

# QUALITRAIN TEAM PROFILE



Name **Leon Bowler**

## PROFILE

Leon's extensive background in the fast-paced print and packaging industries has provided him with an intimate knowledge of the demands of 24-hour industrial environments, and an advanced capacity for implementing Lean Manufacturing and Continuous Improvement programmes in the most highly-stressed manufacturing scenarios.

A committed and continuing student of Business Improvement techniques over many years, Leon is highly qualified both academically and by experience, and has an in-depth knowledge of many Lean Manufacturing philosophies and techniques. He has implemented 5S, Total Productive Maintenance and Multi-Skilling schemes, and has overseen valuable reductions in Overall Equipment Efficiency, waste, and manpower.

Outside work, Leon is a keen golfer with lifelong enthusiasms for music and computer games.



## INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

Leon's manufacturing career began in the demanding environment of Skymark Packaging Solutions, a 24-hour / 7 day operation with high levels of customer focus and a very rapid throughput of work. Leon's commitment to training soon kicked in and he gained a level 1 NVQ in Flexographic Printing. Significantly, however, he quickly progressed to the intensive study of Business Improvement Techniques, so that the scope of his work at Skymark quickly moved into the management of key improvement and efficiency programmes including:

- Introduction of Lean Key Performance Indicators.
- Implementation of 5S.
- Introduction of Total Productive Maintenance.
- Reduction of process waste from 8% to 2%
- Increase of Overall Equipment Efficiency from 65% to 85%
- Introduction multi-skilling.

Leon was also part of the management team which won British Retail Consortium accreditation in 2004, reduced labour levels from 30 employees down to 20 employees whilst maintaining performance, and won a Supplier of the Year award from a key customer.

As a result of these performance successes Leon was promoted to the role of Production Manager of a department producing in excess of 100 million units per annum, with Key Responsibilities including:

- Human Resources (Selection, Training, Development).
- Project Management (Machine Installation, Process Improvements, Product Development).
- Production and Performance Management.
- Implementing Lean Manufacturing and realising Continuous Improvement
- Maintaining Processes and Procedures to ISO 2001 and BRC standards

## QUALIFICATIONS

Foundation Degree Business Improvement Techniques  
NVQ Level 3 Business Improvement Techniques  
NVQ Level 1 Flexographic Printing

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Improvement, through efficiency