Expert trainer / consultant profile



Ralph, an engineer by background, has his own chartered accountancy and statutory auditing practice, focusing on audit and also supporting clients with advisory work in areas such as governance, risk management, internal control, budgeting, project appraisal, IFRS, ethics and fraud prevention.

The majority of his clients are companies and charities – with all the governance issues that non-financial board members have. With his day-to-day working with diverse businesses Ralph spends much of his time consulting, mentoring, writing and lecturing on governance issues, including ethics and fraud prevention. For many years he was involved with the IOD directors' programmes, including 'The role of the FD'.

He is a director of several companies, including start-ups and charities, and was formerly a 'public member' of the board of Network Rail.

Ralph is a prolific author of a range of texts on financial management, IFRS, project appraisal, accounting and auditing. They are all focused on helping people understand and implement techniques for better business management. Titles include:

- Executive Finance and Strategy
- Practical Investment Appraisal
- Practical techniques for effective project investment appraisal
- Successful Project Appraisal
- The Complete Guide to International Financial Reporting Standards
- The Finance and Accounting Desktop Guide

Ralph has delivered excellent training on our behalf over a number of years for clients such as Renewable Energy Systems (RES), National Pharmaceutical Association, Difko (Denmark), ESD (UK and China), Urbaser, Wolverine Proctor, Bridge Hall, MEPCO (Saudi Arabia), Bank of Qatar, Lichfields, Electralink, Ashton Care Group, RTC Group, Copeland Community Fund, the Institution of Mechanical Engineers (IMechE), Urbaser, Great British Prawns, etc. His unusual combination of depth of technical expertise with breadth of approach and excellent training skills makes him a very popular trainer with audiences from all backgrounds and at all levels. See what people have said about his training:

'A very good presentation'

'Quizzes helped me to think more about fraud'

'Good mix of teaching and group work'

'Energetic trainer'

'Good use of examples made the theory work on a practical level'

'An entertaining review of a potentially dry subject'

Ralph is dual-based in London and Scotland and works across the UK and, indeed, internationally.