



TITLE: Making the Most of Employability Skills

What is the course about?

If an individual can develop his or her own employability skills and also build up the evidence to show that they have them it puts them in a strong position for the future to pursue a career in whatever field they eventually select. And it'll make it easier to move into another field of work later, if they want. At Future Creative we recognise that employability skills are increasingly becoming as important to employers as educational achievement. In addition to a strong academic background, employers require individuals with a range of core work competencies such as team working, commercial awareness and presentation skills. It has also been recognised that there is a gap between what graduates expect and what employers need.

This experiential and activity based course will blend facilitator led activities with group and individual work enabling learners to explore their own creative capacities. We explore in this way self-management; the readiness to accept responsibility, flexibility, resilience, self-starting, appropriate assertiveness, time management, readiness to improve own performance based on feedback/reflective learning. Team working is a vital skill; respecting others, co-operating, negotiating and awareness of interdependence with others. Business and customer awareness, a key driver for business success; including the importance of innovation and taking calculated risks and the need to provide customer satisfaction and build customer loyalty is examined in this course. Problem solving is a key skill for the future, the ability to analyse facts and situations and applying creative thinking to develop appropriate solutions; this course will explore how to harness those creative attributes.

Objectives of the Course:

- To enable participants to make the most of their employability skills
- To refine existing skills and develop new ones
- To look closely at the necessary skills to support the transition from education into employability.
- To examine the various facets of modern business
- To allow participants to experience the benefits of a collective approach to their own professional development