and a more creative culture. Includes a suite of techniques that can be used again and again.

Cultural Understanding

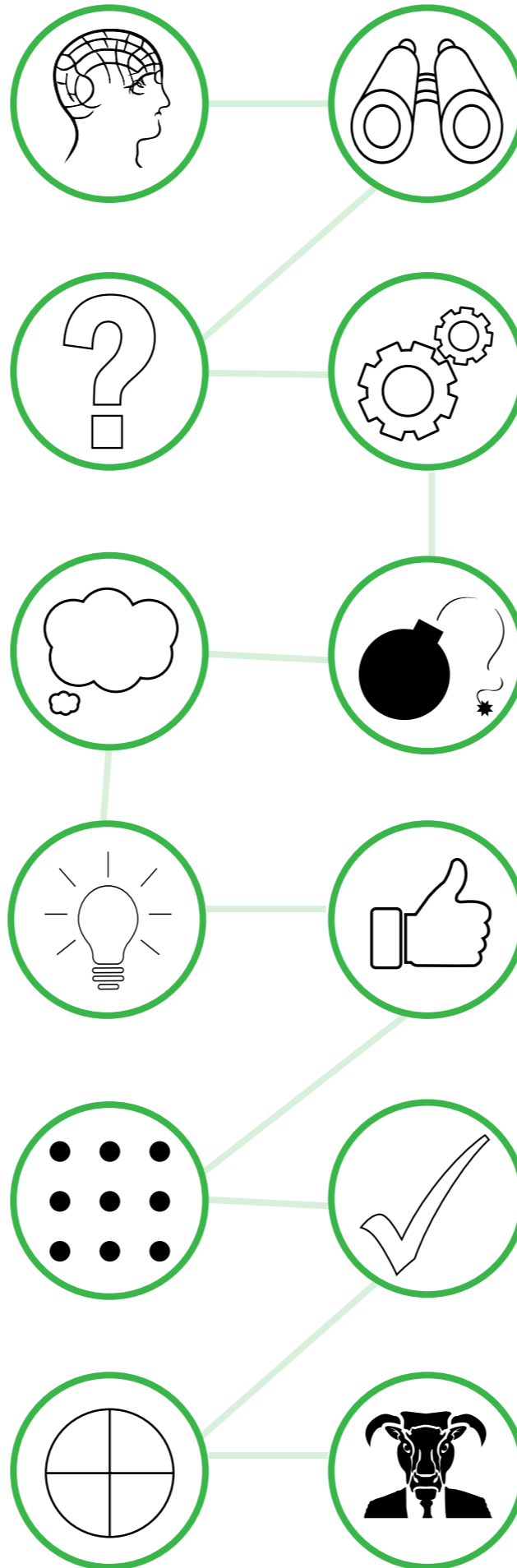
MAKING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS WORK

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Personal Awareness

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Clear Point of View

FROM POV TO LOA

From point of view to line of argument. How to have an opinion and get your point across effectively. Advanced presentation and selling skills with an average satisfaction level of 93%.

Sensitive Selling Skills

HOW TO RUN CLIENTS AND SELL EFFECTIVELY

The latest thinking on modern selling techniques, and how to nurture and sustain excellent long-term relationships with clients and customers.

Robust Negotiation

THE ART OF NEGOTIATION

Equips all attendees with the necessary techniques to ensure companies are consistently improving margin and making the best use of resources. Complete with practical exercises to enact the wisdom.

Efficient Working Style

TICK ACHIEVE

How to get stuff done. How to cope with the modern world of work. Supported by the book and a proven follow-up system. Excellent for improving productivity and morale.

Confident Leadership

THE CONFIDENT LEADER

How to hold your line when running a team, command the respect of demanding clients, and prevail with a clear point of view. Advice on how to master the art of essentialism - only doing what really matters.

Intolerance of Bullshit

THE BUSINESS BULLSHIT BOOK

A full review of the psychology behind unclear language, and how to resolve it. The material is amusing yet poignant, followed by serious and practical application to all company materials and meetings.

Business Intelligence

THE SMART THINKING BOOK



This book contains 60 bursts of distilled wisdom – each in the form of a provocative thought on a sticky note. Each thought can be read in a second, and the short form accompanying copy in less than one minute.

