

WHAT WE DO & HOW WE WORK

PREDDY&CO specialises in working with the design sector.

- MARKETING, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & CLIENT RELATIONSHIP CONSULTANCY
- TRAINING & COACHING PROGRAMMES

This brochure gives a simple overview of who we are and the work we do.

If you'd like more information on our marketing consultancy and training programmes, please ask for our more detailed brochures.

WHAT WE DO & WHY WORK WITH US

And our important financial guarantee

WHAT WE DO

PREDDY&CO specialises in working with the design sector.

We have two areas of expertise:

- Strategic marketing, business development and client relationship consultancy
- Tailor-made, in-house training and coaching programmes

What links them? To put it simply, we help *our* clients to grow by finding, winning, keeping and proactively developing *their* clients.

Sound straightforward? That's because it is. No mumbo-jumbo. No management-speak. No over-engineered, over-complex business models or training ideologies. Just clear, approachable, effective consultancy and training aimed at improving skills, knowledge, attitude, confidence and capabilities. And, of course, improving business.

We work across all of the major disciplines including branding, communications, digital, product, interiors, service design. Our clients are UK-based and international, and are very diverse in size and experience: small, middling and large; newly-launched and well-established; independently-owned and globally-networked. We work regularly with design organisations and associations across Europe, including the UK's DBA and Design Council, and also with in-house design departments.

There is one thing that unites them, however. A driving passion for what they do, and a deep-rooted ambition to do more of it, more effectively, and more profitably.

WHY PREDDY&CO?

We think there are five reasons to ask us to work with you:

1. We work within the design sector: this gives us a rare depth and breadth of knowledge. We understand the way creative businesses work, and the issues they're likely to be facing.
2. Shan Preddy, Partner and co-founder, is a former MD of a successful London branding and communications design company. She knows just what it's like to run a business in good times and in times which are a little more challenging.
3. We work with leading design-sector membership and support organisations across Europe, and Shan is a Board Member of the UK Design Skills Alliance, a Design Council and Creative and Cultural Skills initiative. We observe the bigger industry picture, and we influence it.
4. We've been advising and training design companies right across Europe for more than 20 years, which makes our expertise very special. Our training work continually gives us useful insights into our marketing consultancy work (and, of course, vice-versa).
5. Many of our clients come back to us time after time, year after year. We must be doing something right!

& THE GUARANTEE?

We're confident about the delivery of our consultancy and our training. If you're not happy with it for any reason, don't pay us.

Some people say we're crazy to offer this guarantee. Perhaps. But we haven't had to use it in the 20 years we've been in business.

OUR CONSULTANCY & OUR TRAINING

A very brief overview

WHAT WE DO IN CONSULTANCY

Our consultancy programmes will help you to achieve your marketing objectives.

We cover both new business development (finding and winning clients) and client relationship management (keeping and developing them). And we work in a number of different ways.

Some of our clients ask us to work with them on the creation of full marketing strategies and plans, and then to oversee their implementation.

Some want us to get involved in single aspects of their marketing. The way they approach cold prospects, perhaps. Or pitches. Or roster appointments. Or how they can improve their client satisfaction and retention. Or to help them appoint and mentor their in-house new business teams.

Some commission us to carry out surveys among their clients and their prospects.

Others ask us to be a sounding board for their thinking – a short, sharp reality check.

And we are often asked to investigate and report on new markets, new offers, new potential sources of business.

You'll find much more information about our work in our separate **MARKETING, BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & CLIENT RELATIONSHIP CONSULTANCY** brochure. Please let us know if you'd like it.

WHAT WE DO IN TRAINING

We offer six training areas.

All of them deal with finding, winning, keeping and developing clients.

1 Presentation Skills

- Beginners
- Improvers
- Advanced

2 Sales Skills

3 Negotiation Skills

4 Credentials and Pitches

5 Client Relationship Management

6 Conference Speaking

Details of all of these courses, and information on how (and why) our training works can be found in our separate **TRAINING & COACHING** brochure. Please ask if you'd like us to send it to you.

MIXING IT

Some of our clients mix our consultancy and our training, for example with credentials and pitches, or with client relationship management. The benefit can be very powerful.

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Don't see exactly what you're looking for? Get in touch anyway. If we can help you, we will. If not, we might just know someone else who can.

WHO WE ARE

Our skills, our knowledge, our expertise

PREDDY&CO is owned and run by Shan and Don Preddy. Shan is the strategic marketing consultant and training provider on the team, and is the main point of contact for our clients. Don is our research expert. He is responsible for the client and prospect perception surveys we do as part of our consultancy programmes, and also works on our market and gap analysis audits.

SHAN PREDDY BA Hons

Shan's career has included both PR and international advertising, the latter at DMB&B in London. She then moved into the design sector to become MD of The Tyrell Company, a top-100 London branding and communications business, which was later integrated into the global communications network, Omnicom Group.

Shan is an Advisory Board Member of the UK Design Alliance, a Design Council and Creative and Cultural Skills initiative which works to improve professional practice among designers, and she is an accredited consultant on the DBA (Design Business Association) Experts Register.

