Careers Event Speakers

Christine Newman (The Graduate)

Christine Newman is the Managing Director of The Graduate, a Specialist Graduate Recruitment Consultancy. Christine has worked in recruitment for over 17 years since graduating from Brighton University. Christine started her career working on a graduate training scheme for Queens Moat Houses and is delighted to have recently achieved the highest recruitment honour - Fellowship Award in Recruitment from the REC in London.

Helen Ford (Network Rail)

Helen came to Network Rail from the BBC where she delivered the Year 2000 IT Programme. Before that Helen set up a new Programme Office at Unisys implementing IT systems. Helen has been working at Network Rail for 12 years. An established IT Programme Manager with extensive experience of leading, building, training and developing large delivery teams implementing corporate systems, Helen built up her project management skills and expertise specifically around delivery of content management systems. She spent many years training and developing placement students and graduates and now manages Network Rail's Information Management Graduate and Placement Programme with great success.

Lydia Selby (Northampton Business School)

Lydia Selby works with a wide range of public, private and third sector organisations in the UK and overseas, designing and delivering management training programmes. She has been a Director of her own training company for 12 years.

She has supported organisations such as e skillsUK, the nuclear authority as well as SMEs.

Lydia has lived and worked in Moscow and Nairobi, delivering business solutions through learning and development programmes to companies such as Baskin Robbins, ABB, Hewlett Packard, and Motorola.

She has been an HR Manager for B.A.T and the UK Retail Training Manager for BP Oil

UK. Most recently she has supported management training programmes in Kuwait and Kazakhstan for the oil and gas sector.

Lydia has a history degree, a diploma in Russian, an MBA and is a member of the CIPD.

Currently she is a lecturer at the University of Northampton, within the Business school and supports the Centre for Employability.