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AI WEEK MAURITIUS

PRACTICAL AI LEARNING FOR PROFESSIONALS AND ORGANISATIONS

Practical AI skills you can apply to real business challenges.

10 – 19 NOVEMBER 2026

VENUE:
STARWARS Room,
The Telecom Campus,
2nd Floor, The Core, Cybercity, Ébène

SIX SPECIALISED TRAINING PROGRAMMES LED BY MARC ISRAEL

AI Week Mauritius is the umbrella name for this training series.
MQA approval applies to individual training programmes.

Introducing AI Week Mauritius

Most organisations know they should be doing something with AI and cannot say what, where, or first. The demonstration worked, the subscriptions are paid, and the board has asked twice. What is missing is a decision: where AI creates value in this business, what it will cost, who controls it, and what gets built first.

AI Week Mauritius is the umbrella marketing name for a focused series of six MQA-approved professional training programmes. MQA approval applies to each individual training programme, under its own approval number.

The series is designed for the people who decide, the people who evaluate and sign, the people who manage, and the people who build. Each training addresses a different organisational need and stands alone, allowing companies and participants to choose what is most relevant to their role.

Practical by design

Your own material, not a case study. Theory is capped at 20%. Every session stands alone. Participants leave with something they have produced, tested or decided, not a set of notes.

Six sessions. One practical progression.

01 Executive AI Strategy, Governance and Economics: Understand what AI changes in your business and what the board must decide.

02 AI Procurement and Costing: Evaluate what you are actually buying, its total cost and the terms that govern ownership and exit.

03 Claude AI for Executives and Managers: Apply Claude AI to documents, analysis and communication work.

04 Building Agents and Skills with Claude AI: Turn a recurring process into a reusable skill and working agent without code.

05 Finding, Scoping and Defending Your First AI Wins: Select where AI can create value and turn one opportunity into a costed pilot blueprint.

06 AI Build Day: Bring a scoped problem and build, test and evaluate a working prototype.

Mind Initiatives × Aetheis

Mind Initiatives is a Mauritius-based, MQA-registered training institution delivering professional and executive learning programmes, corporate training and knowledge-led initiatives. For AI Week Mauritius, Mind Initiatives is collaborating with Aetheis to bring practical AI learning to executives, managers, process owners and technical leads in Mauritius.

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Marc Israel is Directeur Général of Aetheis, an AI and digital transformation practice working with regulated industries across Africa and the Indian Ocean. He spent 17 years at Microsoft, latterly as regional Chief Technology Officer across 49 African countries. Full profile on page 26.

AI Week Mauritius at a glance

DATE / TIME	TRAINING	TARGET AUDIENCE	FORMAT	FEE	MQA APPROVAL NO.
Tue 10 Nov 2026 09:00–13:00	Executive AI Strategy, Governance and Economics	Chief Executives, Managing Directors, Board Directors, Chief Operating Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Heads of Business Unit, and Transformation and Innovation Leads	Half day	Rs 16,000	NAW/15553/2026
Tue 10 Nov 2026 14:00–18:00	AI Procurement and Costing	Chief Financial Officers, Finance Directors, Heads of Procurement, Legal and Compliance Officers, Chief Information and Technology Officers, Risk and Audit Officers, and any manager with authority to approve or sign an AI contract	Half day	Rs 16,000	NAW/15555/2026
Wed 11 Nov 2026 09:00–17:00	Claude AI for Executives and Managers	Executives, managers, team leads, heads of function and their direct reports across all disciplines, finance, operations, human resources, legal, marketing, sales and administration	Full day Limited to 24 participants	Rs 26,000	NAW/15557/2026
Fri 13 Nov 2026 09:00–17:00	Building Agents and Skills with Claude AI	Managers and senior professionals responsible for a recurring process, operations, finance, human resources, legal, compliance, customer service, marketing and administration, together with business analysts, project managers and product managers	Full day Limited to 24 participants	Rs 26,000	NAW/15560/2026
Mon 16 Nov 2026 09:00–17:00	Finding, Scoping and Defending Your First AI Wins	Heads of department, business unit leaders, process owners, operations managers, transformation and innovation leads, project managers, and executives accountable for a functional profit and loss	Full day Limited to 24 participants	Rs 26,000	NAW/15564/2026
Thu 19 Nov 2026 09:00–17:00	AI Build Day	Process owners, business analysts, operations and finance managers, product managers, transformation leads and technical leads arriving with a specific, scoped business problem	Full day Limited to 12 participants	Rs 26,000	NAW/15569/2026

