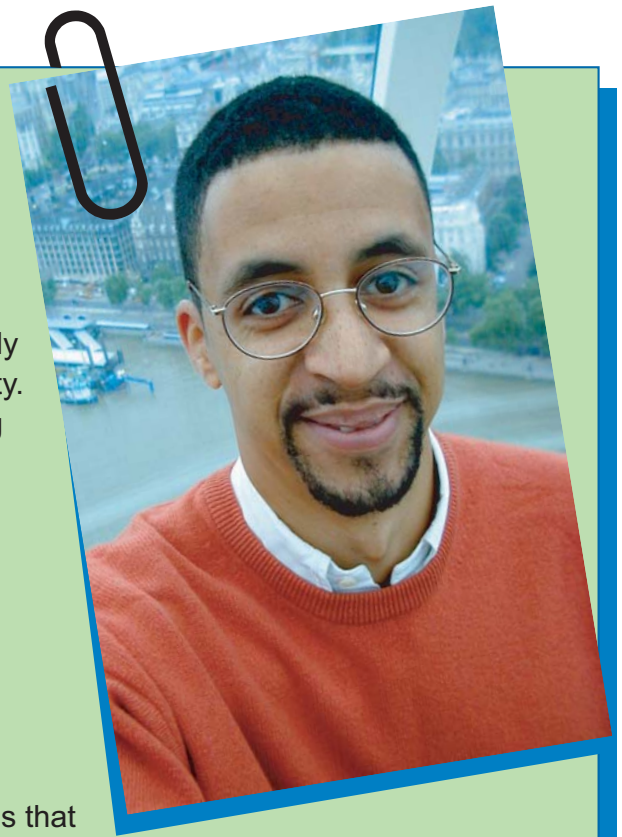


**Name:** Chris Stuart

**Age:** 38

## **Background:**

Chris grew up in London and took A levels in physics, maths, chemistry and Further maths. He went on to study Physics with Theoretical Physics at Cambridge University. Following university Chris spent a year teaching in Hong Kong, before training as a Chartered Accountant in London. After eight years as an accountant, including a year spent in the US, Chris left to join a management training consultancy, where he is now a director.



## **What sort of work do you do?**

My company works for a variety of different organisations that want training to help their people to be more effective at their jobs. I design and run training courses for them covering a wide range of business areas. I am also responsible for gaining new work from clients, and for managing our computer and IT systems

## **What do you like about your job?**

I enjoy the variety of the job – the wide range of clients that we work with and the different things that I do. It's a combination of teaching, training, design, marketing, selling, fixing computers and building new software tools, as well as general management of the business. I've travelled quite widely with my job – to the US, Asia, Africa, Australia and Europe – which I also enjoy.

We offer tailored training, rather than off-the-shelf courses. This means I get to find out quite a bit about how each of our clients work, and how their different industries operate. I find that my science training, which taught me to collect, assimilate and analyse information quickly and effectively, is a huge help to me.

## **What's the worst bit?**

I'm responsible for all the computers, so when there's a problem, everyone expects me to sort it out. In a small company there's no team of experts on hand to help you out, you're on your own, which makes life "interesting" at times.

## **What do you want to do in the future?**

I enjoy doing what I'm doing, so I plan to carry on for a few years yet. We've just opened a North American office, and are trying to expand our US business, which is quite exciting. If I weren't doing my current job, then I'd either go into the City or be a teacher.