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Keary Birch is a consultant with the Burge Hughes Walsh Partnership.

He is a facilitator and process improvement trainer, using Lean, Six Sigma, and 8D tools.

Keary is a practised trainer and workshop facilitator in the field of process improvement, with specialist skills in Six Sigma and Lean. He also contributes to the Systems Engineering workshops.

He has provided training, project support and mentoring to companies as diverse as Network Rail, British Energy, and the Highways Agency. The areas in which he has worked have varied from Defence to nuclear reprocessing to legal firms to energy suppliers.

He has trained thousands of people in Six Sigma to Yellow, Green and Black Belt level in a variety of business sectors, including financial, retail, manufacturing and engineering.

In 1977 Keary trained to become an Instrument Engineer with Foxboro Yoxall Ltd (Instrumentation for Process Control). He gained a TEC in Mechanical Engineering on day release. In 1980 he left the organisation to join Friends' Provident as a computer technician in their computer department. After one year he went to the Polytechnic of Wales to study a HND in Maths, Stats and Computing and then transferred to the BSc in Maths and Computing. On completion of his degree he worked with APV in Crawley programming Fortran and leading their PC support of the newly purchased PCs. From there he moved to Croydon City Council where he supported the PC infrastructure and networks.

Keary then moved into management for British Telecom leading a small team that provided support functions for the London area, based in Reigate in Surrey this role involved discussion, communications and support at all levels within the BT.

In 1990 Keary started work with Ingersoll Engineers (later called Bourton Group Ltd), a consultancy in Warwickshire, initially supporting and developing the internal IT infrastructure but quickly moving into project support for process improvement project. He then trained in Six Sigma and Lean and made the transition to full time consultant in 2002.

In 2011 Keary left Bourton Group and joined the Burge Hughes Walsh Partnership in order to increase his repertoire into the areas of client management and solution offering.

His friendly style of delivery, and enthusiasm for his subjects have made him a popular speaker and facilitator with all levels of delegates.

