

Notes from BAMF workshop session 16/01/15

Debra Paul and Paul Turner presented a session entitled 'Developing the senior BA: from Diploma to Expert'. This session was in two parts: first, the presenters gave an introduction to the certification landscape and introduced a new certification scheme to sit between the BCS Diploma in Business Analysis and the Expert BA Award; second, a series of facilitated workshops were held using a rotating 'round table' approach with each session discussing different topics. Other facilitators for this part of the session were Sandra Leek (Lloyds Banking Group), Philippa Thomas (Skillshift), and Lucy Ireland and James Allan (BCS).

The introduction to the new certification scheme set out the need for a development path to enable experienced BAs to develop their skills and competencies in order to perform business analysis at a senior level. The new scheme will incorporate two new levels – Professional and Consultant – and will enable BAs to attain a new Advanced BA Diploma.

The facilitated sessions explored two technical topics – Business Architecture and Advanced Requirements Engineering, two business topics – Business Finance and Benefits Realisation, the soft skills required of a BA, and the composition of an Advanced Diploma in Business Analysis.

The ideas and insights gained from this session will be used in the development of the new certifications. The new certification scheme will be launched in May.