



Neil Wilson



Neil Wilson - is a Lean Coaching Associate for Lean Coaching UK, Richmond upon Thames, London, UK

Lean Experience

Neil has degree's in Automotive & Maintenance Engineering and Business Management. In 1999 Neil joined Nissan Motor Manufacturing (UK) as an Advanced Engineering Graduate. Over the course of 11 years Neil was selected as a succession replacement candidate and quickly progressed positions within the Powertrain area to Department Senior, responsible for Facilities and Process engineering to support new model introductions, capital projects and operational SQDCM. After successfully leading some major global project roles for both growth initiatives and cost reductions Neil was awarded the Nissan Trophy accolade for the Most Outstanding Contribution.

Neil then joined Robert Bosch GmbH to head a Greenfield Project as a Technical Function Manager in 2010. Responsible for Project, Product, Production and Lean Introduction at a brand new transmission manufacturing facility in Vietnam. During this time Neil coached and developed the senior local management teams in corporate and strategic planning (Hoshin Kanri), policy development and deployment, project management, operational excellence and BPS (Bosch Production System).

Throughout Neil's career he has extensively studied and been mentored in :- NPW/BPS sensei style (variants of TPS), Jishuken, Value Stream Planning, Shop floor Management, Kaizen, JIT, PPS, Coaching and Development, TPM, SPC, SW, as well as many technical and management behavioural training courses.

Lean Coaching experience

Since leaving Robert Bosch in Dec 2014, Neil spent 6 months working as a coach at Kamaz Trucks, a Russian truck manufacturer based in Naberzhehne Chelny as part of a Lighthouse Project for re-engineering across the entire truck platforms (NPI). During this period he was coaching project managers and work package leaders in Project Management techniques, Tactical Implementation Plans (TIPS), Lean Assessments, Visual Management, Technical Tenders, Supplier Selection, Compliance, VSM, Takt planning and KPI's.

In June 2015, Neil then spent a short time at Grundfos, a motor/pump manufacturer based in Tatabanya, Hungary as part of a Lighthouse Project for Process Reduction.

During this time Neil was tasked with a target of 20% reduction. Using a Jishuken approach with both learning and process goals, Neil combined Yamazumi, Line Balancing, Single Piece Flow, Standard Working, Takt planning, Shop floor Management, 3C's and Process Optimization in order to exceed target expectations, achieving 23%, whilst coaching local management teams and internal change agents throughout the process to ensure practical/sustainable measures were effected.

Since August 2015, Neil has been coaching a Practical Problem Solving pilot activity at Detroit Diesel Corporation, an Automotive Engine Manufacturer based in Detroit, Michigan, USA.

This involves focused coaching from Manager level to Shop Floor Associates, on the approach and methods of PPS and the application of PPS/QC tools to tackle significant problems within their facility linked to SQDCM as well as identify gaps within their current organisation for further development.