

DIGITAL INNOVATION AND TRANSFORMATION | COURSE BROCHURE

Data Storytelling and Visual Communication

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Data only creates value when people understand it and act on it. This course teaches professionals how to turn analysis into compelling stories, choose effective visualisations, design clear slides and dashboards and present insights persuasively to different audiences.

Good analysis is often ignored because it is poorly communicated. This course helps you present data in a way that engages decision-makers and drives action.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

• Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
• Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
• Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

The course is practical, with chart redesign exercises, storyboard workshops and presentation practice with feedback.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Understand audience needs and decision context
• Structure insights into a clear narrative
• Select appropriate charts and avoid misleading visuals
• Design clean, focused slides and dashboards
• Use annotation and emphasis to highlight insights
• Present data stories confidently

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Analysts and data professionals
• Managers presenting performance information
• Consultants
• Finance and marketing professionals
• Researchers



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Narrative structure
- Chart selection
- Visual design
- Insight communication
- Presentation skills
- Audience analysis

Course outline

Day 1: Why Data Stories Matter

09:00–09:54	From data to decisions
09:54–10:48	Audience and context
10:48–11:00	Common communication failures
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Common communication failures (continued)
12:12–13:06	Story structure
13:06–14:00	Exercise: Analysing presentations

Day 2: Choosing Visuals

09:00–09:54	Chart types and uses
09:54–10:48	Comparisons, trends and distributions
10:48–11:00	Misleading visuals
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Misleading visuals (continued)
12:12–13:06	Tables versus charts
13:06–14:00	Lab: Redesigning charts



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Day 3: Design Principles

09:00–09:54	Clutter reduction
09:54–10:48	Colour and emphasis
10:48–11:00	Annotation
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Annotation (continued)
12:12–13:06	Slide design
13:06–14:00	Workshop: Slide redesign

Day 4: Building the Story

09:00–09:54	Storyboarding
09:54–10:48	Big idea and key messages
10:48–11:00	Sequencing insights
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Sequencing insights (continued)
12:12–13:06	Recommendations
13:06–14:00	Exercise: Storyboard

Day 5: Presenting

09:00–09:54	Delivery techniques
09:54–10:48	Handling questions
10:48–11:00	Dashboards versus presentations
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–12:12	Dashboards versus presentations (continued)
12:12–13:06	Feedback and iteration
13:06–14:00	Capstone: Data story presentation

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the



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sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.

Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in GBP, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (GBP)
Singapore Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£2,820.–**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
London Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	**£1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**£1,250.–**



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Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Jan 2027	29 Jan 2027	**£1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£2,540.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**£1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**£1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Apr 2027	16 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**



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Frankfurt Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**£1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**£2,940.-**
Online Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	24 May 2027	28 May 2027	**£1,250.-**
Istanbul Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**£2,650.-**



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Amsterdam Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£2,540.–**
Online Confirmed dates	21 Jun 2027	25 Jun 2027	**£1,250.–**
Singapore Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£2,820.–**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	19 Jul 2027	23 Jul 2027	**£2,840.–**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Jul 2027	23 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**
London Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**£1,250.–**



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Dubai Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Aug 2027	13 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**£1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**£1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	27 Sept 2027	1 Oct 2027	**£1,890.-**



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Istanbul Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	25 Oct 2027	29 Oct 2027	**£1,250.-**
Singapore Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£2,820.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	15 Nov 2027	19 Nov 2027	**£2,450.-**
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London Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**£1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Dec 2027	10 Dec 2027	**£1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**£1,250.-**



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