

QA TRAINING COURSE PRIZE WON BY OUTSOURCE UK CANDIDATE

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- Winner gets career back on track after redundancy
- Job Fair attracts 50 new, well-qualified IT candidates to Outsource UK

Swindon 2003 – At the recent Swindon job fair, IT recruitment specialists Outsource UK teamed up with QA, a leading UK independent training and consulting firm to provide one lucky attendee with the chance of winning a free professional training course.

Winner Sue Tipper from Cirencester was made redundant earlier this year and she says 'This is a real boost. It's a great opportunity to refocus my career and learn new skills, which will improve my chances of getting back in to full-time work. I'm really glad I went to the Job Fair that day and I'm very grateful to Outsource UK and QA!'

Paul Jameson, Managing Director of Outsource UK has exhibited at these job fairs for the last two years and commented 'The job fair attracts exactly the people we're looking for – people ready to make their next career move in IT. We're really pleased with the quality of the 50 new candidates we can offer our clients. Sue Tipper is a worthy winner of the Prize Draw and we're delighted to be able to help with this stepping stone to the next stage of her career'.

The new candidates on Outsource UK's books offer the following skills; Visual Basic, ASP, .Net, SQL server, C#, Oracle Database and a Prince 2 accredited Project Manager. Some candidates are MCP and MCSE accredited and a number of Technical support staff came forward for Windows 2000 and Windows XP. They join Outsource UK's database of over 12,000 IT specialists actively looking for their next contract or full-time position in IT.

'Being involved in the Swindon Job Fair gave QA an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance and value of skills development' commented Jon Shepstone, Head of Operations at QA. 'With a strong local presence we are committed to supporting the training needs of businesses and IT professionals in the area.'

QA are one of the leading independent training and consulting companies in the UK and Europe. They are industry award winners who run courses accredited by all the major IT Vendors. They offer over 600 professional, IT, personal and professional training courses at several training centres around the UK.

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Notes for Editors;

Formed in 1991, Outsource UK Ltd specialises in recruiting highly skilled permanent and contract IT staff across the UK and in specialist roles abroad. It is the only specialist IT recruitment agency in Swindon, close to the M4's 'silicon valley' where a number of high-profile clients are based.

The first placement was with Brann Direct Marketing in nearby Cirencester and since 1995, Outsource UK has been a preferred supplier for the Nationwide Building Society. The first defence contracts began in 1998 and around 8% of candidates now have national security clearance. Details of over 12,000 candidates are held on file and candidates benefit from an online jobsearch facility on the database-driven website www.outsource-uk.co.uk Vacancies range from IT helpdesk to IT line managers with all the technical disciplines in between.

The company has grown and now employs nine people with a turnover of £2.5 million (2002/2003) in spite of the depressed markets of 2002 when many larger competitors were making redundancies or closing altogether. During this period, Outsource UK's Permanent Division has also seen its strongest performance yet. Permanent vacancies tend to be focused in the south west region in Wiltshire, Avon, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire and Berkshire.

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Notes for editors on Prize Draw Winner

Thirty years ago, Sue Tipper started as a Junior Programmer with Hambro Life, which became Allied Dunbar before it was later absorbed into Zurich Financial Services. According to Sue, in the early days of Hambro Life, there were just 6 programmers and the company did not even have its own computer. They used a bureau link to London and she has seen many changes in IT over the years.

Having blazed a trail as one of the few women in IT, she set a good example for her four daughters. Amanda, the eldest always said she would never follow Mum's footsteps but after a Maths degree, she now works for IBM London as a SAP consultant. (She even worked alongside her Mum once on a SAP project for Zurich.

Amanda was with Price Waterhouse Coopers at the time but two generations of the same family on the same IT project must be unusual).