

## Lean Thinking for Small Business

### Lean for Micro Program 2020

#### **When?**

Tuesday March 31st 2020 @ 9:30

#### **Where?**

Osprey Hotel, Naas, Co Kildare

#### **Who is it for?**

Business Owners, Managers and employees looking for ways to do things *Better, Smarter, Cheaper & Together*, improving profits, customer service and employee engagement

#### **What can I expect?**

This isn't a lecture, this is a hands on facilitated workshop from the award winning Lean team in Jigsaw V.A.E. You will gain an understanding of what Lean Thinking is, how this approach can be applied to your business, Lean Wastes, and most importantly *Eyes for Waste*.

You will be introduced to some core Lean tools like 6S, Standard Work, and Flow, take part in practical Lean exercises, and have the opportunity to discuss your business challenges with Jigsaw V.A.E. Lean Experts.

You will also hear how the Local Enterprise Office in Kildare, Enterprise Ireland and the IDA are supporting businesses to *Grow Lean*.

#### **What will I gain?**

See how to look at your business, its processes and how you work with fresh eyes. Identify opportunities to improve and how you can access supports to *Grow Lean*.

#### **Is Lean for my business? Yes,**

In the last 18 months we have worked with companies small and large in the following industries:

-  Agrifeed
-  Bakers (bread & cake)
-  Boatbuilders
-  Butchers
-  Car Garages
-  Concrete Production
-  Engineering

-  Event Organizers
-  Food Producers
-  Furniture Mfg
-  GP Surgery
-  Import & Whole Sale
-  International Interns
-  IT Service Provider

-  Landscapers
-  Bespoke Leather
-  Pharmaceutical Mfg
-  Pharmacy's
-  Ready Meal Prd
-  Retail
-  Sailmakers

## **Who is running the workshop?**

The workshop is being organized by the team from the Local Enterprise Office in Kildare as part of as the kick off for their Lean for Micro program.

The workshop is being facilitated by Jigsaw V.A.E., Jigsaw V.A.E. are a Lean Business Ireland award winning Lean Service Provider. *We help make businesses better through creative problem solving, people development & process innovation.* Jigsaw V.A.E. deliver Lean training and project mentoring across the country and are founding members of the Midlands Regional Lean Network. Jigsaw's original Lean Mindset research and workshop won the inaugural Lean Business Ireland award for Best overall Contribution to Lean Knowledge in 2018.

The workshop will be led by Stuart Nelson. [stuart@jigsawvae.ie](mailto:stuart@jigsawvae.ie) / 086-8592524

**Stuart** is principal consultant with Jigsaw V.A.E. and works with organisations to solve problems and enable them to develop an Organisational Growth Mindset. Stuart brings over 20 years' experience to the analysis and improvement work he carries out. Using tools from Lean, Six Sigma, and Design Thinking, and techniques such as coaching, mentoring, and training, he is optimally positioned to guide the person and the process through the change cycle. Stuart holds Green and Black Belts in Lean and Six Sigma, professional qualifications in *Training* and *Coaching*, along with 3rd level qualifications in Psychology, Innovation, Lean, Six Sigma, and Strategic Management.

## **Will it be technical or boring?**

Lean is about practical but not always obvious ways of looking at problems and opportunities. To help explain this Stuart will take you through an introduction to Lean with practical examples of typical businesses and pointing out typical opportunities along the way.

## **Will I need to talk about my business in public?**

You will not be asked to speak publicly unless you want to. But if you wish, we will be pleased to meet you privately afterwards and listen to your priorities for business improvement.

## **What happens next?**

Each company then receives 5 individual onsite mentoring visits with a Lean expert from Jigsaw V.A.E. These visits are tailored to your business challenge and how you can use Lean Thinking to do things, **Quicker, Smarter, Cheaper & Together**. The visits will take place every 2 weeks, over a 12-week period.

## **How much will it cost?**

The cost of the entire program is €300.

## **How do I book?**

Contact the Local Enterprise Office in Kildare.

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<https://www.localenterprise.ie/Kildare/Training-Events/LEAN-Programme-2019/Lean-2019-Application-Form.pdf>