Growth, communication, innovation, creativity, relationships and thinking are covered, with ten provocative thoughts in each area.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

The thought is placed on the wall, and for 5 minutes attendees are asked for their rapid reactions in relation to the brief, product or company in question.

Ideas are collected fast and then we move on to the next thought.

The training is modular per hour chunk. So for example, all six areas can be covered in a day on one subject matter.

Such as an hour on growth, an hour on communication, and so on for six hours.

Or six different products examined for innovation only.

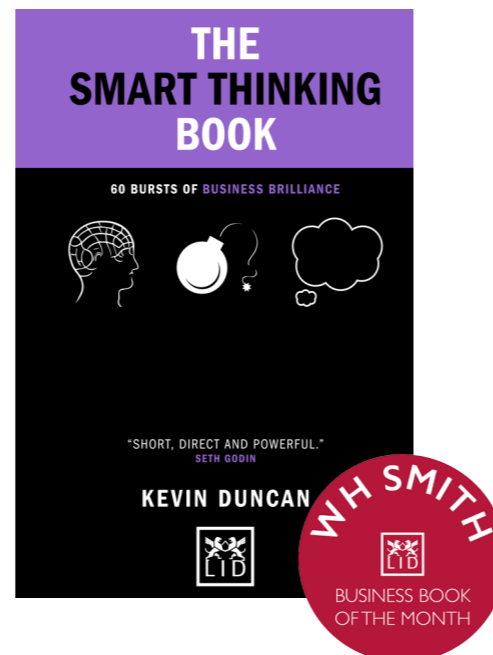
Or six different departments examined for their relationships.

Or any other blend that fits a need.

The sticky note format is a powerful way to stimulate teams in a fast-paced manner.

It can also be used as a shot in the arm or intervention in lengthy awaydays.

The format is highly productive and has already been road-tested at director level.



“When you want to take your mind for a sprint, pack The Smart Thinking Book as your protein bar.”

Richard Hytner, Deputy Chairman, Saatchi & Saatchi Worldwide

Smart Strategy

GREATEST HITS



Most people are too busy to read business books. So this course summarises the thinking in them. I read and summarise them so you don't have to.

The format is deliberately arranged to be as fair as possible: what the book says, what's good about it, and what you have to watch, summarised on one page per book.

This makes attendees mini experts on business and marketing theory, and encourages them to decide how the thinking could be applied to developing their business.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

We assemble a team of no fewer than 6 and no more than 15 people.

I begin by asking attendees to think about what the main issues are that are currently concerning them.

We record these on the wall, helping me to direct material and discussion to the right topics throughout the day.

I explain the concept of Greatest Hits – distilled thinking from the best minds in business and marketing, reduced to a pithy format that you can grasp fast.

We then turn to the list of books that we have agreed are likely to be most helpful to the matter in hand.

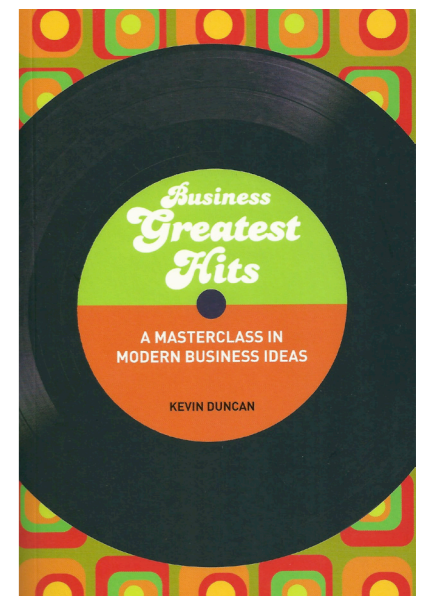
I begin by asking who has heard of book x, and who has read it. I explain what is in the book and we discuss it.

After a robust debate, I ask attendees to think about how this thinking can be applied to their business.

Typically this will generate 6-10 ideas or initiatives, all of which are recorded on the wall.

We repeat this process for 6-10 books.

