



Thinking Skills Newsletter

February 2014

This Month:

This has been a busy month with creating and collecting resources for the programme. Alice and Neal visited the Estimate training at CAST South to observe the process as a case study for thinking skills, and are in the process of collating their findings and creating a report

We are also working on a 2 day course for the Defence Centre of Training Support (DCTS). This is a thinking skills course where day 1 will be 'improving your own thinking' and day 2 will be focused on organisational thinking. Day 1 takes place at the end of February, and the second day in March. The aim of this course is to introduce the training staff to the Thinking Skills Programme and try out the course on a group of people.

Before Christmas Alice was sitting in on some of the RAF JOD courses, looking and where we could implement thinking skills there. She is currently writing suggestions for how the Thinking Skills Programme could fit in some teaching and/or materials for the JOD courses.

Current Issues:

"Herrickisms" are the processes, rules and anything else typical to operations in Afghanistan. These are an issue for troops who have left Afghanistan as it is difficult for them to almost 'reset' their brain from the operation—Herrickisms have become second nature for them but aren't needed in future operations that are dissimilar to Operation Herrick

Book corner

Thomas Owen Jacobs, (2010) "On becoming more complex (and what to do about it)", On the Horizon, Vol. 18 Iss: 1, pp.62 - 70

"If the conceptual complexity the decision maker brings to the problem does not at least match problem complexity, suboptimal decisions are likely"

This paper examines personal complexity and suggests strategies for increasing it.

If you would like to read this paper or have any questions about the programme, please contact:

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Brain Teaser

What can you put in a wooden box that would make it lighter? The more of them you put in the lighter it becomes, yet the box stays empty.

-Answer in next month's newsletter

