

# foster + freeman training trainer profile

*Foster + Freeman has a team of fully trained and experienced personnel available to carry out installations and provide training on the company's range of products either at our offices in Evesham or at the customer site, whether in the UK or throughout the rest of the world. They also attend exhibitions and conferences, and provide equipment demonstrations.*

## **Esther Neate**

### **Forensic Photography & Digital Imaging Specialist**

Esther is an internationally-renowned expert in forensic digital photography and digital imaging software, specialising in the Foster and Freeman DCS photography system, crime scene photography, and footwear marks and tyretrack photography and identification.

Esther started work as a professional photographer, became a qualified member of the Master Photographers Association and later moved into digital imaging. Her work has been featured in numerous publications including the New Scientist, Policing Today and a variety of American forensic publications, as well as on the BBC Tomorrow's World and other television and radio programmes.

From 1991 Esther worked for a UK Police Force as a Crime Scene Examiner and Fingerprint Laboratory Manager focusing on the development and recovery of latent fingerprint, major crime scene examination and footwear evidence. She completed 3 years' training in the forensic recovery of latent fingerprint evidence, completed and passed the UK Crime Scene Investigation course at the National Police Training Centre, and was trained in footwear and tyre identification over a year with the Dutch Police.

From the mid 1990's Esther was involved in the research and development of digital photography and digital image enhancement techniques for fingerprints and other crime scene evidence. This was developed the UK's first forensic digital imaging system, and resulted in Esther presenting the first digital imaging evidence accepted in a UK court case. This system has since evolved into the Foster and Freeman DCS.

In 2005 Esther established her own company to work as an independent forensic consultant and concentrate on the further development of the DCS. She is a regular lecturer at international forensic and specialist police conferences, including the North American International Association of Investigators, and has conducted training sessions at numerous forensic workshops worldwide including in the UK, North America, all of South America, Canada, Australia, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Portugal, Poland, Russia, Italy, Greece, Algeria, South Africa, India and China. Esther is an active member of the International Association of Investigators (IAI) and, during the existence of the UK CRFP (a certified body of UK forensic practitioners), was a member and an examiner for others applying for recognised certification.

Esther acts as a consultant for Foster & Freeman giving advice on the development of the DCS and testing the software. She uses her knowledge of the system and her previous police experience to provide DCS product training at both Level 1 and Level 2.

