

HIGHER EDUCATION CRITICAL THINKING & EFFICIENT COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

EXPLORE THE FOUNDATIONS FOR STRATEGIC FORESIGHT, SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT AND ANALYSIS

24
NOVEMBER

EXPLORE

- ▶ Explore how critical thinking provides the necessary lens to frame problems rationally and produce evidence-based solutions
- ▶ Apply practical outcome-driven models for critical thinking
- ▶ Leverage the skills of creative and lateral thinking in complex problem solving
- ▶ Form powerful connections between objective analysis and effective communication

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ABOUT THE EVENT

Critical thinking is about being disciplined and agile with thinking and is a necessary capability across all content areas in a rapidly changing educational landscape. You need to be capable of solving complex business and client-facing problems quickly and efficiently. Critical thinkers can draw reasonable conclusions from a set of information to distinguish useful (and useless) details for decision-making. But let's not forget the value of communication. Industry leaders must know how to entwine critical thinking and communication skills.

This interactive virtual workshop will provide you with the foundations for developing your strategic foresight, and use a structured system thinking approach to analyse problems and design solutions. Delve into practical critical thinking concepts, scenario development and analysis, and high level communication techniques to maximise and support your career ascent.

YOUR FACILITATOR

Karen is one of Australia's leading executive management and leadership development specialists who has worked with thousands of executives to transition them into senior executive roles quickly and effectively. She is an Organisational Psychologist passionate about people's success and facilitating their careers to rise. Karen's workshops are best described as practical, hands on, personally relevant and enjoyable.

Karen has 25 years experience across a wide range of providers in the Adult Education and Training sectors. Currently lecturing in Organisational Psychology at UNSW, she also researches innovation, leadership, assessment, learning and performance as well as synesthesia. A person with a passion for research, dissemination and application, she founded the Australian Vocational Education and Training Research Association (AVETRA) and is a start-up advisor. Karen holds a Masters in Management from MGSM to complement her Doctoral level psychology qualifications (USyd) and is a graduate of the National Speakers Association Academy, now known as the Professional Speakers Association.



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DAY ONE

Unpacking Critical Thinking techniques

- ▶ The cognitive principles, tools and strategies essential to critical thinking
- ▶ Review critical thinking frameworks
- ▶ Take stock of our own limitations and strengths
- ▶ Learn about the top 5 Unconscious cognitive biases that ruin good decision making

Applying creative problem-solving tools and techniques

- ▶ Expand your perspective and deepen your understanding of issues and problems impacting your work
- ▶ Stimulate inquisitiveness in your thought processing and idea generation
- ▶ Inspire creative thinking and produce new ideas

Connection between objective analysis and effective communication

- ▶ Increase your EI to better connect and communicate with diverse teams
- ▶ Explore the top 3 micro-skills for active listening
- ▶ Simple communication structures to get and keep peoples attention

WHO WILL ATTEND?

Existing and emerging leaders working across Higher Education, in the following roles:

- ▶ High potentials and emerging leaders
- ▶ Middle to senior managers
- ▶ Experienced people leaders
- ▶ And those looking to further enhance their leadership acumen

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration
- 9.00 - 10.40 Session One
- 10.40 - 11.00 Morning Tea
- 11.00 - 12.30 Session Two
- 12.30 - 1.30 Lunch
- 1.30 - 3.00 Session Three
- 3.00 - 3.20 Afternoon Tea
- 3.20 - 4.30 Session Four
- 4.30 Close of Workshop

