



ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

POLITICAL AWARENESS

Introduction

Political awareness is about understanding the 'currents', or hidden agendas, in an organisation, and particularly the power relationships.

This one-day learning module will provide participants with the understanding of the 'power webs' that exist within a local authority and give them the ability to navigate them, and therefore get things done.

Many officers may have been put off the idea of being politically aware by seeing people 'playing politics' or trying to manipulate others using political tactics. But used wisely and well, political awareness is a force for good, and for getting things done in organisations, and it is an essential skill in life.

There is an electronic guide containing **Tools, Templates and the Core Methods** that will be referred to and accessed throughout the day.

The module will focus on:

- **Reading** or the skills that an officer uses to understand the world around them
- **Carrying** or the skills that an officer uses to understand their internal world
- Creating '**win-win**' situations out of difficult political moments
- **Persuasion** and the six **influencing** skills
- **Communicating** in difficult situations
- Learning how to apply the **ladder of inference**
- **Member and Officer** relations

Content

The workshop will be as pragmatic as possible and tailored to your organisation – based around practical exercises.

Participants will be given free access to the electronic tools, templates and examples when they have completed the workshop.

Facilitator

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Further Details

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