



Stephen is a Senior Consultant and Six Sigma specialist. He has worked in a wide range of business sectors



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Stephen Walsh is a senior partner in the Burge Hughes Walsh Partnership and a former director with the Six Sigma Group.

He is a facilitator and management development trainer in the area of process improvement, including lean and Six Sigma. His recent work has been on the implementation of sustainable continuous improvement programmes in the Office for National Statistics, Aberdeenshire Council and HMRC through training of lean principles, Kaizen Blitz workshops and close personal coaching of in-house champions.

Working with the Six Sigma Group he has trained many black and green belts for clients such as Vodafone, BAE SYSTEMS, ALSTOM, Pilkington, Visteon Automotive, Network Rail, Bookham Technology and the Defence Aviation Repair Agency.

Stephen studied Engineering with German at Bath University, specialising in Production Engineering within the TI Group. He worked as an assistant foundry foreman for British Aluminium in the foundry for a short time, before joining the well-known manufacturer of small domestic appliances, Russell Hobbs.

He was later invited to take a one year MSc course at the Cranfield Institute of Technology. He returned to a corporate role in TI to further process improvement activity across the FMCG divisions.

In 1987 he joined the Open University Contract Training Unit, an active team within the O.U. which developed and delivered courses for industry. Programmes included Manufacturing Systems Engineering with Philips Electronics, Total Quality with EMI and similar work with other large companies.

Stephen worked with the GEC Management College between 1990 and 2000 as a process improvement consultant. Activities included the development of technical and manufacturing programmes and in-plant training. He also managed the Postgraduate Diploma in Manufacturing Management and the Postgraduate Diploma in Management of Design. He was responsible for the development of the GEC Benchmarking forum and for introducing the EFQM Excellence Model into GEC.

Stephen is frequently invited to speak at prestigious conference events, such as the Gartner Business Process Management Summit and has a number of articles published on the internet. He currently chairs the i&i – Improvement and Innovation User Group Meetings and Special Interest Groups – the knowledge transfer network for Business Improvement Specialists.

His energetic delivery has made him a popular speaker at training and conference sessions

He is a fluent speaker of German.