

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Neil Denny

Neil Denny is a trainer and author as well as having been a practicing lawyer for the last 11 years. The collaborative law process enables his clients in Bath and London to communicate through conflict and disagreements with a view to building powerfully lasting solutions.

Neil is recognised as an expert within the collaborative law dispute resolution process and is regularly asked to present at launch events and national conferences. In 2009 he was asked to contribute a chapter on communication to the book "The Client's Guide to Collaborative Law".

Since training as a collaborative lawyer, Neil has also been working in the field of communications, management and conflict dynamics in order to share insights about conflict and how it leads us to act. His stance is an optimistic but realistic one; Conflict is inevitable. It is not the conflict itself that is the problem, but rather how we allow ourselves to react to it. Thankfully new responses to conflict can be learnt quickly to enable us to start making changes almost immediately.

His goal is to introduce conflict skills to all levels of the organisation so that teams and individuals can work together more effectively, an increasingly necessary skill in the current market of reducing resources.

His training programs, as with his 2009 book "Conversational Riffs; Creating Meaning Out of Conflict" are designed to be practical, participative and enjoyable. "It is important to me that people are engaged in the training. When that happens, people really get to grips with the material and cannot wait to start implementing the exercises in their work and personal lives."

Neil has provided training within many industries in both the private and public sector. He is currently working on a large pilot scheme to be rolled out across Welsh local authorities over the coming months.

Neil is also recognised for his work as an early adopter within the developing field of social media. He writes the long-running Lawyer1point9 blog, as well as blogs for Mogers Solicitors in Bath and overseeing the establishment of Harrison Training's very own blog at www.thinkingOT.wordpress.com

Neil develops and presents courses for Harrison Training on conflict, communication, social media, team work and leadership. He is also interested in seeing a thriving social media scene develop further within occupational therapy and health care generally.

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