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CASE STUDIES & EXPERTISE ZONE

10:15 Improving project forecasting – A practical approach

Pindy Bhullar, Director, UBS

Many projects are plagued by cost overruns and benefit shortfalls, this session analyses how tools (model and methodologies) developed by project scholars can be weaved together to improve forecasting in projects. Using Similarity Based Forecasting (SBF) and adapting it to the Systemic Lessons Learned Knowledge (SYLLK) model to capture project lessons, Pindy will present a study that will be building on the SYLLK model, focusing on project forecasting and providing a practical approach to planning using continuous improvement in project-based organisations.

This research is currently in progress and is based on an analytical case study approach using action research cycles, whereby action and changes are monitored and reviewed during the analysis of projects during forecasting and execution.

11:15 How DCMS use PPM software to power a £3bn digital connectivity programme

Justin Leese, Programme Director, Building Digital UK (DCMS)

The UK's Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) caters for a range of diverse activities – such as fashion, film, music, television and digital connectivity – and accounts for a quarter of UK GDP. In this presentation, Justin Leese will examine the challenges of managing a £3bn digital connectivity programme for DCMS, including its superfast broadband network and the rollout of 5G. He will take a look at the headaches encountered by his organisation in running such a huge programme, explaining how PPM software manages risks & issues, reassures the board and helps to future-proof the UK for generations to come.

12:15 3 ways to lead real transformational change with Workfront

Robert Lawrence, Senior Consultant EMEA, Workfront and Prasoon Ranjan, VP Customer Success, WNDYR

Rapid changes in both technology and business mean that the PMO is constantly barraged with new projects--whether it's delivering the systems that keep the business running or implementing new infrastructure for enterprise applications. It's a challenge to keep up, let alone take the time to demonstrate that your department is capable of more than simply providing support.

To best demonstrate and lead transformational change, your team needs proven processes, and new ways of working that deliver successful outcomes. In this presentation, you'll see three ways Workfront customers have successfully modernised the way they manage work to be more productive, collaborative, and transformative, while better demonstrating their value as an organisation.

Join Robert Lawrence, Senior Consultant EMEA at Workfront, and Prasoon Ranjan, VP of Customer Success at WNDYR, where they'll share the importance and real life examples of:

- Connecting global teams
- Tracking and prioritising work requests
- Quantifying and measuring real business outcomes
- Effectively allocating resources

13:45 Predicting your project failures before they happen

Tim Schmeising-Barnes, Principal Consultant, Bestoutcome

Projects are inherently unpredictable but smart portfolio management can apply a 10,000 feet view to help see overall trends and also moderate the optimism bias of project managers (essential for project success).

What is needed is a set of forward thinking early warning indicators that can alert the PMO to projects that are likely to fail before they fail. Many RAGs and other indicators are backward looking. What is needed is a set of forward looking early warning indicators. Tim Schmeising-Barnes, Principal Consultant at Bestoutcome, provides an overview of forward looking indicators and their potential benefits.

14:45 Real-time control of project performance from the front-line to the Board

Sylvia Sciuchetti, Global Senior Consultant - Operational Excellence, Ramboll and Sean Blencowe, CEO, Green Light Change

Planning and control extend throughout the entire project portfolio value chain.

However, most organisations perform their planning and control in siloed spreadsheets and multiple software applications, creating an environment of isolated data, a lack of insight, impaired decision making and a severe lack of collaboration. The missed value to an organisation is massive.

We'll show you how Ramboll Group A/S has successfully connected people involved in 100's of major projects in 35 countries to a live, single source of shared truth without a disruptive and risky IT deployment. taken, the hurdles encountered and some of the solutions still being tried and implemented to jump them.

MASTERCLASS/ SOLUTIONS ZONE

10:15 Agile Change Management – 2 worlds collide!

Melanie Franklin, Director, Agile Change Management Limited

In this presentation Melanie is going to use an Agile approach to give you a roadmap for managing a change initiative. This is an open structure that can be used for any type of change in any industry. As well as the "lifecycle model" Melanie will showcase activities and techniques you can use to:

- Identify all the things you need to change
- Build productive relationships with all those impacted.
- Melanie will be available for follow up conversations after the presentation.

11:15 We should be talking 'business transformation' and not Project delivery

Ivan Lloyd, Chief Innovation Officer, edison365.com

With the rate of change in today's world, the need to accelerate business transformation is seen as essential by CEO's as the way to underpin long term success. In 1958, corporations listed in the S&P 500 had an average stay of 61 years. By 1980, the average stay had declined to 25 years. In 2011, the average tenure dropped to 18 years. At the present rate of churn, research estimates three-quarters of today's S&P 500 will be replaced by 2027.

