

RESEARCH & INTELLIGENCE SUPPORT CENTRE



RISC RESEARCHERS COURSE 4 DAY CONTENT SUMMARY

DAY ONE

- Introduction. Research in relation to the National Intelligence Model (NIM) and different (non law enforcement) Intelligence Environments.
- Intelligence defined and its application in intelligence led research.
- Analysis defined, aims and objectives linking back to research.
- Intelligence cycle and the role of the researcher.
- Introduction to the 5x5x5 evaluation system.
- Introduction to analytical chart types
- Creative thinking introduction.
- Visualisation and search image theory.
- The danger of received wisdom and critical thought
- Classification theory (taxonomy)
- Language types and how they alter perspectives.
- Identifying assumption, false logic, and cognitive bias.
- Heuristics and thinking tools.
- Radiant thinking techniques.

DAY TWO

- Introduction to research theory and methodology.
- Primary v Secondary research and six different types of research approach.
- Statistical research and the dangers of interpretation.
- Researching definitions and sources.
- Scoping knowledge and defining the problem.
- Tasking.
- Legislation, the need for audit trails, and how to support the 'justified decision making' process.
- Negotiation and appropriate questions to the client.
- Creating research hypotheses
- Stakeholder analysis and understanding differing perspectives.
- The focused research reduction tool.
- Environmental scanning and media awareness.
- Collection plan linked to triangulation analysis.
- Gisting technique.

DAY THREE

- The nexus between research and formal analysis
- Scoping real world problems.
- FINAL EXERCISE combining the major elements of the course.

DAY FOUR – OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE

- Introduction to open source
 - Internet History, Architecture, Size and Regulation
 - Internet security, Footprints and personas on the web.
 - Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) and OSINT
 - NIM and OSINT
 - Internet Service Providers (ISPs)
 - Finding Information – Basic Principles and Boolean Logic
 - Search Engines, Meta-search Engines, and Directories.
 - Voters & PAF Data
 - Commercial (Grey Source) Intelligence
 - Advanced search techniques
 - Image searching
 - Tactical Intelligence (People, Places & Things)
 - Business Intelligence
 - International & Country Intelligence
 - Strategic Intelligence (Threats, Groups & Issues)
 - Blogging (Web Logs)
 - Deep & Invisible Web
 - Internet Investigation Tools
 - Language Translation
 - Search Engine Ranking & Analysis
 - Cyber Crime
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- Certificates and closure.



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