

The LMN workshop: building and retaining talent 5th March 2009
About today's speakers

Wojtek Adamek is the Director of ICT at London South Bank University. Wojtek has been at LSBU for 2 years and in that time has transformed and restructured the ICT department from one lacking direction: leadership and motivation to a department committed to delivering Customer Service Excellence. This has been achieved through targeted management, leadership and technical training and by promoting from within the existing team. Wojtek joined LSBU from the private sector following a career in international IT management predominantly in the manufacturing sector for a number of blue chip organisations. Prior to that he worked as senior IT consultant for Coopers & Lybrand (now IBM via PWC), both in the UK and overseas. He has also spent time as the UK IT Director for a security company with a seat on the Board. Wojtek believes passionately in the development of existing talent through challenging training. He is enjoying the challenges and opportunities that the HE sector brings and values the collaborations and networking which is such a positive feature of the sector.

Oliver Clifford for almost 25 years has specialised in creating and performing theatre that challenges assumptions and causes real change in the way that people relate to one another at work, at school and in the community. The organisations that he has worked with are those that seek to move forward and achieve a lasting difference, whether it is in the field of diversity, inclusion, education, health, criminal justice or community cohesion. He has extensive knowledge in a range of learning strategies including theatre, storytelling, drama workshops and interactive Forum theatre. The success of his work is underpinned by first-class facilitation and meticulous research and preparation. He is working with a group of facilitators, performers, storytellers and workshop leaders who are trained to the highest standards and bring passion, energy and commitment to this work.

Mike Hall is the Director of IT Services for Roehampton University. In this role he is responsible for IT and media strategy, particularly where they relate to improving the student experience, integrating information sources, creation of shared service platforms; and the ongoing management of the University networks, data centres, business systems, Media services and Helpdesks. In his role of Director of IT Services, Mike serves on the University Senate and reports directly to the Pro Vice Chancellor Chris Cobb. Prior to this role Mike was Director of IT Services for Thomson Scientific from 2005 - 2007, which included creation of a central shared service data centre for Europe in Ireland, the creation of a global helpdesk and support function

and the improvement in production costs and timeliness to market of the company's products. Preceding these assignments Mike was the Infrastructure Services Manager for Thomson Scientific and was involved in the creation of a central production team, major upgrade to the company's infrastructure and home working projects. He also worked as the Network Services manager at London Guildhall University where he was involved in the original London Man implementation and the regeneration of the Lea Valley area of London.

Vasiliki Gkotsi is a Greek born artist who has lived and worked in London for over eleven years. She obtained her Master in Painting at the Royal College of Art in 1999. She has developed a powerful approach on communication with the viewer, which is apparent through her personal work and is enacted in her paintings, installations, site-specific work and performances. She has exhibited at the National Portrait Gallery, at the BP portrait award in 2002 where she was commended and again, in 2003. She has exhibited with major artists internationally and her work is in private collections over the world.

Her involvement in education and especially with groups of vulnerable people guide her to develop tailor made art programmes according to their needs. She has designed a series of workshops to develop personal and interpersonal skills.