All six training programmes are MQA approved. Each session is self-contained and may be booked individually.

Choose what your organisation needs

Use this role guide to choose the most relevant starting point.

If you are	Book
Board director, chief executive or managing director	01
Finance, procurement, legal, compliance, risk, audit or IT lead who approves AI spend	01 and 02, both on Tuesday 10 November
Executive or manager who wants Claude in daily work	03, then 04
Head of department, process owner or transformation lead	05, then 06

Practical information

Venue: STARWARS Room, The Telecom Campus, 2nd Floor, The Core, Cybercity, Ébène

Booking: Each training may be booked individually. Organisations may register participants for one or several sessions.

Fees: Half-day training: Rs 16,000 per person. Full-day training: Rs 26,000 per person.

Claude requirement: Sessions 03, 04 and 06 require an active paid Claude subscription (Pro, Max, Team or Enterprise) and the participant's own laptop, signed in and tested before arrival. Participants on an employer account confirm with their administrator that skills and code execution are enabled.

Pre-course work: All sessions use real material from the participant's own work. Session 06 additionally requires an accepted Build Day Intake Brief, submitted by Thursday 12 November 2026.

Included: Included: Training materials, canvases and templates; certificate of attendance; tea and coffee breaks. Lunch for full-day trainings only. Claude subscriptions are not included.

Language: Delivered in English.

Registration: Email registration@mindinitiatives.com with the participant's name, role and session(s) of interest. Mind Initiatives will provide the relevant registration and pre-course information.

Booking and payment: Full payment is required to confirm registration and must be received before attendance.

Minimum participant numbers: Mind Initiatives reserves the right to reschedule or cancel a training if the minimum number of participants required is not reached. Registered participants will be offered an alternative or a full refund.

Your material: Participants work on real material from their own organisation. Each participant needs to remove client names, personal data and anything covered by a confidentiality agreement. In team exercises and peer review, participants share only what the exercise needs. Nothing is collected or kept by the trainer or by Mind Initiatives, except the Build Day Intake Brief, which is used only to assess feasibility.

Not sure which training is most relevant?

Tell Mind Initiatives the participant's role and the business challenge to be addressed. We can help identify the most relevant training or combination of trainings. Email us at **registration@mindinitiatives.com** with the participant's name, role and session(s) of interest.

01

Executive AI Strategy, Governance and Economics

Value-chain exposure, competitive response, and board-level decision rights

DATE / TIME	FORMAT	PRICE / PERSON	MQA APPROVAL NO.
Tue 10 Nov 2026 09:00–13:00	Half day Total number of hours: 3 hr 30 min; Theory: 40 min; Practical: 2 hr 50 min	Rs 16,000	NAW/15553/2026

MQA approved training programme

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Executive AI Strategy, Governance and Economics

Introduction / background

Executives are offered two stories about AI and neither is useful. One says everything changes. The other says nothing does. Both remove the need to decide anything. This half-day replaces them with work on the participant's own business: where margin actually comes from and how much of it the economics of AI touch, and what a faster-moving competitor could do with capability that already exists. Participants are told, by peers working in mixed-sector teams, with no direct competitors together, how their own business would be attacked. It draws on board experience in regulated industry and on the drafting of Mauritius' National Artificial Intelligence Strategy. Participants leave with a one-page position they can put in front of their own board.

