

Working with the French

A two-day culture-specific seminar

Target audience: all business people who need to be effective in their dealings with the French

Objectives

By the end of the seminar, you will be better able to:

- understand what motivates the typical French businessperson
- create a positive impression and avoid unintentional offence
- deploy a range of techniques for effective cross-cultural communication

Content

Know yourself: how has your culture shaped your own values and behaviour?

Facts → Attitudes → Behaviour: a model for developing understanding of French people and their business practices

L'Hexagon: the French world view

L'Esprit Cartésien: attitudes to logic and reason

Le Responsable: inside the French company – structures, management styles, decision-making processes

As others see us: what image do French people have of your culture and how can you overcome any negative or stereotypical views?

French or Offshore English?: how should you communicate with your French business partners in order to avoid misunderstandings?

Meeting, presenting, negotiating: practise doing business with the French

Socialising the French way: what are the social conventions?

Method

The seminar is highly interactive. Through discussion, active briefing and enactment of authentic business scenarios (drawn ideally from your own business world), you will not only learn but also practise new skills. We recommend a group-size of 6-8 to guarantee maximum effectiveness on the seminar.

Formats and Fees

The format for this seminar is flexible: fees are dependent on the individual client's specification of group-size, length of seminar and venue. Contact Canning for more details on **+44 20 7381 7410** (tel), **+44 20 7381 7411** (fax) or **enquiry@canning.co.uk** (e-mail).