Ivan will talk through how today's PMO is perfectly placed to evolve, from focusing on successful project delivery to embracing the end-to-end business transformation process. From Strategy through to Innovation and Portfolio Delivery, therefore being a strategic enabler within businesses as opposed to an administrative overhead.

12:15 How to Conquer your Organisation's Digital Hesitance

Stephen Brown, Head of Innovation, Polarisoft

Is your organisation filled with great people? Does your organisation still struggle to evolve? This challenge impacts all of our project and portfolio improvement activities. Is that challenge hard to solve because of the organisation, basic human behaviour, or the technology?

Stephen Brown will discuss the relationship between human change behaviour and deploying an automated digital project approach; how to leverage information psychology and human behaviour to make an easy and effective transition to a fully automated digital project environment, no matter the size or complexity of your organisation.

13:45 Project & DevOps – visibility across your portfolio

Christopher Pond, Solutions Director, CPS

Project & Programme Management has changed in the past 20 years. How can you use the latest capabilities from Microsoft to understand the complete delivery cycle of your projects and programmes? In this session we'll be looking at how Project Roadmap & Power BI can provide visibility across your "classic" project delivery and DevOps worlds.

14:45 Resource Capacity Planning-How to be successful in the digital future

Greg Bailey, Vice President Resource Planning, ProSymmetry

How can an organization be successful in the Digital Future? By enabling the people within the company to be creative, value-oriented, and effective in their work. What's the secret to accomplishing this goal? Resource capacity planning! Join us to learn:

- How can Resource Capacity Planning help companies operate at digital speed?
- What trends are forcing current resource management models to change?
- Why will the need to build cross functional agile teams require new approaches from the PMO and Resource Managers?
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Attend this session to also learn some of the latest Resource Scenario Planning techniques to supercharge your resource planning.

15:45 How to become an Agile business?

Veijo Hytti, CEO, Keto Software

Large organisations are struggling with project innovations. Increasingly, the disruptive ideas come from start-ups or small Agile teams. What will happen next? What kind of project skills are needed? How, where and which projects will succeed?

Veijo gives insights into the new world of making innovations happen through smart project management. Agile has been a buzzword for many years, mostly misunderstood by organisations, describing a way of working inside tech companies, but it's much more! It's how organisations can survive and prosper in changing times, becoming an agile enterprise. That's all about people, not just processes and methodologies.

LEARNING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ZONE

10:00   Project Processes with PRINCE2

Paul Bradley, Managing Director, SPOCE

Whether you are new to PRINCE2, or are looking at renewing your Practitioner certificate, this presentation takes you through a full PRINCE2 Overview in 40 minutes.

In addition, we will be referencing how the project management layer interfaces with both programme management and agile product delivery.

11:00   Learning from the best PMOs in the world

Marisa Silva, Senior Consultant, Wellingtone Project Management

You usually don't see other departments, such as Legal or Finance, having to justify their existence, however this is a well-known scenario for PMOs, which still face a high-mortality rate. A question thus should be asked: how to make PMOs indispensable to business? Are there successful examples out there to guide PMO leaders?

Look no further. Based on her experience as a PMO advisor, co-author of the only PMO course accredited by the chartered body for the project profession, and Judge of the PMO Global Awards, the international competition aimed at the most outstanding PMOs in the world, Marisa Silva, The Lucky PM, will share what you can learn from, arguably, the most successful PMOs in business. With a thought-provoking and pragmatic approach, Marisa will present you with practical hints and tips on how to configure your PMO for success and how you too can find your place amongst the best.

12:00   Projecting the Future

David Thomson, Head of External Affairs, Association for Project Management

The Association for Project Management – the chartered body for the project profession has launched a new thought-leadership campaign: 'Projecting the Future' Projecting the Future is a 'big conversation' with members and stakeholders about the future of the project profession. Having achieved Chartered status, what's next? How does the profession thrive in a world being changed by factors like robotics and AI, changing work pattern, climate change, and the 100-year human life?

The initiative is intended to promote a debate on the role of the project profession to ensure its future by exploring six major challenges that are reshaping the business environment and society and the future role of the project profession in delivering value to organisations. These 'challenges' will help focus the profession as to how it can help improve and deliver our future.

13:30   Mind Map Your WBS to Project Success

Liam Pettit, Matchware

This presentation will focus on how you can utilise mind mapping technology and techniques. Liam will discuss the benefits of Mind Map theory and why it is useful in communication and planning.