Target group

Chief Executives, Managing Directors, Board Directors, Chief Operating Officers, Chief Financial Officers, Heads of Business Unit, and Transformation and Innovation Leads.

Learning objectives

- Locate exposure by decomposing their own value chain and identifying the activities whose economics AI changes
- Anticipate competitive attack by modelling what a faster-moving competitor could do with capability available today
- Establish board control by defining decision rights, oversight and the questions that must be asked of any AI proposal

Learning outcomes

- To decompose their own organisation's value chain, identify the activities whose economics AI changes, and estimate the effect on margin and on price
- To identify the specific ways their business is most exposed to a faster-moving competitor, and state what defence each one requires
- To produce a board-level AI agenda with decision rights, oversight items and escalation triggers, and to apply a portable evaluation test to any AI proposal put in front of them

Executive AI Strategy, Governance and Economics: delivery

Methodology

The practical work takes these forms:

- Value-chain and margin decomposition on the participant's own organisation
- Competitive attack simulation in mixed-sector teams, with no direct competitors together, worked on participants' real businesses
- Structured response by the business owner to the attack presented
- Board agenda and decision-rights drafting
- Individual position paper with facilitated challenge

Format

Face-to-Face (open enrolment, morning session)

Pre-course requirements

Participants declare their sector and their principal competitors at booking, so that teams for the competitive exercise are formed without placing direct competitors together. Each participant brings a description of their organisation's main revenue lines and an approximate cost split across functions. Participants share with their own team only what the exercise needs. Nothing is collected or circulated outside the room.

Duration

Total number of hours: 3 hr 30 min • Theory: 40 min • Practical: 2 hr 50 min

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 - 09:10	Opening: the decisions you are actually going to have to make
09:10 - 10:30	Block 1: Where Your Margin Comes From, what AI compresses and what it leaves alone; value-chain decomposition on the participant's own business; margin and price estimation; debrief
10:30 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:15	Block 2: The Competitor Who Moves First, asymmetric adoption; mixed-sector teams, with no direct competitors together, build the attack on a real business using capability available today; presentations and response
12:15 - 13:00	Closing Session: What the Board Must Own, decision rights, oversight, escalation triggers, the portable evaluation test; drafting the board AI agenda and your one-page position

02

AI Procurement and Costing

Evaluating AI proposals, modelling total cost, and the terms that decide ownership and exit

DATE / TIME

Tue 10 Nov 2026
14:00–18:00

FORMAT

Half day
Total number of hours: 3 hr 30 min; Theory: 40 min; Practical: 2 hr 50 min

PRICE / PERSON

Rs 16,000

MQA APPROVAL NO.

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MQA approved training programme

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AI Procurement and Costing

Introduction / background

Organisations waste substantial sums on AI systems that never reach production. The technology usually worked in the demonstration, because a demonstration is a controlled sample chosen by the vendor, on inputs the vendor selected, at a volume the vendor can service. None of those three things survives contact with real operations. This half-day gives the people who evaluate, fund and sign the means to tell the difference in advance: a structured evidence test applied to a real proposal, a total-cost model that includes what was never quoted, and the contract terms that determine whether the organisation owns anything at the end. Participants work on a real proposal from their own organisation and leave with a documented go or no-go decision.

Target group

Chief Financial Officers, Finance Directors, Heads of Procurement, Legal and Compliance Officers, Chief Information and Technology Officers, Risk and Audit Officers, and any manager with authority to approve or sign an AI contract.

