

Intellectual Heritage Timeline

2009 Professor John Sharp selected as a visiting professor at Wuhan University, China

Vestas Blades UK Ltd are the first OLC (Europe) Ltd client to have staff obtain City and Guilds, Business Improvement NVQs, delivered by OLC as part of a Vestas company wide corporate program.

OLC (Europe) Ltd incorporating Eettec Ltd receives accreditation as a private Further and Higher Education Institute from the British Accreditation Council.

North West Aerospace Alliance contract won with partners The Consulting Company to provide training to 45 member companies.

2008 HNC/HND students arrive from Libyan Oil Companies and 30 achieve the award of HND through EDEXCEL within one year of registration.

Quality Management ISO 9001: 2008 consulting project starts with AZZAWIYA Oil Refinery Company, Libya.

EETTEC Ltd and OLC (Europe) Ltd now obtain certifications to ISO 9001: 2008 with a joint certificate with two annexes.

Institute of Credit Management continue to recognise the efforts of OLC and achievements of OLC students. Premier Centre Education Status is maintained and OLC students receive National Awards.

2007 Edexcel centre status achieved for the delivery of Higher Education courses. HNC/HND approvals through Edexcel and forged agreements with Bolton University as an “Engineering feeder college.”

Leyden-Kirby Group Ltd, PNC Group Ltd and EEF North West collaborative agreements forged to develop Intellectual Property in specialised areas.

Over 8 years have built Intellectual Property of over 300 courses with proven pedigree and approvals.

Establishment of Centres of Organisational Excellence in China, Wuhan University; in Dubai, UAE, Wollongong University Campus. Third centre to start in Tripoli, Libya in March 2008.

March 2007 OLC purchase The Old County Police Station, Bolton and now have facilities that include over 30 training rooms, a Moot Court, a library, Engineering workshops and 2 fully equipped ICT suites.

Vestas Blades UK Ltd are the first OLC (Europe) Ltd client to have staff obtain Graduate Certificates delivered by OLC and awarded by University of Salford. Also, OLC partner with EEFNW to deliver Institute of Leadership and Management (ILM level 5) program to Vestas continuous improvement teams.

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- 2006** Spin-off company, Eettec Ltd created for Engineering and Technical course development and delivery.
ICM Premier Education Provider status achieved and student awards are the best in the UK.
City and Guilds approval achieved and professional institute training centre status for IOSH, IEMA, IQA, CIEH achieved.
Institutional membership of The College of Teachers is approved for Eettec Ltd as a quality Higher Education Institute.
- 2005** Continuous Improvement courses developed and a full six sigma program created. Chris becomes the Institute of Quality Assurance six-sigma Program Manager.
Integrated management system conferences and courses completed.
ICM Partnership fully created and courses delivered at the University of Salford are fully managed by OLC.
- 2004** Commenced helping delivery of Institute of Credit management (ICM) courses for North-West of UK.
AMAN tyres consulting project started in Libya, North Africa.
- 2003** Developed a complete suite of business and management modules called the “The OLC Rolling Programme.”
Great Man Made River consulting project started and successfully completed to deliver, one of the first construction industry, ISO 9001: 2000 quality management systems in North Africa.
- 2002** OLC (Europe) Ltd created, Chris Bamber is awarded his PhD.
Dr Chris Bamber takes over the business full-time as Managing Director
Register with DFES/Home Office
Work formally started with Institute of Credit Management, North West after a year of “helping the ICM manage their education provision in Manchester.”
Overseas students from management disciplines start coming to OLC. Achieved ISO 9001:2000 certification.
Published CSR/Corporate Governance Framework with BSI and HPO Ltd.

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2001 Dr John Sharp is promoted to Professor of Organisational Excellence.

ISO 14001: 1994 Environmental Management Systems consultancy starts with Myson Towel Warmers. Environmental consulting and courses developed.

2000 Silentnight Group Courses developed for organisational excellence corporate wide program.

Full suite of Quality Management Courses for BSi. Developed and delivered modern quality management courses for their client and member companies (ISO 9001:2000).

ISO 9001 consultancy includes firsts: ISO 9001: 2000 in sectors Housing association/Glass company/Food (Soreen).

The Salford University, Centre for Organisational Excellence Research (CORe) founded by John and Chris.

1999 Engineers Employers Federation (EEF) collaborations. Business Improvement consulting and change management courses developed.

Developed Best Practice Guides for the North West Aerospace Alliance (NWAA), in collaboration with the University of Salford, following on from an Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council grant funding research project.

1998 OLC (California) Professor Bob McQueen links up with John Sharp, Chris Bamber and Mick Hides. Partnership developed OLC (Europe). Collaborative agreement with OLC (California) leads to sharing of information on High Performing Organisational research, case studies and experiences.