

# Listening Skills

# **Description of Course**

Listening is perhaps one of the most important skills used when communicating with others. By developing a reputation of being a good listener an individual can transform his/her life in many dimensions. This course aims to help delegates master the art of listening in professional and personal settings.

# Course Objectives

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

- Appreciate the critical importance of listening and learn the secret to good communication skills
- Identify key reasons why we can fail to listen effectively
- Use Active Listening techniques to establish rapport and leave a positive impression

# **Duration of Course**

Half day

# Course Outline

### Why are Listening Skills Important?

Participants discuss why good listening skills are so important.

#### Hearing & Listening

We consider the difference between hearing and listening

# **Sweet Tasty Orange**

A lively activity to help demonstrate some of the key reasons why we can fail to listen effectively

#### **Active Listening**

- What are the different listening styles?
- What is active and empathic listening?
- How can we use these types of listening to establish rapport?

#### Simple Listening Technique

Participants are provided with a simple and effective approach to effective listening.

# Types of Information

This builds on the simple listening technique by considering the three types of information we will hear if we listen effectively.

#### Listening Activity

Participants pair up and are given the opportunity to practice the simple listening technique and receive and provide feedback to each other.