Learning objectives

- Decode the proposal by separating demonstrated capability from vendor claim using a structured evidence test
- Model the true cost by building an estimate that includes integration, data preparation, change and the recurring line
- Control the contract by identifying the terms that decide ownership, service levels, liability and exit, and the conditions for refusal

Learning outcomes

- To apply a structured evidence test to a real AI proposal and identify which claims are supported and which are not
- To build a total-cost and total-benefit model for a real proposal that withstands finance and audit scrutiny
- To review an AI contract against a structured checklist, identify the terms that must be renegotiated, and issue a documented go or no-go decision

AI Procurement and Costing: delivery

Methodology

The practical work takes these forms:

- Evidence testing applied to participants' own vendor proposals
- Total-cost modelling exercises with structured peer review
- Contract clause analysis against a review checklist
- Negotiation position drafting
- Individual go or no-go memo with facilitated challenge

Format

Face-to-Face (open enrolment, afternoon session)

Pre-course requirements

Each participant brings one real AI proposal, quotation or contract currently under consideration in their organisation. Where no such document exists, the trainer supplies a sanitised sample proposal. Participants share with their own team only what the exercise needs. Nothing is collected or circulated outside the room.

Duration

Total number of hours: 3 hr 30 min • Theory: 40 min • Practical: 2 hr 50 min

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
14:00 - 14:10	Opening: what you are being asked to approve
14:10 - 15:20	Block 1: Reading the Proposal, what a demonstration establishes, vendor language decoded, performance claims, the five-question evidence test applied to the participant's own proposal; debrief
15:20 - 15:50	Tea/Coffee Break
15:50 - 17:00	Block 2: What It Will Actually Cost, total cost including integration, data preparation, change and the recurring line; benefit modelling; building the model on the participant's own proposal; peer review
17:00 - 18:00	Block 3: The Contract and the Decision, ownership, portability, service levels, liability, exit, regulatory exposure, walk-away conditions; contract review and the documented go or no-go

03

Claude AI for Executives and Managers

Applying Claude AI to document, analysis and communication work

DATE / TIME	FORMAT	PRICE / PERSON	MQA APPROVAL NO.
Wed 11 Nov 2026 09:00–17:00	Full day Total number of hours: 6 hr 30 min; Theory: 1 hr 15 min; Practical: 5 hr 15 min	Rs 26,000	NAW/15557/2026

MQA approved training programme

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Claude AI for Executives and Managers

Introduction / background

Most managers hold an AI subscription and use it for a fraction of what it can do, a better search box, an occasional draft. The distance between that and daily operating leverage is not technical; it is method. This day is hands-on from the first hour. Participants work on their own documents, their own data and their own recurring tasks, and leave having removed real work from their week. No technical background is required. Participants work in their own paid Claude account, so what they build stays with them.

Target group

Executives, managers, team leads, heads of function and their direct reports across all disciplines, finance, operations, human resources, legal, marketing, sales and administration. No technical background required.

Learning objectives

- Operate with confidence by understanding what the system can and cannot take in and retain, and what that means for the work given to it
- Obtain usable output first time by structuring context, instructions and examples, and correcting output that misses
- Make quality repeatable by building reusable Projects and standing instructions for recurring responsibilities
- Exercise judgement by verifying output, protecting confidential information, and recognising where the system fails

Learning outcomes

- To produce finished work, analysis, drafting and synthesis, from their own real documents
- To structure a prompt so that output is usable on the first attempt, and to diagnose and correct output that is not
- To build and reuse a Project with standing instructions and reference material for a recurring responsibility
- To verify AI output against source, apply their organisation's confidentiality constraints, and identify the conditions under which output cannot be trusted

Claude AI for Executives and Managers: delivery

Methodology

The practical work takes these forms:

- Hands-on work throughout on participants' own documents, brought as pre-session material
- Deliberately imperfect live outputs, critiqued and corrected by participants in real time
- Prompt construction and iteration labs with pair debrief
- Project building on a real recurring responsibility
- Verification exercises against source documents
- Personal workflow audit with a measured time-recovery commitment

Format

Face-to-Face (hands-on; laptop and paid Claude subscription required)

Pre-course requirements

Participants must hold an active paid Claude subscription (Pro, Max, Team or Enterprise), confirmed at booking; a place cannot be held without one. Participants bring their own laptop, with the subscription already signed in and tested, and three real work artefacts: a report or long document they must summarise or analyse, an email or message thread requiring a considered reply, and a spreadsheet or dataset they work with regularly.

