



STAFF TRAINING CAN BE MURDER... OR FUN... OR BOTH!

An entertaining new approach to TEAM BUILDING and PROBLEM SOLVING... A HALF-DAY OF STAFF TRAINING WITH A DIFFERENCE

Your staff work hard, and now and then they deserve a break – but we live in tough days, and time is a valuable resource. So why not combine an enjoyable morning or afternoon with a useful training exercise which will send them back to work upbeat and revitalized?

CRÈME DE LA CRIME's MURDER MYSTERY packages offer a refreshing, down to earth approach to staff training, with some fun thrown in as a bonus! They present a real tangled web, and your admin and executive staff can have a good time unravelling the mystery of whodunnit – and, working together in teams of three or four on a choice of intriguing scenarios, they'll test their powers of investigation and problem solving, learning and honing useful workplace skills almost without realising.

THE SCENARIOS:

Fatal Exit

Crème de la Crime's best investigative minds are agreed about one thing: Luke Weller the sleazy theatre odd-job man had it coming. But days into the investigation they're baffled.

Fit to Drop

Murder at the health club! Gym instructor Rob Harkness is found dead in his own exercise studio – and everyone has a motive!

Dance of Death

The Hon Hector Bonham-Ware is discovered with an ornamental dagger in his neck during a ball at his in-laws' country house. The question is, who disliked him most?

The teams work together to sift through the clues and discover who took a hammer to Luke's skull, attacked Rob with an exercise weight, or stuck Hector with the paper-knife.



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO:

CRÈME DE LA CRIME's murder mystery training package is suitable for groups of 12 – 40 participants. Anyone can enjoy taking part, from junior clerical staff through your sales and management teams right up to the board of directors! It works well as a standalone half-day session, or as part of a longer motivation event or sales conference.

CHOOSE the scenario which your staff group will find most challenging –and most fun! This is training at its most painless!

CALL Crème de la Crime on the number below or e-mail us if you prefer, to book your date, letting us know how many employees will participate.

If you have a suitable training area, with small tables on which the teams can lay out the evidence, the training session can take place at your place of work.

Or, if you prefer, we can arrange a venue in a local hotel, which will also provide catering.

We will provide everything: a facilitator, evidence packs which contain all the information required to solve the mystery, answer sheets; we even supply pencils.

And your employees will enjoy a challenging and rewarding exercise in teamwork and problem solving, which is also a lot of fun.

ON THE DAY:

- The facilitator will arrive in good time, bringing the training material.
- Participants gather for a welcome and an initial briefing which takes a few minutes.
- After the briefing, the participants divide into their teams to solve the mystery. If you are providing the venue, be aware that each team will need chairs and a table to enable them to spread out the evidence.
- The teams spend about an hour enjoying the story which will emerge from the evidence and piecing together the clues which may or may not lead them to the solution. During this time the facilitator will move between the teams offering small additional clues, and will also be available to answer questions – or possibly refuse to answer them!
- A few minutes before the end of the detecting time, the facilitator will give the participants notice that time is almost up.
- At the end of the hour, participants gather in the briefing space again with their answer sheets.
- The facilitator will ask the teams to appoint a spokesperson, who will
 - i) describe how the team approached the exercise: as individuals each carrying out part of the task to reach a common goal; or as a group, each examining every piece of evidence and discussing the implications to arrive at a consensus;
 - ii) give their solutions to the various parts of the mystery problem, supporting their deductions with references to the evidence.
- Finally, the facilitator will read the Confession in which all is revealed. Then s/he will allocate points for correct answers, and the winning team will receive prizes.



THE BOTTOM LINE: HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

This entertaining and instructive training event probably costs less than you think.

We'll be delighted to discuss your training event with you, customise it and quote an all-inclusive price dependent upon exactly what you want us to supply. We guarantee you'll be pleasantly surprised at the size of the invoice.

If the event takes place at your work premises, or as part of a longer occasion which you have organised, for a half-day or evening session we'll supply all the above – and each person taking part will also receive **FREE** murder mystery book.

If you prefer to have all the arrangements taken off your hands, we'll organise a comfortable hotel venue with a buffet lunch – and still include the free books.

So what next?

Choose a date for your training event, preferably with an alternative or two in case your first choice is already taken – our events are always popular. Then give us a call to discuss it and make the arrangements. In fact, give us a call anyway if you'd like to know more.

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WHO ARE CRÈME DE LA CRIME?

Crème de la Crime started out in 2003 as an independent publishing company specialising in crime fiction from new authors whose raw talent requires direction and sensitive editorial guidance: a venture which made substantial use of the founder's earlier experience of training in the retail and industrial sectors, and the devising and facilitating of workshops in various aspects of creative writing and publishing.

Through the development of marketing and promotional tools, the company has expanded into event presentation, and eventually, in response to demand, has widened its remit to include an innovative and engaging business training package, having adapted the available material accordingly.

Lynne Patrick, managing director of Crème de la Crime and primary facilitator at training events, worked for some years in human resources, delivering induction and training courses to new and existing employees in retail and industrial environments. Subsequently, as part of a successful second career as a freelance writer, she designed and delivered a variety of courses in creative writing at university level, and facilitated day and weekend workshops for a number of reputable commercial course providers. More recently, she founded Crème de la Crime from the ground up, and is responsible for all editorial and marketing functions on the publishing side.

Jeff Patrick, company secretary and production director of Crème de la Crime, worked at senior management level in the printing and paper industries for many years, and ran a highly successful small business for a decade before becoming involved in the financial and production aspects of his wife's enterprise. As a management consultant he was responsible for delivering training on revised methods and business practices in the UK and abroad, in the healthcare and light engineering sectors.