By the end, we have recorded on average 100 initiatives that can be applied to the business straightaway. The larger the group, the more ideas.



“Oh joy, someone's read all the marketing books so we don't have to. Thanks Kevin.”

John Clark, Planning Director, Coley Porter Bell

Ingenious Problem Solving

THE DIAGRAMS BOOK



Based on the best-selling The Diagrams Book. Already bought for translation in 12 countries, including Japan, China, Germany, Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Russia, Portugal, and Spain. 50,000 copies sold. Top 3 in Germany and Korea.

This international best seller has been re-issued in a 5th anniversary edition with new material.

Ingenious presentation and pitch techniques that really work. Examines how to enhance verbal communication and solve any problem visually.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

Morning:

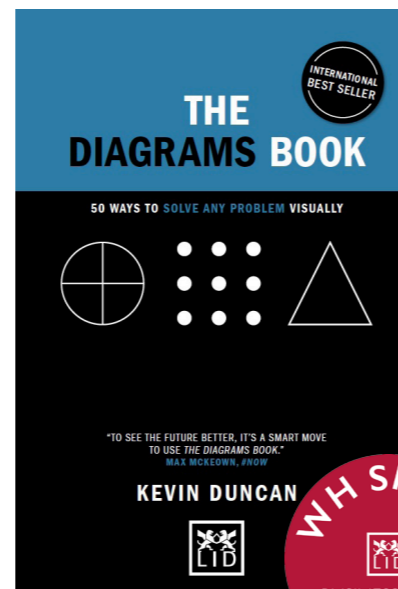
I explain a series of visual techniques from The Diagrams Book, and how to apply them in a range of contexts.

Afternoon:

Attendees apply them to their current projects.

Typical topics include:

1. Win a pitch
2. Increase sales
3. Tell a story
4. Negotiate successfully
5. Design a strategy
6. Inspire staff
7. Shorten training time
8. Improve staff motivation
9. Improve your own motivation
10. Get stuff done
11. Judge ideas
12. Plan a project
13. Plan your year
14. Make a decision
15. Make sense of data
16. Organise a company
17. Analyse a client or customer relationship



"I'm a big fan of visuals to help represent a point, so it really did the job"
Mat Sears, Head of PR and Corporate Communications, Everything Everywhere

Inspired Ideas

THE IDEAS BOOK



How to prepare properly for running internal brainstorm, and how to do it for external brainstorm with clients and prospects.

How to turn these into products and processes, and ideally charge for them. How to set about generating ideas, then implement a range of techniques for generating them.

How creativity works, and how to nurture it. We also work on any live briefs we have for existing clients or prospects. Everyone receives a copy of The Ideas Book.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

10.00 – 11.00

- How to prepare properly for running internal brainstorm
- How to do it for external brainstorm with clients and prospects
- How to turn these into products and processes, and charge for them
- Discussion about generating ideas and types of subject matter most often encountered

11.15 – 12.15

- Generating initial ideas: the first 10 techniques

12.15 – 12.30

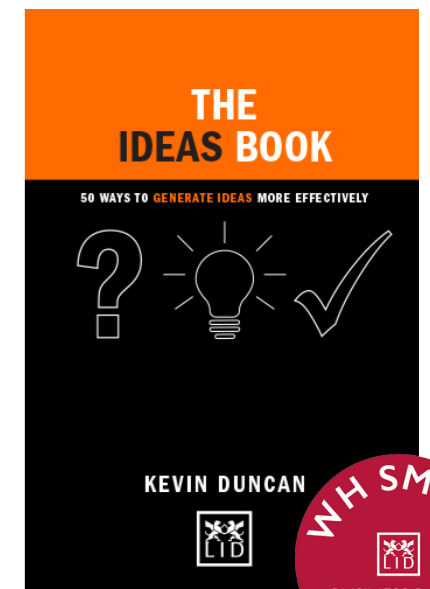
- Discussion
- Review of what live briefs we have to work on in the afternoon for existing clients or new business prospects

1.30 – 2.30

- Some more advanced techniques
- Review of how creativity works, and how to nurture it
- Start work on briefs

2.45 – 4.00

- Further application of techniques to briefs
- Sweep up of best techniques
- Review of action: what material will be applied to clients and prospects?