Duration

Total number of hours: 6 hr 30 min • Theory: 1 hr 15 min • Practical: 5 hr 15 min

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 - 09:15	Opening: the work you will remove from your week today
09:15 - 10:45	Block 1: How It Works and Your First Real Task, capability, context and limits; lab on the participant's own document; debrief
10:45 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Block 2: Usable Output First Time, prompt structure, examples, diagnosis; lab correcting a failed output; pair debrief
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 15:00	Block 3: Making It Repeatable, Projects, files and data; lab building a Project for a recurring responsibility; debrief
15:00 - 15:15	Tea/Coffee Break
15:15 - 16:45	Block 4: Judgement and Risk, verification, confidentiality, failure modes; personal workflow audit lab; debrief
16:45 - 17:00	Close: personal prompt kit and 30-day commitment

04

Building Agents and Skills with Claude AI

Designing, building and testing agents and reusable skills without code

DATE / TIME	FORMAT	PRICE / PERSON	MQA APPROVAL NO.
Fri 13 Nov 2026 09:00–17:00	Full day Total number of hours: 6 hr 30 min; Theory: 1 hr 15 min; Practical: 5 hr 15 min	Rs 26,000	NAW/15560/2026

MQA approved training programme

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Building Agents and Skills with Claude AI

Introduction / background

A prompt solves a task once. A skill solves it every time, the same way, for everyone who runs it. This day takes participants from using AI to building with it: decomposing a real recurring process from their own work, writing it as a reusable skill, grounding it in their own documents and data, testing it against real cases until it fails, and deciding what a human must still check. No code is written. Every participant leaves with one working agent in their own account and the method to build the next one.

Target group

Managers and senior professionals responsible for a recurring process, operations, finance, human resources, legal, compliance, customer service, marketing and administration, together with business analysts, project managers and product managers. No programming experience required.

Learning objectives

- Decompose a process by breaking a recurring business task into steps a system can execute reliably
- Build a reusable skill by writing an instruction set that produces consistent output across people and across runs
- Ground the agent in their own material by connecting documents, data and reference sources
- Control the agent by testing against real cases, identifying failure points and setting the human checkpoint

Learning outcomes

- To decompose a recurring business process into discrete, executable steps and identify which of them can be automated
- To write, test and revise a reusable skill that produces consistent output for a defined business task
- To connect an agent to their own documents, data and reference material so that its output reflects their organisation's reality
- To test an agent adversarially, identify its failure modes, and place it correctly on the human-in-the-loop, human-on-the-loop or human-out-of-the-loop spectrum

Building Agents and Skills with Claude AI: delivery

Methodology

The practical work takes these forms:

- Process decomposition performed on the participant's own recurring work
- Skill writing, testing and revision cycles with peer review
- Connecting real documents and data sources to a working agent
- Adversarial testing against real cases, including deliberately difficult ones
- Control design using the HITL / HOTL / HOOTL model
- Working agent demonstration with structured peer challenge

Format

Face-to-Face (hands-on build; laptop and paid Claude subscription required)

Pre-course requirements

Participants must hold an active paid Claude subscription (Pro, Max, Team or Enterprise), confirmed at booking; a place cannot be held without one. Participants bring their own laptop, with the subscription already signed in and tested, and one recurring process from their own work performed at least weekly, together with three real examples of its inputs and outputs. Prior daily use of Claude, or prior attendance at Claude AI for Executives and Managers, is expected. Participants on an employer account (Team or Enterprise) confirm with their administrator that skills and code execution are enabled, and create and run one test skill before arrival.

