

Writing Press Releases

Course Description

Publicity is one of the most cost-effective marketing tools available. A well crafted press release increases customer awareness of your company or organisation, builds credibility and raises profile - all at no cost.

This course is designed for those new to press or PR who wish to increase the amount and quality of press and publicity their organisation receives. You will learn what makes a newsworthy story and how to write professional press releases that media organisations will want to use.

Pre-Course Requirements

You need no previous experience to attend this course.

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Pricing & Availability

Course Duration:	One Day
Public Scheduled Course:	£325.00 plus VAT
Public Scheduled Dates:	26-01-2018 at London Bridge 21-02-2018 at London Bridge 16-03-2018 at London Bridge 18-04-2018 at London Bridge
Private Course:	£545.00 plus VAT for individual tuition. Call for prices for private groups of two or more.
Follow-on Courses:	Not Applicable
Post-Course Support:	The cost of the course includes lunch, course notes to take away, a certificate and six months telephone Helpline support.

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How the press works and why they need PR

- The structure of modern media
- PR vs advertising
- What are the advantages of PR?
- Examples of effective press releases
- Understanding common media terminology

What is the press looking for?

- What makes a press release newsworthy?
- Which publications to target and when to target them
- Paper press releases and digital press releases

Writing press releases

- Following a standard press release outline
- Getting the timing right
- Writing a good lead paragraph
- Writing the body of a press release
- The recap
- Structuring a press release to make information easily accessible

Content

- Selecting newsworthy information
- Writing attention-grabbing headlines
- Presenting facts
- Adding a human interest element
- How to dilute negative information
- Using photographs effectively

Understanding your target audience

- Tailoring your press release to your audience

What makes a successful press release?

- Ten tips to increase media coverage
- The press release checklist

Building press contacts

- The importance of one-to-one relationships
- Useful resources

Questions and answers