

BACKGROUND

Tenon

Tenon is a leading provider of accounting and business advice to entrepreneurs and private owner-managed businesses.

Tenon has over 2000 staff and a network of 41 offices throughout the UK and is a Top 10 accounting firm in the UK.

Tenon people are committed, proactive and passionate about delivering the very best possible service and value to their clients. Their approach is based on building strong local relationships to ensure a personal, director-led service. They provide a breadth and depth of skill to solve the most complex needs of their clients in a manner that is consistently rooted in commercial reality.

Tenon approached BlueSky Experiences, the award winning team building and event management specialist to organise a unique and fun team building day for their staff.

THE TEAM BUILDING EVENT

Tenon, as an organisation, do not conform to the stereotypical accountancy profile. They are a very innovative, dynamic and people facing firm. They were therefore looking for an innovative and challenging indoor team building day with a difference!

BlueSky quickly set about planning an event ensuring these objectives were met through the 'Ultimate Puzzle Zone' and 'Camera Antics' team building activities.

The day was divided into two sessions. In the morning the group of eleven were split into two teams competing against each other in the "Ultimate Puzzle Zone" (ten life-sized brainteaser challenges that push the team's collective efforts to the limits). The nature of this competitive team challenge creates an enormous amount of excitement and fun as well as testing the Tenon team's visualisation, lateral thinking and communication skills to the max.

In the afternoon the team's imagination and artistic flair were really tested with the tongue-in-cheek but hugely enjoyable "Camera Antics" activity. Setting the scene...Arthur 'Scoops' Miller's printing



press has gone down and the Tenon news team have to create the front page for his newspaper!

Like all good 'hacks', the team had a tight deadline of just two hours to produce ten stories for the front page. These included the masthead for the newspaper, two editorials, a gossip column, weather forecast, an advert and a cartoon strip. The 'Tenon Hacks' had to use all their journalistic skills to sniff out and deliver the top story and best picture. Armed with various tools and props the teams were able to 'go to press' with their respective front pages.

The Tenon group finished the day on a high with the completion of the unique Camera Antics activity.

BlueSky were responsible for the organisation of the entire event from recommending and booking the Norton Grange hotel in Rochdale to creating and facilitating the activities.

David Kitson, tax director at Tenon commented: *"What impressed us about BlueSky Experiences was the variety of challenges that they could offer indoors. Their approach gave our team an opportunity to be creative and have a laugh at themselves in a lighthearted way! We were also pleased that our junior members of staff were able to demonstrate skills that they don't normally get to do in their day-to-day job, through some of the activities on the day."*

David added: "All in all we were very pleased with the service we received from BlueSky Experiences and we hope to work with them again in the future."

BlueSky Experiences, the award-winning specialist in team building, team development, corporate entertainment and event management throughout the UK was founded in 2001.

Based near Perth, Scotland the company counts some of the country's leading corporates amongst its clients including Royal Bank of Scotland, HBOS, Shell, BP, Norwich Union, Scottish Power, William Grant and Diageo as well as a number of SME's.

The company prides itself on providing training which is that little bit different and creative whilst

still keeping corporate goals and objectives firmly in sight.

BlueSky Experiences has dedicated high quality venues throughout the UK as well as its own purpose-built team development and conference centre in Perth. The company has made a six-figure investment in the centre which boasts 700 sq metres of team building/conference space. The centre is set in 700-acres of land which provides a mountain bike track, rope climbing and a puzzle zone offering what are believed to be the best team-building facilities anywhere in Scotland.

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