Duration

Total number of hours: 6 hr 30 min • Theory: 1 hr 15 min • Practical: 5 hr 15 min

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 - 09:15	Opening: the process you will automate today
09:15 - 10:45	Block 1: What to Automate and How to Decompose It, prompt, skill and agent; selection criteria; decomposition method; lab on the participant's own process; debrief
10:45 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Block 2: Writing a Skill, anatomy, consistency, revision from failure; lab writing and testing a skill; peer review
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 15:00	Block 3: Grounding It in Your Own Material, documents, data and sources of truth; lab connecting real material and running on real cases; debrief
15:00 - 15:15	Tea/Coffee Break
15:15 - 16:45	Block 4: Breaking It and Controlling It, adversarial testing, failure modes, HITL/HOTL/HOOTL; lab setting the human checkpoint; debrief
16:45 - 17:00	Close: working agent demonstration and 30-day build commitment

05

Finding, Scoping and Defending Your First AI Wins

Process assessment, human control levels, and costed pilot design

DATE / TIME	FORMAT	PRICE / PERSON	MQA APPROVAL NO.
Mon 16 Nov 2026 09:00–17:00	Full day Total number of hours: 6 hr 30 min; Theory: 1 hr 15 min; Practical: 5 hr 15 min	Rs 26,000	NAW/15564/2026

MQA approved training programme

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Finding, Scoping and Defending Your First AI Wins

Introduction / background

Most organisations know they should be doing something with AI and cannot say what, where, or first. The A^{3}I Framework is the trainer's proprietary method for answering that question with evidence rather than instinct. A^{3}I stands for Assess, Augment, Automate with Intelligence: each phase maps a real business process to the appropriate level of human-AI collaboration. Participants work their own organisation's processes throughout and leave with a pilot blueprint that has survived structured peer challenge, carries a named owner and a date, and can be presented for funding.

Target group

Heads of department, business unit leaders, process owners, operations managers, transformation and innovation leads, project managers, and executives accountable for a functional profit and loss.

Learning objectives

- Assess by mapping and selecting the processes in their own operations where AI can produce measurable value
- Augment by determining the correct level of human control for each process using the Human-AI Matrix
- Automate by converting a selected opportunity into a costed pilot blueprint with defined success criteria
- Defend by testing the blueprint against structured peer challenge and converting it into a roadmap ready to present for funding

Learning outcomes

- To map and prioritise processes in their own organisation using the Value–Complexity Grid and the Process Opportunity Canvas
- To apply HITL, HOTL and HOOTL appropriately to each process using the Human-AI Matrix, and to justify the choice
- To produce an AI Pilot Blueprint with defined KPIs, a total-cost estimate, data requirements, risks, ethical considerations and technology approach
- To defend a pilot blueprint against the Feasibility–Impact Scorecard and convert it into a roadmap with named owners, milestones and a governance route

Finding, Scoping and Defending Your First AI Wins: delivery

Methodology

The practical work takes these forms:

- Process mapping on the participant's own operations using the Value–Complexity Grid
- Process Opportunity Canvas completion, individually and in sector groups
- Human-AI Matrix clinics applied to real processes
- AI Opportunity Canvas, total-cost modelling and pilot blueprint development
- Structured peer challenge using the Feasibility–Impact Scorecard
- Roadmap and governance planning with named owners and dates

Format

Face-to-Face (full day, hands-on)

Pre-course requirements

Participants bring a description of three recurring processes from their own area of responsibility, with approximate volumes, frequencies and current cost or cycle time. A preparatory template is issued seven days before the session.

