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As Dods Training and Westminster Explained wind up another successful open course season we take a brief look at some highlights from recent courses. This season we have effectively ran 22 open courses. Our most popular being; [An Overview of Parliament](#) [1], [An Overview of Government](#) [2] and [Stakeholder Engagement and Partnership Working](#) [3].

Due to our reputation within Westminster and pool of associates we are able to put together the best courses possible, with outstanding overall results. Former Chief Whip and Minister Jacqui Smith is the lead trainer for our Overview of Parliament and Government course, the delegates hear first-hand what it is like to work in Westminster, the role of an MP/ Minister and authentic anecdotes as part of their training. Delegates also have the rare opportunity to ask questions to a former Minister and receive honest answers.

James Plaskitt, former Minister for the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) is a guest speaker on our Overview of Parliament course; here he discusses his role as a Minister and Special Advisor. David Heath MP is another of our well respected guest speakers. Having these guest speaker sessions really add to the day. They not only break up the sessions, they enlighten the delegates with first-hand information. We guarantee a relevant guest speaker on certain training courses, so do take a look at the course agendas in the training section of our website.

Our training is not only for those working with, or inside Westminster, we also branch into the larger public sector as well as gauging interest and attendees from the corporate world as well as charitable organisations. People from all three sectors attended our [Writing Skills](#) [4] courses this season, along with [Media Handling](#) [5], [The Influential Communicator](#) [6] and [Summarising Documents Quickly](#) [7], to name a few.

Here are a couple of delegate testimonials from the Spring run:

[An Overview of Government](#) [2] - *“Overall very comprehensive and great presentation”*. Executive at Indigo Trust

[Confidence at work](#) [8] - *“David is the best trainer with whom I have ever met very experienced and very good examples from every point”*. Cash Management Sales Specialist for Nordea Bank

Find a full list for our Summer season open courses [here](#) [9]

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