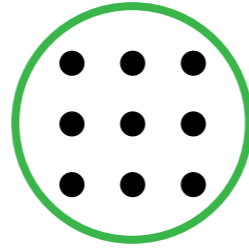


"Kevin's bite-size techniques are practical and immediate, unlocking the creativity that lies within."

Paul Davies, Director of Marketing Communications, Microsoft

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It is a distillation of all the best wisdom on the topic – the best writing, the most interesting interaction models, and the most informative anecdotes.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

In the morning, we cover:

- What is culture?
- How do national traits affect individual behaviour?
- How do corporate cultures do the same?
- What are the cultural characteristics of different nationalities?
- How can they be used to deal effectively with other cultures?
- How can different characteristics be deployed in multi-cultural teams?
- How does all this affect approaches to communication, decision-making, meeting etiquette, negotiation styles, scheduling, and trust?

In the afternoon, we address the specific issues of the attendees.

- In a team with multiple cultures, we examine what they all are, and explain the worldviews of all the nationalities present. Poignant examples lead to greater realization of the attitudes of others.
- Where attendees regularly deal with other cultures, we examine their characteristics to create greater understanding and increase the likelihood of harmonious business relations.
- All of this is applied to group work on the multi-cultural team or on specific clients.

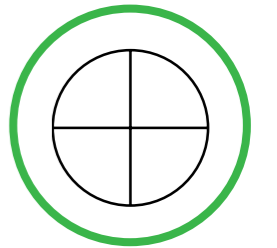
To achieve this, I need a full rundown on the cultural backgrounds of all the attendees (and/or their clients) in advance, so that I can prepare the correct blend of tailor-made examples to match their specific needs.



“Kevin Duncan has a winning way with words.”
British Airways Business Life

Personal Awareness

THE EXCELLENCE BOOK



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It is both motivational for the individual, and effective for company productivity.

Attitude, approach, timing, questions and decisions are all covered, with ten provocative thoughts in each area.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

In one format, attendees work through 25-30 provocations in the morning. Ideas are collected individually, and for the business.

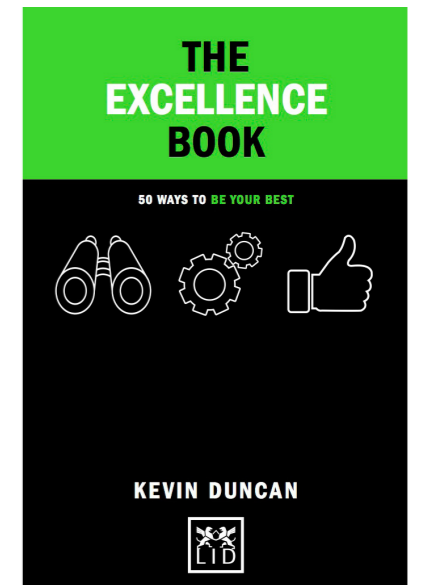
In the afternoon we turn them into action plans.

In another format, we work through all 50 provocations, all day, and attendees make their own resolutions as they go along.

This is a powerful way to stimulate teams in a fast-paced manner.

It can also be used as a shot in the arm or intervention in lengthy awaydays.

The Excellence Book is a life-affirming handbook to help you be the best you can be – whoever and wherever you are. It will lead to a significant change in approach at your company, better morale and motivation, and more dedicated staff.



“This is like a training camp for people who want to have great ideas.”
Mark Earls, author Herd and I’ll Have What She’s Having

Clear Point of View

FROM POV TO LOA



Many modern executives simply trade in information, but they lack a point of view. They need to be able to a) develop a Point of View, and b) create a Line of Argument that is persuasive enough to ensure proposals are approved.

This course is an intensive and practical full day of training, covering how to come up with excellent ideas, solve strategic problems, have a clear point of view, and structure a compelling line of argument that clients and prospects are likely to accept.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

How to develop a distinctive Point of View and generate ideas effectively, using techniques drawn from The Ideas Book.

How to explain concepts visually and develop a persuasive Line of Argument, without resorting to lengthy powerpoint or word documents, using material from The Diagrams Book.

