

Intercultural Training

Abstract:

As the world becomes increasingly globalized, with people, and goods moving frequently across borders, an appreciation of cultural differences becomes more and more important to getting things done in business. Equally, for people on international relocation, gaining an understanding of the new culture and the differences between cultures can support and speed up the transition process. Helping new expatriates and their families in this way will help them benefit the maximum from the new cultural environment, and become effective in their new role, as quickly as possible.

Situations in Business:

- Are you newly arrived in Belgium, getting to grips with a new way of life, new languages and culture?
- Or are you about to leave Belgium on relocation to a new country and culture?
- Do you have frequent dealings with businesses in other countries and want to hit the right cultural tone?
- Do you have colleagues from diverse cultural backgrounds and want to develop more effective relationships?

This Intercultural training will help you:

- make sense of cultural differences
- better understand what culture is and how it impacts on everyday interactions
- thrive professionally, working with people from other cultures
- better understand yourself and your own place on the cultural map
- enjoy better relationships with colleagues and staff you manage and/or report to

What you will gain in the workshop:

- An introduction to culture, drawing on theoretical models
- Self assessment of your own cultural preferences using the models
- Exploration of dimensions of culture in your host and home cultures
- Tools and knowledge to help you be more effective in your day-to-day work
- Experiential exercises to integrate learning

For groups of 10 or more participants, an interactive intercultural simulation is offered to help support participant learning.

The workshop can be tailored to meet the specific needs of the group and individuals. (Sessions can be focused on specific cultural differences between two cultures/countries of your choice, that have particular relevance to your situation, Belgium and the China, for example).

Individual 1-2-1 sessions are also available on this topic. These sessions are tailored to meet your specific needs as the client, so that you learn the most appropriate tools for your cultural situation.

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