Shan's book *How to Market Design Consultancy Services: Finding, Winning, Keeping and Developing Clients*, has become an international industry standard. It has been continuously reprinted, and has already seen two editions. It is published by Gower with the UK Design Council's endorsement, and is available in a Dutch-language version from BIS Publishers.

Her new book, *How to Run a Successful Design Business: the New Professional Practice*, will be published in 2010, again by Gower under the Design Council imprint.

Shan's professional memberships include the Chartered Institute of Marketing and the Marketing Society, where she is a Business Leader. She is a member of the Institute of Directors, an Elected Associate of D&AD and a Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts.

Shan is a regular speaker at, and chair of, international design conferences, and she is a skilled workshop, ideation session and awayday facilitator.

She runs several modules for the UK's DBA (Design Business Association) on their Professional Practice programme, and delivers frequent PREDDY&CO Presentation Skills courses for them.

Shan also regularly delivers sell-out marketing and business development seminars for design-sector membership and support organisations across Europe.

DON PREDDY BSc Hons

Don is an experienced qualitative and quantitative researcher.

After an early career in television production at the BBC and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, he worked in psychology as an academic researcher at the University of Manchester before entering the commercial sector.

He has run his own consultancy, Preddy Research, and is a former Director of both Consumer Insights, which he founded as part of the PAS (Public Attitude Surveys) group, and The Research Business, now part of the global consultancy Synovate.

Don is a member of the MRS (Market Research Society) and AQR (Association for Qualitative Research), of which he is a former Vice-Chair.

OUR CLIENTS

The alpha list, in more ways than one

Here are just a few representative companies we've worked with on training or consultancy programmes, or both. If you'd like to speak to any of them about the experience, we'll put you in touch.

Anthem	London, York
Blue Marlin	London
Bloom	London
Caulder Moore	London
David Collins Studio	London
Dalziel + Pow	London
DCoy	Dublin
Design Bridge	London, Amsterdam
Design Factory	Dublin
Dew Gibbons	London
Event	London
Holmes & Marchant	Marlow
JDO	Tunbridge Wells
KH Design	Frankfurt
Kinneir Dufort	Bristol
Landor	London, Paris, Dubai
Living Group	London
Lothar Böhm	Hamburg
Michael Bell	Lewes
Mildberry	Moscow
Octo	Newcastle
Radley Yeldar	London
Robson Dowry	Bristol
Rodd Design	Lyndhurst
Rufus Leonard	London
Small Back Room	London
Studio LR	Edinburgh
Swanke Hayden Connell Architects	London
Tayburn	Edinburgh
Team Créatif	Paris
Tilney Shane	London
The Design Group	London, Newcastle
The Group	London
Turner Duckworth	San Francisco
Worldwide Partners	Stockholm
999 Design	Glasgow, Manchester, London

In addition, hundreds of design businesses (to be honest, we've stopped counting) have sent delegates to the open courses, workshops and seminars we run for design-sector membership and support design bodies across Europe, including D&AD, DBA, Design Council, Design Austria, Design Ireland, Design Wales and PDA Europe.

VIEWS OF OUR WORK

The proof of the pudding

These are testimonials we've received from some of our clients: they will give you an idea of what it's like to work with us. For reasons of confidentiality, we never publish casework, so if you'd like to speak to any of our clients to discuss our work, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with them.

Colum Lowe, Managing Director, CAULDER MOORE, London

I couldn't have hoped for a better outcome at every level and as usual owe you a debt of gratitude for providing such a professional and focused service. The skills of the guys will no doubt improve rapidly (some are already!).

Rosalyn Scott, Managing Director, DALZIEL AND POW, London

Shan has been providing presentation skills training to all our design staff, at every level, for many years. Some designers would rather not put themselves through this training, but they all emerge with knowledge and confidence! Without fail, they are positive and enthusiastic about what they have learnt and want to put their training into practice. They talk positively to their peers about their experience. Shan's calm and constructive approach is appreciated by all, and she is a pleasure to work with. I would also add that Shan's vast experience of the design industry adds huge value to the training process.

Johanna Bowers, Group Personnel Director, DESIGN BRIDGE, London and Amsterdam

We have been working with Shan for many years on presentation skill courses for our employees. We rely heavily on visual communication in our business – from presenting our credentials to aid business development to presenting visual images of our creative work to clients and internally. The courses are always a huge success, and we will certainly continue them in the future. All participants have been very enthusiastic and enjoyed the training, which exceeded expectations in all cases. They have put their new skills into practice, which has been of enormous benefit to the business. We all found it a pleasure to work with Shan, who is extremely organised, clear, informative, reassuring and fun to work with. I have no hesitation in recommending The Preddy Consultancy to any company who wants to develop the skill base of their employees.