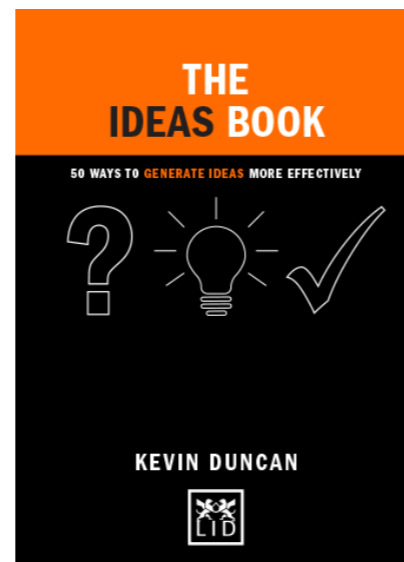
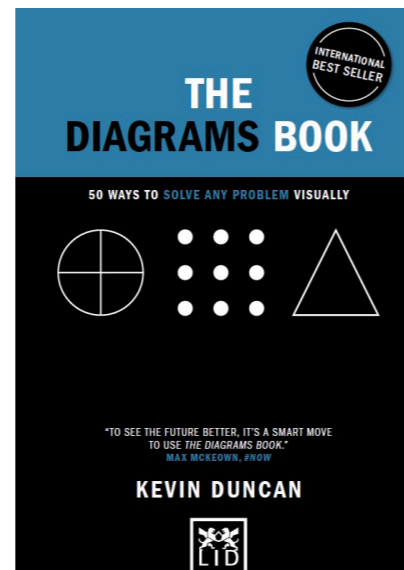
How to map out your Line of Argument: a 12-step process to improve presentation skills, and draw everything together in a persuasive way.

In the morning we go through all the best practice in this area, drawn from The Ideas Book (How to generate ideas effectively), The Diagrams Book (How to explain concepts visually), and Presentation Skills (How to draw it all together in a persuasive way).

In the afternoon there will be group work applying all the learning to presentations and briefs that are currently being worked on, so attendees are asked to bring along any material they are currently preparing.

By the end of the session everyone will have put into practice what has been discussed, and will be able to walk out of the room with a completed presentation to take to clients or prospects immediately.

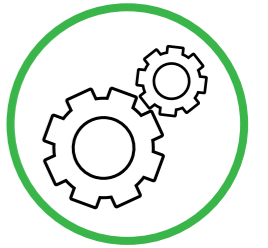
All attendees receive copies of both books, the slides, and a document explaining How To Write A Good Line Of Argument.



"This book is brimming with ideas I plan to plunder next time I embark on a slide presentation."
Paula Carter, Director of Planning, Channel Four

Sensitive Selling Skills

HOW TO RUN CLIENTS AND SELL EFFECTIVELY



This course helps client-facing staff to run their clients well, and explains some of the best principles behind selling skills.

We examine the best learning from the manner in which excellent customer service works, and discuss the most troublesome aspects of client handling.

We then examine the wisdom in the most effective sales books.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

In the morning we look at the issues that crop up when dealing with clients, and what is involved when selling proposals.

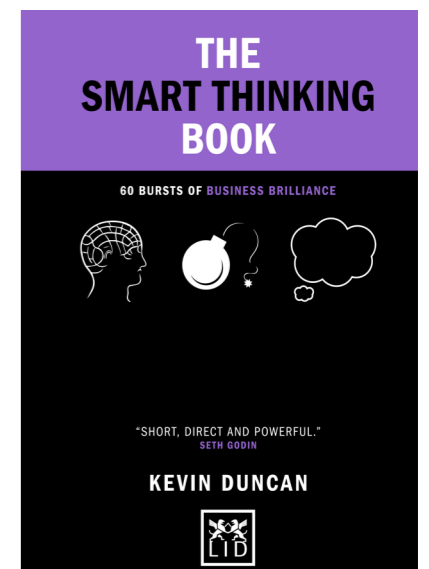
This includes how to handle difficult clients, ten steps to effective selling, self-briefing by identifying the true need, a troubleshooting guide, and the identification of relationship remedies.

