

Corporate Trainers' Profiles

We have a team of **well-qualified and highly experienced corporate trainers**. They are all Native English Teachers (**NETs**) with a **University Degree**, a Teaching English as a Foreign Language (**TEFL**) qualification and extensive experience of conducting corporate training courses in Hong Kong.

Deirdre Scott M.Sc, B.Bus, PGDE (HKU) English – Principal

Deirdre Scott is the founder and Principal of Abbey English Centre. She possesses over 10 years experience in Teaching, Curriculum Planning and Course Design in Hong Kong. She was awarded her M.Sc. Degree from the University of Manchester, UK (ranked No. 1 in the UK), and a B. Bus. Degree from Edith Cowan University in Western Australia. She also holds a Post Graduate Diploma of Education in English from the University of Hong Kong.

Deirdre gained considerable experience in the business environment before entering the teaching profession and she has lived in the South East Asia for more than 20 years. She has many years experience in teaching Business English and has conducted corporate training courses in companies in Hong Kong. She enjoys teaching adults and having lived and worked in Hong Kong for 14 years is very familiar the needs of the corporate sector in Hong Kong.

Deirdre is an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher. She uses an interactive teaching approach which participants find engaging and motivating. She has many private clients from the financial industry.

Simon

Simon is from Ireland and graduated from Trinity College Dublin in European Studies. He has been a corporate trainer in Hong Kong since 2007, initially starting as a language specialist for frontline staff at Cathay Pacific. Simon now teaches a wide range of individualised English language business writing and speaking programmes for the legal, retail and hospitality sectors. He uses a very practical and interactive approach in language training, which participants find motivating and enjoyable.

David

David has received an honours degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Leeds (UK) but has spent the majority of his working life in the field of English language teaching, training and testing. He holds a (CELTA), and a specialist and advanced DELTA (Diploma in English Language Teaching to Adults) from UCLES (University of Cambridge-UK). David has pursued his profession in three countries: Spain, Portugal and Hong Kong. In Spain he trained staff in the five-star Melia chain of hotels. In Portugal he trained staff in BASF—a Dutch conglomerate.

In Hong Kong, he has spent nine years working for the British Council and this has included delivery of Workplace English courses to a spread of levels, from low to high. Recently, he has been teaching Workplace Writing skills at SPEED (HK PolyU) to working adults. He has also taught academic writing skills to mature degree students at HKU SPACE.

David is also a certified BULATS examiner with extensive testing experience. He has tested in a variety of firms, from Towngas to local legal enterprises. Most notably, he was part of a team of examiners tasked with testing the entire Cathay Pacific flight and ground staff.

Sean

Sean is a native English speaker, originally from the South East of England and has spent a number of years living and working in mainland Europe and Asia. For the last three years he has been in Hong Kong. Sean holds the Trinity College London Cert.TESOL, in addition to post graduate qualifications in TESOL from a U.K. University. He also has academic and professional qualifications in law.

His experience in teaching English for specific purposes covers a wide range of industry sectors, levels and purposes. Sean teaches students in groups and one-on-one within the hospitality, aviation, banking, legal and pharmaceutical sectors. Sean's students are varied in nationality and include those from Hong Kong, Mainland China, Korea, South America and Japan. His students range from Country Managers and Vice Presidents to junior staff in administration with varying abilities in English from elementary to advanced, many who are working within multinational organisations.

Sean teaches a variety of general and specific courses including writing and speaking for business purposes, making presentations, general communication skills and telephone skills. In addition, Sean teaches more specialised courses for those students with a specific focus on gaining entry to particular industry sectors such as law, aviation and hospitality, for those who wish to improve their skills and preparation for specific industry benchmark tests such as ILEC and ICAO.

Harry

Harry is a native speaker of English who possesses a BS Degree, TEFL/TESOL Certification and over 5 ½ years of teaching experience. He specializes in student-centered corporate training programs for working professionals. The scope of his work includes curriculum development, the teaching of corporate training programs and various test preparation classes.

His multiple areas of expertise include Business Communications and Cross-Cultural dynamics. Harry's professional experience includes employment in Hollywood where he represented up and coming talent along with an Oscar Award winning creator. After leaving Los Angeles, he spent 6 years in Japan working as a consultant and language trainer assisting dynamic small businesses and huge multinationals alike. Harry's exceptional presentation and communication skills make him an excellent coach, mentor and facilitator.

Carol

Carol is a native English speaker, born and educated in Scotland, UK. She has a Bachelor of Social Science degree from Edith Cowan University in Australia and also holds a TEFL qualification from the Royal Society of Arts in the UK. Carol is widely experienced in providing a range of EFL and professional skills training having taught in Hong Kong for over 12 years to many different age groups in a variety of environments. These have included primary and secondary schools, the YWCA, an International Hotel Group and also corporate settings.

Carol is energetic, cheerful, and patient. She conducts her class in a fun and interactive way and she always motivates her students. Her students enjoy her lessons and they find her helpful and approachable.