

Chris Butler

Chris Butler has over 20 years of military experience behind him, and is now in his 4th year of civilian life as an executive and team performance coach, leadership development adviser, human factors specialist and knowledge exploitation consultant. He has worked with high performance teams in BP, EDF Energy, the wider nuclear sector, and the legal, healthcare and financial sectors.

Chris is a seasoned leader who served for 21 years as an officer and helicopter pilot in the British Army. His military career encompassed conventional operations and counter-terrorism as an aviation commander, and also included tours as a strategic operations planner and doctrine writer. His aviation background has contributed to a deep interest in human factors and performance, considering the non-technical and behavioural attributes of individuals and teams. He puts this particular experience to good use as a visiting lecturer to University College London's Patient Safety and Clinical Risk Masters' level Health Informatics course.

Chris has considerable experience in the energy sector, having been an advisor on performance improvement and organisational learning to the leading UK global oil/gas company. He understands how to get the best out of people and excels in generating the right culture for operational success. He has been involved in leadership coaching and training throughout his career and is currently working in the nuclear sector as an executive coach, trainer and team capability builder, focusing on security, resilience and crisis management.

He is a qualified practitioner in Managing Successful Programmes (MSP), is a Fellow of both the Chartered Management Institute (FCMI) and the Institute of Leadership and Management (FInstLM). He is an expert facilitator, having completed the Advanced Facilitation course run by the Environment Council. Chris is now enrolled on a ILM Level 7 qualification in Executive Coaching and Mentoring, which he hopes in due course to convert into a Masters degree.

Chris speaks fluent French, having studied at a prestigious business school in Strasbourg. Away from work, he chairs his local Devizes Community Area Partnership, coaches rugby in his local club, and is desperately trying to learn to surf to keep up with his children.