We also examine the best learning from the most effective sales books.

In the afternoon we put it all into practice, so attendees are asked to bring along examples of what they are usually selling and to whom, and what client issues they typically face.

We then enact live examples of both, so that they can all learn from the shared experience and compare notes about the most effective approaches.

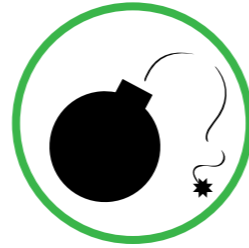
Attendees end the session by drawing up a manifesto of initiatives for their clients and customers.



"For business and marketing students. It's crisply written and very clear."
Dave Trott, Author Predatory Thinking

Robust Negotiation

THE ART OF NEGOTIATION



This course tutors attendees in the art of negotiation and so prevents them from giving away margin unnecessarily, or conceding unrealistic timings.

In fact, it makes them realise that they are actually negotiating all day every day.

A series of steps form the basis of the approach, which they then play out in practical exercises in the afternoon.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

We start by discussing what a negotiation is, and how often we are negotiating without even realising it.

They are then taken through the eight steps of a negotiation, and engaged in detailed discussion about the nature of their negotiations, particularly with clients.

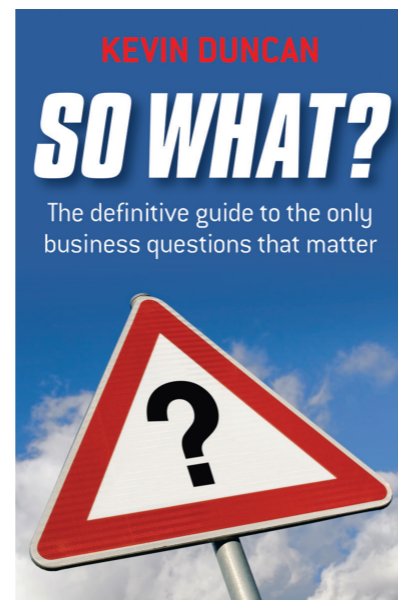
In the afternoon, there are a series of practical exercises where the attendees have to form teams and enact a set of different negotiations. These can be customized by industry if necessary.

Each side is given slightly different information and they have to work out a satisfactory conclusion in each case.

They will spend one exercise being the client, one being the agency, and a third observing.

Each negotiation is then debriefed in detail.

The session ends with attendees predicting which negotiations they will be involved with soon, and suitable planning to embark on as a result of this newfound awareness.



"It was brilliant how you inspired the team and kept us all on track."

Jane Honey, Head of Product, Moonpig

Efficient Working Style

TICK ACHIEVE



This course looks at what most modern executives have to deal with in the world of work these days. I identify and empathize with the most frequent pressures people face, and run through a series of suggestions from the book designed to help reduce that pressure.

We cover how to do things in the right order, cope with too many tasks, get organized, and use the right systems. How to cope with email, multiple requests, and tight deadlines.

This helps them to 'detox the inbox' and design a working style that works best for them.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

Whole company one-hour zaps

20 people in each fast one-hour session.

Repeat three times a day, one hour on, one hour off.

This version covers 60 people a day and allows for large numbers to be covered in a week – typically 200-300 staff.

Workshop and one-on-one surgeries

This format allows us to provide a blend of communal training and one-to-one 20-minute surgery help for 10 individuals. Numbers can be increased to 15 by reducing each surgery time to 15 minutes.

10.00: Best advice on how to get stuff done (all present)

11.30: Discussion to share and understand issues and tee up one-to-one chats (all)

One-on-one 20-minute surgeries 12.30 – 4.30 for 10 people

Client and agency

10.00: Best advice on how to get stuff done from the book Tick Achieve

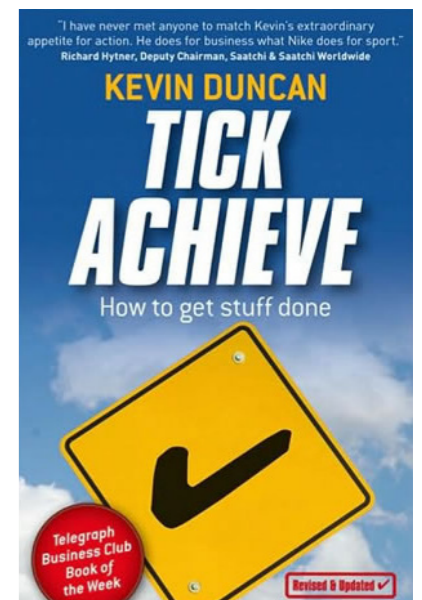
11.30: Discussion to identify and understand issues and areas of dysfunction in the relationship, typically email, phone calls, meetings, status reports, and so on.

