





SCILT Business Breakfast

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Agenda

- Introduction
- Competition
- Why is language important
- The value of Networking
- So what does work look like?
- Q & A

Introduction

- A little goes a long way
- Why it's important
- OI! They're eating my lunch!!
- Does business really care YOU BET!
- Geezajoabmistur.....

Competition



- Andy Murray v Tomas Berdych (new coach Dani Vallverdu)
- Sun Tzu the Art of War 2nd Century B.C.

Know your enemy, know yourself; 100 battles, 100 hundred victories!



The Non –UK Graduate Experience(the competition!)

Observations - Best Graduate experiences

- US when good they are really good entrepreneurial, confident and articulate
- India/Pakistan/Bangladesh extremely diligent accurate, and entrepreneurial
- Africa industrious, insightful, resourceful direct but engaging
 - All the above show good to high levels of initiative
- China Attentive, structured, hard working.
 - Tend to be less likely to take initiative ,very enthusiastic and task /project orientated.
 - varying confidence levels quite polarised from not confident enough to appearing overly confident

Why Are They Here?

- World Class courses and research
- Enhance English language and communication skills (particularly Americans who also learn to spell)
- Gain experience of life outside of their native land

Additional aspirations

- Meet and collaborate with people from a large variety of different nationalities and backgrounds
- Achieve a level of societal integration in Scotland both personal Professional / business

The Importance of Languages 'The Problem with the French is......'



- Learning language introduces culture
- Culture helps understanding and empathy
- An appreciation of culture is rewarding
- People are proud of their culture
- You will gain trust and respect
- 'Lets become friends then do business'

The Value of Networking

- Think of an interesting or unusual fact about yourself
- Identify someone here you have never spoken to or no nothing about
- When I say go go and introduce yourself with purpose, a formal handshake, tell them your name, where you are from and your interesting fact. The other party should ask you questions about your interesting fact for a minute then change over.
- Questions?

The Value of Networking

- Who knows who and what do you know about them
- Being the most interested makes you most interesting
- Small details count
- Know your own USP and how that lines up with the values and interests of your network
- You don't always have to like people in your network

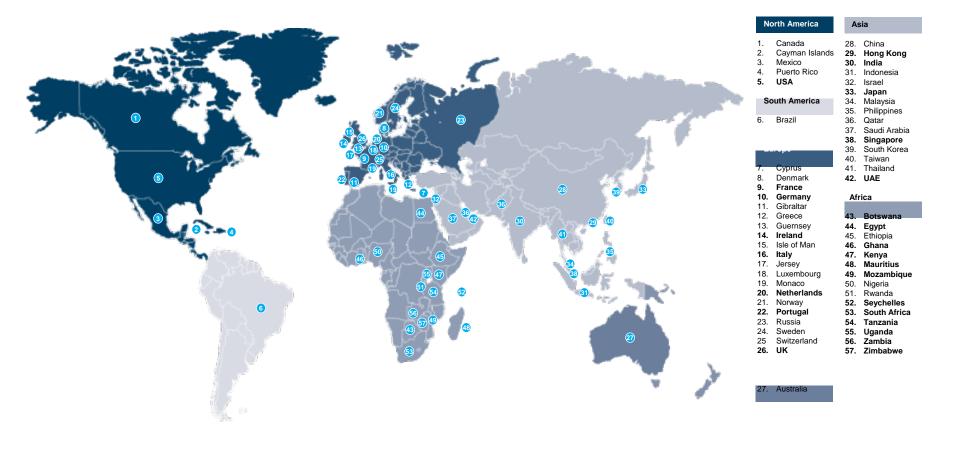
'I don't like that man, I must get to know him better'

(Abraham Lincoln)

- How can you be of value in linking other people in your network – Linked In..... There may be no apparent immediate benefit or reward. Gratitude and thoughtfulness goes a long way
- Work on remembering names, faces and key facts personal and business

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Questions and Answers

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