Conor Clark, Co-founder and Director, DESIGN FACTORY, Dublin

When you are constantly fighting the tyranny of the day-to-day, it is sometimes difficult to tell the wood from the trees. You have to take a step back from the business and try and look at it from the outside in. Shan is an expert at facilitating this process, providing a forum for creating new insights and strategies. She brings with her a wealth of experience which has gained her great respect among the design community here in Dublin. First of all Shan was prepared to listen. A rare quality these days. She helped us to clearly define our offer and acted as a mentor to our business development team. This has resulted in the emergence of a clear strategy for ongoing business development at Design Factory. The value of the experience emerges over time. It's not a quick fix, and by the time you come to a conclusion you may wonder why you hadn't arrived at it earlier yourself. The answer is of course because you didn't have the time and that is exactly the point. By appointing Shan you are making that time and bringing an outside, expert opinion into the evaluation process. The experience underlines the fact that you are always learning in the design business. It has helped us to embrace change and move beyond tried and tested habits into more challenging ways of approaching business.

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Steve Gibbons, Managing Director, DEW GIBBONS, London

Shan helped us restructure the business. We now have a strong account management function; looking back it now seems an obvious thing to have done. However, at the time, it seemed far from obvious. Shan guided us through this process and introduced us to other companies who'd previously had similar concerns, but had found a route through. Apart from underpinning the need for change, Shan's 'warts and all' client survey paid for itself. Clients are enormously flattered that you've gone to the trouble of asking their opinion and in one instance it probably provoked a lapsed client into working with us again.

Emma Perrett, Planning Director, HOLMES & MARCHANT, Marlow

Thank you for a great day yesterday. Your course really pulled together everything for me. It was also a great opportunity to spend time with colleagues and see individuals' confidence grow.

Duncan Shaw, Group Creative Director, LIVING GROUP, London

When we started the business over five years ago, one of the first things we did was to appoint Shan as our trusted business advisor. Since day one she has provided us with not only the confidence to go out and grow our business, but shared with us her invaluable design practise expertise. The result? Shan's input has seen Living flourish into a specialist branding and communications agency, with a team that now also benefits from her fantastic and engaging training courses. We cannot thank you enough for all your help and advice.

Tobi Schneider, Founder, MAOWORKS, London

Shan has helped us tremendously with a good dose of straight talking, structured advice and her unique industry experience to completely review our marketing plan. Her thinking, also backed up in a great book, is extremely useful to build strategy in any emerging design led business. And most importantly, it helped us win fresh business since then!

James Bell, Managing Director, MICHAEL BELL, Lewes

Michael Bell Limited has worked with Shan over the past 18 years and has found her help, support and advice invaluable. From group training sessions to one-to-one executive mentoring Shan has been a crucial independent trainer and adviser to the company. On top of this she is one of the most approachable and engaging individuals you could ever hope to meet. A true friend of the company as well as being the most professional of design industry gurus.

Ben Davies, Managing Director, RODD DESIGN, Lyndhurst

Shan was instrumental in a step change in the management structure within Rodd. Her ability to unlock inner self confidence and provide clarity to our business planning was something we had not experienced before from other external consultants. I would recommend Shan to anyone in the creative sector that needs to define the future of their business. A fantastic experience.

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Andy Gray, Commercial Director, STUDIO LR, Edinburgh

Our challenge was to move from being a 'generalist' design agency and to position ourselves as a 'specialist' in our chosen market. Your input – a very thorough analysis – gave us real insight into the market, and your recommendations for the clients we should be approaching and how we should approach them has proved to be critical. We're not there yet but you have helped us take a giant step in the right direction. We have 'clarity of thought' about where we're going and how we can get there. Working remotely (by telephone and e-mail) worked very well and proved to be a very efficient use of time.

Nick Birchall, Principal, SWANKE HAYDEN CONNELL ARCHITECTS, London

Many thanks again for a very instructive programme of skills workshops. The measure of success is in the number of times you hear....."if Shan were here, she would say do this..." People are consciously taking on board the lessons learnt, which is a very appropriate reflection of your assistance to us.

Erick Davidson, Founder and Chairman, TAYBURN, Edinburgh

You clearly demonstrate you understand our world, the pressures, needs, language, opportunities and challenges. Your experience and background as a practitioner are exactly right. You will therefore have the respect of our people before you even start. You demonstrate great listening skills and attention to the brief, a very rare commodity in the creative sector. In fact the most important and rarest of all skills according to design clients. You have demonstrated calmness, patience, maturity and authority in your work with Tayburn. And most important of all you deliver practical training which is always enjoyable and useful. The result has been happier, more skilled and appreciative people, more able to fulfill their own day to day challenges. More commitment to Tayburn because we have invested and trusted them. Better team working from the 'soft' bonding which always seems to happen. Better communication with each other and clients. An appreciation of the difficulties and challenges clients face, and understanding the responsibility we have which comes from clients placing their trust in us. And of course able to provide a better practical service to our clients.

John Corcoran, Founder and Director, WIRE DESIGN, London

Never got the chance to say thank you properly for your time, insight and wisdom on the presentation and negotiations skills courses. I've used everything to great effect, and have won two pitches since we last met and managed to present two concepts that went as smooth as silk. The negotiation skills have been an eye opener and have also been very useful. I now know the colour of all my clients' eyes! PS I had to destroy the video.

Adrian Collins, Managing Director, ZIGGURAT, London

Thank for an excellent session...inspirational at the time, and absolutely fantastic response after you left. The task for me now is to build on the excellent foundations that you put down!