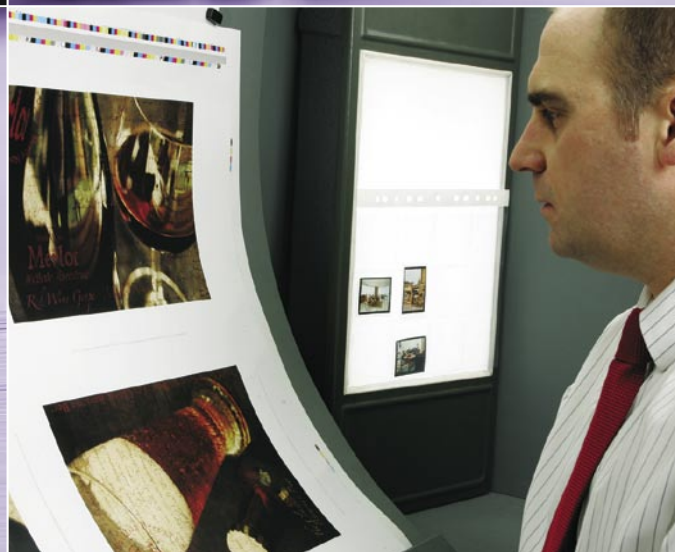




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Retain your competitiveness

As a printer, focused on process improvement within your business, you understand the continuing challenge of delivering excellence in print quality, against a backdrop of shorter lead times and tighter margins.

For sustained success, you will need to explore new opportunities to reduce running costs, and continually find smarter solutions to age-old problems.

Boosting productivity and performance

The Booster programme from Vision in Print (ViP) builds on the productivity and performance enhancements that have already been made within your business by participation in other ViP process improvement programmes or similar.

Booster has three key benefits:

- Bottom-line impact through a productivity focus on a specific area of business
- A deeper insight into Best Practice and Lean Manufacturing techniques
- On-going benefits, derived from an understanding of modern Best Practice principles

And, if you are worried about the justification for more training programmes, Booster only requires a total commitment of 5 days and typically delivers well over a five-fold return on investment in the first year.

The secret of success

Having previously participated in a ViP improvement programme, your staff will be able to quickly build upon tools and techniques that are now familiar. With a focus on a specific target objective, such as improving workflow within your platemaking department, your team will feed off

the expertise and enthusiasm of the ViP engineer, while making the key decisions themselves based on practical experience. This enables members to grow in confidence, allowing them to take ownership of the solution and identify, quantify and rectify any future issues over process change.

Booster takes place in three phases with a total commitment of only 5 days. Adding to the momentum started by previous programmes, it utilizes a deeper understanding of Lean Manufacturing and Best Practice techniques to deliver productivity and performance gains which will make an impact to the bottom line of your business.

For example, teams previously participating in Booster have typically seen around £45,000 improvement in the first year. This has been achieved by tackling such challenges as improving job throughput times, eliminating finishing bottlenecks and overhauling information management processes. Whatever the challenge, it will have been identified during a half-day pre-programme consultation, or be the next topic on your company's 'hit list' of things to improve.

Throughout the programme, the ViP engineer will work with your team, harnessing their skills to raise your company's standards to the best in industry. Being cross-functional with 4-6 members, and having senior management support, the team will have the power and capability to establish a revised procedure for the process under scrutiny.

The Booster programme

On the first day the team re-cap Best Practice techniques and work together to carry out a diagnostic. This helps them to decide upon the key baseline measurements

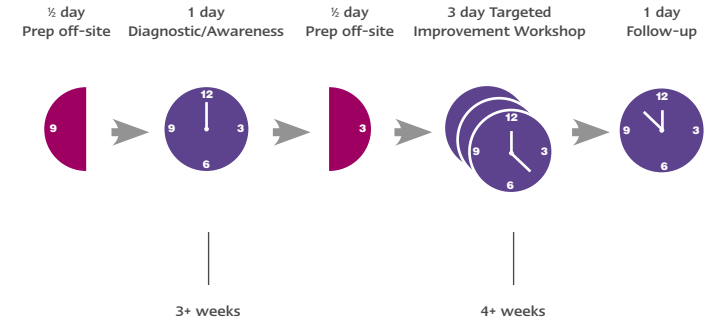
and to apply structured problem solving analysis to their chosen target area.

The following three-day workshop is mainly 'hands-on' activity by your team, with ViP engineer guidance on how best to implement changes in accordance with Best Practice. This approach breeds enthusiasm for the process, fully engaging each team member so that they feel ownership for the results and develop repeatable new skills that can eventually roll out to others. The workshop culminates in a presentation of findings to senior management, complete with an implementation schedule and a prediction of profit impact.

A follow-up day helps the team to review, measure and quantify the progress made, and to plan how to apply the lessons learnt elsewhere in the business, facilitating continuous and sustainable improvement.

Performance

Despite any improvements in productivity and performance that you have made already within your business, the need to make continuous improvement sustainable is paramount. Booster provides your business with the tools to continue to thrive. It offers a practical approach to problem solving, and an enhanced application of Lean and Best Practice techniques which enable your staff to make significant improvements without waiting for senior management to drive them. Armed with this new-found confidence, they will look for ways to continue the successes of the programme and lead your business along the pathway to sustainable improvements in productivity, competitiveness and profit.



Booster is the perfect solution to target specific improvements, while reinforcing your commitment to continuous improvement.

"Booster created a new sense of teamwork and enthusiasm and a belief that our challenge was an opportunity, not a problem"

Ian Tibbetts, Thanet Press

Find Out More

Vision in Print

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Vision in Print partners with all the major print trade bodies (including BPIF, ProSkills Print and Amicus GPMS) to ensure maximum impact in raising the competitiveness of the whole UK printing industry.

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