Duration

Total number of hours: 6 hr 30 min • Theory: 1 hr 15 min • Practical: 5 hr 15 min

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 - 09:15	Opening: why organisations start in the wrong place
09:15 - 10:45	Session 1: Assess, the A^{3}I method, the Value–Complexity Grid, the Process Opportunity Canvas, process selection criteria; process mapping lab on the participant's own operations; debrief
10:45 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Session 2: Augment, HITL, HOTL and HOOTL; the Human-AI Matrix; matrix completion lab on the selected process; debrief
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 15:00	Session 3: Automate, the AI Opportunity Canvas, KPIs, total cost, data requirements, risk, ethics and technology approach; pilot blueprint development lab
15:00 - 15:15	Tea/Coffee Break
15:15 - 16:45	Session 4: Defend, the Feasibility–Impact Scorecard, blueprint presentations, structured peer challenge, governance and funding route
16:45 - 17:00	Close: roadmap, named owners and dates

06

AI Build Day

One Problem In, One Working Prototype Out

DATE / TIME	FORMAT	PRICE / PERSON	MQA APPROVAL NO.
Thu 19 Nov 2026 09:00–17:00	Full day Total number of hours: 6 hr 30 min; Theory: 1 hr 00 min; Practical: 5 hr 30 min	Rs 26,000	NAW/15569/2026

MQA approved training programme

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AI Build Day

Introduction / background

AI Build Day is a build, not a conventional course. Participants arrive with one scoped business problem, assessed by the trainer in advance for one-day feasibility, and leave with a working prototype, evidence that it outperforms the current process, and a deployment note stating what it costs and who owns it. Facilitation is individual and continuous throughout the day. Attendance is confirmed only once the pre-course intake brief has been received and accepted; problems that cannot be built in a single day are re-scoped with the participant before the session or transferred to a later edition.

Target group

Process owners, business analysts, operations and finance managers, product managers, transformation leads and technical leads arriving with a specific, scoped business problem. Prior attendance at Finding, Scoping and Defending Your First AI Wins or Building Agents and Skills with Claude AI is strongly recommended.

Learning objectives

- Lock the scope by converting a business problem into a buildable specification with defined inputs, outputs and success criteria
- Build a working solution by assembling and iterating a functioning prototype on real material
- Prove the solution by testing against real cases and measuring performance against the current process
- Hand it over by producing a deployment note covering cost, ownership, control and the route to production

Learning outcomes

- To convert a business problem into a buildable specification with defined inputs, processing steps, outputs and measurable success criteria
- To build a functioning prototype that performs a real business task on the participant's own material
- To test a prototype against real cases and produce evidence that it outperforms the current process on a stated measure
- To produce a deployment note stating running cost, ownership, human control points, risks and the route to production

AI Build Day: delivery

Methodology

The practical work takes these forms:

- Individual build work with continuous facilitator guidance
- Scope-locking clinic conducted against the pre-course intake brief
- Iterative build cycles with checkpoint reviews at fixed intervals
- Testing against real cases supplied by the participant
- Comparative measurement against the current process
- Prototype demonstration to peers with structured challenge

Format

Face-to-Face Training (supervised build workshop; laptop and paid Claude subscription required)

Pre-course requirements

Mandatory. Participants complete and return the Build Day Intake Brief by Thursday 12 November 2026, stating the problem, the current process, the inputs available, the intended output and the measure of success, and supply at least five real cases for testing. The trainer assesses each submission for one-day feasibility and confirms, re-scopes or defers it. Attendance is not confirmed without an accepted brief. Participants must also hold an active paid Claude subscription (Pro, Max, Team or Enterprise), confirmed at booking, and bring their own laptop with the subscription signed in and tested. Participants on an employer account (Team or Enterprise) confirm with their administrator that skills and code execution are enabled, and create and run one test skill before arrival.