Mind mapping is an effective method to use in requirements gathering sessions and the construction of the WBS (work breakdown structure). When mind mapping is coupled with technology it simplifies the process and enhances communication.

Mind mapping has traditionally been presented as a tool for planning and organisation, an effective way to develop, organise, and present multiple facets of the project plan. Primarily used for the construction of the WBS, advanced uses of this technique also simplify the complex process of communicating the project plan.

Liam will explain the mind mapping theory and how that theory can be applied to business analysts and project managers. He will also demonstrate best practice techniques in mind mapping and how it relates to technology.

14:30   Agile Project Management and Scrum

Andrew Craddock, Partner, nlighten

Focused primarily in the IT software delivery space, Scrum is the basis of most Agile product delivery in the world today. Its elegant simplicity, founded in the wisdom of empirical process control, has proven effectiveness and efficiency here, but most larger organisations find that they need more.

Andrew Craddock's presentation describes how the world's longest established Agile Project-focussed approach, AgilePM, can be combined with the longest established Product Development approach, Scrum, to provide a robust framework for IT enabled business change particularly aimed at organisations for whom governance and a demonstration of control over such endeavours is essential.

15:30   Getting Ahead in Your PMO Career

Lindsay Scott, co-founder of PMO Learning

In this session, we take a look at the ten different things you could be doing in your PMO career to get ahead. We take a whistle-stop tour through jobs, CVs, PMO skills and capabilities, behaviours, habits and navigating through the many twists and turns that working in PMO can bring.

Working in PMO today gives the opportunity to work in many different types with different business aims – it opens the doors to different types of roles, with different skills and responsibility levels. This session is aimed at any PMO practitioner, at any level in any type of PMO because getting ahead in your PMO career can mean excelling at where you are now – or getting ready to move onwards and upwards.

SOLUTIONS, PLANNING & CONTROLS ZONE

10:00   Planning Matters

Christopher Worsley, CEO, CITI Limited

Good planning sets apart great projects. Purposeful planning is what ensures that management actions taken by project managers connect the task undertaken to the stakeholders' goals.

There is no single correct approach to planning a project, but neither is it a free-for-all. This session shows how end-date schedule planning differs from budget-constrained planning, what is different between managing mission-critical projects and projects that have innovation as their purpose. And we look at why even Agile projects must plan to succeed.

11:00   Modern Project – what's new in Project in 2019?

Christopher Pond, Solutions Director, CPS and Andy Willis, Solution Specialist, Microsoft

Since Inspire in July 2019 there's been some big changes with Project – find out all about the changes we can share with you.

12:00   Enterprise Risks and Reporting with Oracle Primavera Cloud

Peter Gable, Director: RPC UK

Risk Management is evolving to address the needs of project stakeholders, who want to understand the broad spectrum of risks facing organisations to ensure they are appropriately managed not only at the project level but also across the enterprise.

 Contractors and Owners turn to Oracle Primavera Cloud (formerly known as Prime) for capital planning, portfolio and risk management.

This session looks at how Oracle Primavera Cloud is used to capture, assess, monitor, and mitigate project AND program risk across the enterprise to avoid delays or cost overruns and help ensure successful outcomes.

13:30   How standardization can simplify project management – Some insights into Sciforma's solution world

Nicholas Mierowski, UK/Benelux Sales Manager, Sciforma

Learn more about new Sciforma functionnalities that enables our customers to keep their competitive edge in the future.

Discover how you can implement a PPM tool more easily and deliver faster!

14:30   Modern Work Management

Chris Aslett, PPM Consultant, Corporate Project Slutions Ltd & Violaine Guionie, Project Sales Solution Professional, Microsoft

Today's work encompasses individuals, teams and the enterprise. How does this diverse group come together, collaborate and understand the impact of their efforts across the organisation. Microsoft 365 provides a rich set of capabilities that empowers everyone to be creative and work together, securely.

This session will showcase some of those capabilities including the ultimate collaboration functionality with Microsoft Teams and Project Online.

15:30   Building a business case for project tooling

Duncan Griffin, PPM Consultant, CPS

Organisations build business cases for Project Portfolio Solutions against numerous needs; reducing administration; reducing reporting time; improving delivery; improving resource utilisation; improving decision making; deploying standards and templates. Delivering function and process is only part of the solution.

Only by ensuring there is user adoption and that accurate up to date information is maintained will organisations be able to harness the true value of Project Solutions as they can drive the portfolio using a single source of truth.

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