

Critical Analysis Workshop

The Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland is pleased to offer Trainee members an opportunity to attend the upcoming Critical Analysis workshop.

The Critical Analysis is an integral part of the Final Assessment documentation and interview. It provides an APC candidate with an opportunity to demonstrate they have achieved the required level of competence in respect of interpersonal, business-related and technical skills. A well thought out, well presented Critical Analysis can place a candidate in a strong position when facing the panel at interview.

In recent years, an increasing number of candidates have been referred at Final Assessment on the basis of their Critical Analysis. Assessors have highlighted their concern over the quality of content and presentation.

Workshop Aim

Writing is the most difficult form of communication. This course will help participants to write effective Critical Analyses in order to make favourable first impressions on Assessors.

It will help make it easier by:

1. Saving you time and mental effort in writing
2. Showing you how to meet your readers' needs

Workshop Content

It will concentrate on what the assessors expect from a good Critical Analysis.

The facilitator will guide discussion to the key issues.

Points we intend to extract will include:

- Choice of project/s
- Your role in the project
- Importance of sharing critical appraisal of outcome
- Identification of the issue
- Learning points / reflecting analysis
- Showing evidence of knowledge and skill in a practical situation beyond theory
- Showing evidence of decision making of what was considered in arriving at the decision
- Showing evidence of business, technical, inter-personal competencies etc

Content

- What the reader expects
- Common writing faults
- Organising thoughts
- Developing a process that suits the writer and the reader
- Overcoming writer's block

Use of Language:

- Word choice
- Structuring sentences
- Paragraphing
- Achieving clarity
- Common grammar, punctuation and spelling errors
- Proof reading hints
- Developing a professional style

Method

The course is based on deductive learning. It will include interactive discussions and practical editing and writing exercises.

Course Facilitator information:

Jon Lever – DeLever Training

DeLever Limited is a worldwide provider of training and resources for surveyors and specialists in helping candidates through the APC. Jon Lever FRICS, is a RICS UK Final Assessment Assessor Trainer, a member of the RICS Regulatory Board and an RICS Training Advisor. Through these roles Jon is fully up to date with the APC process and in particular the Critical Analysis.