

# Minute Taking and Speed Writing for PA's and Executive PA's

## Who would benefit?

Taking the minutes at a meeting is an important skill and can be very stressful. Improve your note taking skills with this fun interactive workshop.

## **Objective**

By the end of this course, delegates will be able to:

- Reduce the time it takes to produce accurate minutes with confidence
- Know how to work effectively with the chairperson to prepare the meeting and agenda
- Improve the way to listen during meetings
- Learn note-taking techniques
- Know how to identify and capture the key points of a discussion
- Become more confident in minute taking skills

## Content

- Understand the role of the minute taker v the role of the meeting chair
  - The importance of the agenda
  - The purpose and format of the minutes
- Identify the skills required to take minutes
  - Listening Skills
  - Overcoming barriers to listening
  - What is active listening?
  - What tactics can be employed to help stay focused?
- How to capture the key points of a discussion
- Learn about different note taking styles with a focus on speed writing
  - Basic speedwriting rules
  - Useful abbreviations
  - Building your speed
- Be familiar with different formats/structures of minutes
  - Using correct business language and grammar
  - Using a suitable structure and format
  - Producing Action Items
  - Tips for using MS Word

## **Duration**

One day