12.30: Confirmation of areas to be tackled

1.30: Mixed groups briefed to come up with solutions to solve the problems.

3.30: Groups present remedies

4.00: Agreed client/agency manifesto for a new way of working



"So many business books comprise a few good ideas and a lot of padding. Kevin's book is full of a lot of good ideas and NO padding. Which would you prefer?"

Euan Semple, ex-BBC, and author Organizations Don't Tweet, People Do

Confident Leadership

THE CONFIDENT LEADER



The Confident Leader needs to have a firm grip on three main areas: their own behaviour, their approach to their teams, and their clients.

This course passes on vital thinking in all three areas from a diverse range of sources. Once we have raised all the issues, we draw up plans to implement them immediately.

Test driven on senior management teams.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

10.00: YOU

- Understand yourself
- Set a good example
- Focus only on the things that really matter

11.00: YOUR TEAM

- Shape the team
- Give them a purpose and style
- Inspire them

12.00: YOUR CLIENTS

- Provide proper air cover
- Say no politely
- Self-brief

Afternoon options

Option 1

2.00 – 4.00:

- Learning from the best books on leadership.

Option 2

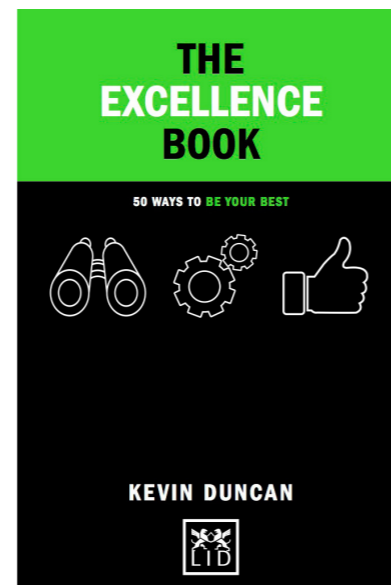
2.00 – 5.00:

- Individual one on one 15-minute surgeries for up to 12 people.

Option 3

2.00 – 4.00:

- Application of individual, team and client learning to real cases.



Intolerance of Bullshit

THE BUSINESS BULLSHIT BOOK



A full review of the psychology behind unclear language, and how to resolve it, followed by practical work on company materials and meeting etiquette.

The book contains the world's most comprehensive collection of total bullshit, diligently collected over 35 years.

Amusing yet with a serious point, this course ensures that all plans and proposals are crystal clear.

TYPICAL RUNNING ORDER

An incisive take on boardroom nonsense lifts the lid on the truth behind business vocabulary, and tells us what people are really trying to say.

Practical help for anyone wanting to work out what their boss is going on about, or wishing to understand a colleague.

10.00 - 11.00:

- Banishing the bull: a review.

11.00 - 12.00:

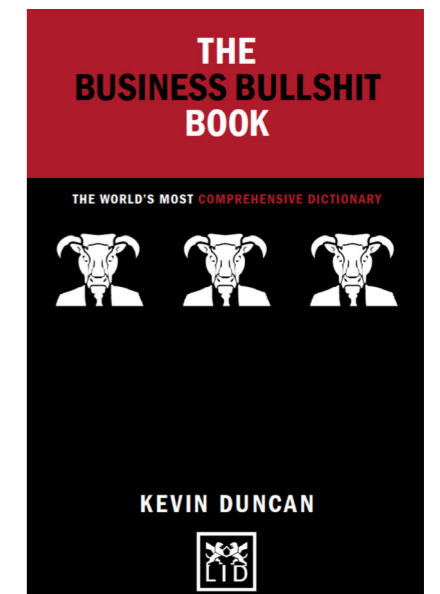
- Discussion: worst examples and suggested possible remedies.