Duration

Total number of hours: 6 hr 30 min • Theory: 1 hr 00 min • Practical: 5 hr 30 min

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
09:00 - 09:15	Opening: what you are building today, and what “done” means
09:15 - 10:45	Block 1: Scope Lock, specification review against the intake brief, solution shape, success measure; build begins
10:45 - 11:00	Tea/Coffee Break
11:00 - 12:30	Block 2: First Working Version, end-to-end build on the participant's real material; checkpoint review
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 15:00	Block 3: Test and Measure, real-case testing, comparison against the current process, diagnosis and correction
15:00 - 15:15	Tea/Coffee Break
15:15 - 16:45	Block 4: Harden and Hand Over, control points, running cost, deployment note; prototype demonstrations and structured peer challenge
16:45 - 17:00	Close: commitment to the production route

Frequently asked questions

Do I have to attend all six training sessions?

No. Each training is self-contained and can be booked individually. Participants and organisations can select the session or sessions most relevant to their role and requirements.

When do bookings close?

Bookings close seven days before each session. Session 05 closes on Friday 6 November, because Monday 9 November is a public holiday. AI Build Day closes on Tuesday 10 November, two days before its intake brief is due.

TRAINING	TRAINING DATE / TIME	REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Executive AI Strategy, Governance and Economics	Tue 10 Nov 2026 Morning	Tue 3 Nov 2026
AI Procurement and Costing	Tue 10 Nov 2026 Afternoon	Tue 3 Nov 2026
Claude AI for Executives and Managers	Wed 11 Nov 2026	Wed 4 Nov 2026
Building Agents and Skills with Claude AI	Fri 13 Nov 2026	Fri 6 Nov 2026
Finding, Scoping and Defending Your First AI Wins	Mon 16 Nov 2026	Fri 6 Nov 2026
AI Build Day	Thu 19 Nov 2026	Tue 10 Nov 2026

What language will the training be delivered in?

The training is delivered in English.

How many participants will there be in each session?

AI Build Day is limited to 12 participants. The other sessions take up to 24.

Do I need a technical background?

No technical background is required for Sessions 01, 02 and 05. For Sessions 03, 04 and 06, no coding is required, but participants should be comfortable describing a process precisely.

Do I need my own laptop and Claude subscription?

Sessions 03, 04 and 06 require participants to bring their own laptop and have an active paid Claude subscription: Pro, Max, Team or Enterprise. On an employer account, check with your administrator that skills are enabled. Working in their own account means participants can continue using what they have developed after the training.

Do I need to prepare anything before attending?

Yes. The sessions are designed around participants' real work rather than fictional case studies, so relevant pre-course material is required. The exact requirements are provided for each training. For AI Build Day, participants must submit a completed Intake Brief by Thursday 12 November 2026, and attendance is confirmed only after the brief has been accepted.

Will we work on case studies?

The emphasis is on participants' own material, such as their value chain, vendor proposal, documents, processes or business problem, rather than a fictional company. Theory is capped at 20% so that most of the session is devoted to practical work.

What will I leave the training with?

Each training is designed around a practical output. Depending on the session, this may include a board AI position and agenda, a documented vendor go/no-go decision, reusable Claude resources, a working AI agent, a costed pilot blueprint, or a working prototype and deployment note.

Is my material confidential?

Participants work on real material from their own organisation. Each participant needs to remove client names, personal data and anything covered by a confidentiality agreement. In team exercises and peer review, participants share only what the exercise needs. Nothing is collected or kept by the trainer or by Mind Initiatives, except the Build Day Intake Brief, which is used only to assess feasibility.

Why Claude?

Sessions 03, 04 and 06 are taught on Claude because its Projects and skills let a manager with no technical background build something reusable in one day. The method carries over to other assistants.

Claude is a product of Anthropic. These training programmes are independent and are not affiliated with or endorsed by Anthropic, to keep freedom of opinions and deliver a genuine assessment of the tool's capabilities.

Are the trainings MQA approved?

Each of the six training programmes has been individually approved by the Mauritius Qualifications Authority (MQA). The applicable MQA approval number is shown alongside each training in this booklet.

AI Week Mauritius is the umbrella marketing name for the training series. MQA approval applies to each individual training programme under its respective approval number.

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