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# PROGRAMME OUTLINE for BUSINESS WRITING MADE SIMPLE

#### DAY 1

9.00am to 10.30am

- 1. The building blocks of writing
  - Know your readers
  - State the purpose
  - Structure your thoughts
  - Write with style

10.30am to 10.45am - Break

10.45am to 1.00pm

- 2. The ABC of Writing
  - Accuracy, brevity and clarity build credibility
  - Express yourself with the 5 Cs of writing

1.00pm to 2.00pm - Lunch Break

2.00pm to 3.15pm

## 3. Laying the foundation

- Plan with the readers in mind
  - Use the 5 Ws and 1 H
  - Write a clear purpose
  - Structure your thoughts
- Write your draft
  - Write without stress: Free writing
  - Mapping the information
- 3.15pm to 3.30pm Break
- 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- 4. Building the structure: Develop your writing style
  - Organise materials according to purpose
    - Organisational methods
    - Structuring paragraphs
    - Building coherent and cohesive sentences

Sample letters and templates will be shared with participants and exercises will be given for participants to practice.

### DAY 2

9.00am to 10.15am

- 5. The tool for writing
  - · Grammar and usage review
  - Correct use of prepositions

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- Guidelines to punctuation
- Mechanics: Writing sentences that sell the message

10.15am to 10.30am - Break

10.30am to 1.00pm

# 6. **Honing your skills**

- Techniques of writing different types of documents:
  - o Letter
  - o Email
  - o Report
- Using formal and informal language
- Tone of voice
- Choice of words

Participants will enjoy group and individual work activities to write emails based on scenarios relevant to the workplace

1.00pm to 2.00pm - Lunch Break

2.00pm to 3.30pm

- 7. Editing for content and structure
  - Put your message in focus
  - Review for clarity
  - Sequence your message strategically
  - Answer your readers' question: Why?

3.30pm to 3.45pm - Break

3.45pm to 5.00pm

- 8. **Proofreading the final draft** 
  - Minimize your risk
  - Common proofreading errors
  - · A proofreading checklist