2.00 - 4.00:

- Removing bull from company materials.

Analysing phraseology in company documents, proposals, credentials, websites, brochures and selling materials.

Rewriting them all to be clearer and better.



"World class trainer."

Diana Rhodes, Head of Strategy & Planning, Royal Mail MarketReach

"A fast, no bullshit shot in the arm for all of us who forget how simple business can be. Punchy + Bouncy = Refreshing!"

Chris Baréz-Brown, Founder of Upping Your Elvis, and author of Shine and Free!

NEW BUSINESS SKILLS BOOTCAMP

How to stalk and win new business, and generate more business from existing clients with a more active, intelligent approach.

FACILITATION

A range of techniques and lots of energy. I have run boards of directors, newly-formed management teams, international sessions, conflict resolution, client retention, new business, thorny business issues, and more. I can also teach groups of colleagues how to facilitate each other.

PERSONAL COACHING AND MENTORING

One-on-one advice in any form that suits your business. Regular sessions of any frequency, any time duration, remote by telephone, private off-site, and so on.

CREATIVE APPRECIATION AND BRIEF WRITING

Marketing and communications briefs dismantled and rebuilt for greater understanding of the process and better results.

THE BRAND BOMB

Brisk and Objective Methodology for Branding. This method costs a fraction of what a branding agency would charge and can usually be completed in less than three weeks. Ideal for setting company strategy and direction.

NON-EXECUTIVE/ADVISORY BOARD DIRECTOR

Regular advice on company policy and direction. Frequency of interaction to suit. I have performed this role for dozens of companies.

PRESENTATION SKILLS

How to write a good line of argument and present it well. Plus the art of great document writing, and enhancement of personal presentation style.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Motivational speaking for conferences and events. Subject matter drawn from any of the material in this brochure.

Kevin is a business adviser, marketing expert, motivational speaker and author.



Kevin has written 20 books, which have sold over 150,000 copies. They have been voted Telegraph Business Club Book of the Week, WHSmith Book of the Month, Foyles Book of the Month, nominated for CMI Management Book of the Year, and translated into over a dozen languages. He has been voted Best Speaker at a number of conferences.

After 20 years in advertising and direct marketing, he has spent the last 18 years as an independent troubleshooter, advising companies on how to improve.

He can turn his hand to many things: training programmes based on his books; motivational speaking; facilitating awaydays and conferences; repositioning brands; producing business and marketing plans, strategies and creative solutions; advising on company structures; writing speeches; improving new business effectiveness; pitch writing; and action-orientated non-exec work.

In agencies, he worked with 400 clients, deployed £600m of funds on over 200 brands, oversaw over 1,000 projects, and won 35 awards for creativity and effectiveness.

As Expert Advice, he has carried out 700 jobs for 170 clients, such as Dentsu Aegis, The Guardian, M&C Saatchi, Metro, Moonpig, RBS, Royal Mail, Saatchi & Saatchi, News UK, and Shell.

He flies birds of prey, collects classic guitars, and has released 12 albums. He is married to Sarah, and has two daughters, Rosanna and Shaunagh.

Books and Resources

Overseas Editions



expertadviceonline.com / theexcellencebook.com / thesmartthinkingbook.com
bulldictionary.com / thediagramsbook.com / theideasbook.net
tickachieve.co.uk / greatesthitsblog.com



China
Business Greatest Hits, The Diagrams Book, The Ideas Book

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Germany
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Greece
The Ideas Book, The Smart Thinking Book

Hungary
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India
The Dictionary of Business Nonsense, The Diagrams Book, The Ideas Book, The Smart Thinking Book

Japan
The Diagrams Book, The Ideas Book

Korea
The Diagrams Book, The Smart Thinking Book

Netherlands
The Diagrams Book

Poland
Tick Achieve, Start, So What?

Portugal
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Russia
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HAVAS



Oath:
A Verizon company



Zenith
The ROI Agency



“Short, direct and powerful.”

TOPMAN

MEDIACOM
People First ▶ Better Results



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