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You're never too old to learn something new....

Like me, you have no doubt heard this saying many times over the years and like me, you have given it a nod and turned back to your computer to carry on working the same way you have been doing week in, week out... year in, year out.

Just recently I moved into my fifties and like all people at my age, you tend to have cause to reflect on the journey called "A Career" and what could and should be done differently to influence how things will come to pass. So, it was perfect timing that the UK Government brought out the "Apprenticeship Levy" and my company, well... not my company, I'm not that lucky, but the company I work for decided to make use of the Levy to upskill the management team.

I put in my request and was accepted to sit a 2-year course on Operations/Departmental Management.

Oh my god, what have I done ...

Well, what I'd done was start a fantastic journey on learning and understanding new thoughts and ideas, management skills and styles that despite my ignorance, has moved on leaps and bounds since I last attended a course twenty years ago. Understanding the modern manager, allowing more flexibility and understanding of a wider range of "soft" skills in our arsenal.

The main attraction to the Apprentice Levy was the ability to conduct training within working hours, to plan in time during your working week and not let it impact on your life outside work. I was able to focus on work duties when needed and then put aside time during the week or month to immerse myself in new processes and teachings to enable me to become more balanced in my approach to dealing with my staff and projects which lie ahead.

What really made the course a success for me was the tutors and the team behind Train2Train. The group of tutors supported me throughout my study journey, no question or concern was too small for them to stop, take notice and talk me through it. They supported me when I hit the wall during studying, as everyone does and helped me over these hurdles, and helped me become the very best I can be and reach my maximum potential. The one-day seminars were intuitive and fun to attend, allowing us all to come together, share experiences and receive coaching from the tutor.

I am proud to have spent time with the tutors at Train2Train and I will remember their support and teachings when working with my staff in the years to come.

Thank you Train2Train