

GDPM - Project Management Workshop

Overview

This highly interactive and practical 2-day training workshop uses the concepts of Goal Directed Project Management (GDPM) to focus on the key principles that increase the chances of project success. The delivery method does not involve extensive lecturing or examinations and is suitable for the project novice or project professional. Our experience has told us that embedding learning is about doing rather than being told, enabling rapid application and reinforcement of learning. Our training workshops replicate real life projects and team creation where strangers are brought together to plan and achieve a common goal.

This training workshop is highly interactive, based on practical use of the techniques and templates using simulated projects in a safe environment, which in turn means that delegates can be effective immediately they return to their normal business environment.

Using practical project examples the teams learn to develop and agree a clear project scope, the end Goal, a series of Objectives, development of a Milestone Plan, completion of a Responsibility Matrix, Risk and Stakeholder Management and effective project controls. A review session is held after every main session.

The GDPM approach is compatible with other project management methodologies such as PRINCE2, APM, AGILE and PMI and, unlike many academic courses, provides workshop delegates with practical experience of the light touch, non-bureaucratic tools and templates which they can take back and immediately use in their workplace.

Audience

Primarily aimed at Project and Programme Managers, Project Team members or Project Support Office (PSO) people, this workshop can equally be used as a practical introduction to project management for people with limited experience of managing projects or improving the effectiveness of projects being managed by the more experienced project managers and their teams.

The most effective course numbers are between 10-16 delegates.

This Project Management workshop will enable you to:

- Develop skills and knowledge of a GDPM based approach.
- Practice the GDPM techniques in a safe environment.
- Understand the Human Factors associated with change.
- Apply the GDPM techniques to your projects immediately.

Course Structure

Project Failure and Project Management Behaviours

This practical introductory session uses the delegates own experiences and industry failure data to understand the attributes of good project management.

Goal Directed Project Management Overview

A tutor led overview of the GDPM approach, key processes and the Fast Forward 'model'.

Project Initiation

A practical syndicate exercise using a simulated project brief in which delegates learn the importance of a structured and collaborative approach to agree clear and SMART objectives, scope and end goal for their project through engagement with a project sponsor.

Project Planning

Another practical syndicate exercise in which the delegates use a creative exercise to develop an achievement based Milestone Plan and Milestone Contract Definitions for their project. Delegates will understand the importance of a 'plan on a page' and making the milestones more robust to change. In addition we reinforce the importance of collaborative team planning and collective ownership.

Project Organisation

Part tutor led and then followed by another practical syndicate exercise, the delegates will learn about Stakeholder analysis, allocation of responsibilities using a Responsibility Matrix and 'Contracting' Resources onto a project.

Project Control

Part tutor led, the delegates will learn the difference between Risks and Issues, their effect on project delivery and benefits realisation and then another practical syndicate exercise assessing the risks, cataloguing them and determining actions – which are fed back into their Milestone Plan.

Delegates will be introduced to Progress Reporting and the use of a multi-dimensional Project 'Healthcheck' – the conscience as to whether a project is being effectively managed or not. This Healthcheck model can be used on new projects, or to audit existing projects.

A simple Progress Review Meeting template is also included.

Change Management

This session, which incorporates a simple exercise, looks at the human response to both beneficial and negative changes – especially important for delivering change projects. Reinforces the importance of active and engaged sponsorship.

Embedding the Learning

The delegates will discuss how they plan to use the learning and mobilise projects when they return to their workplace. Note this can be a bespoke session for specific organisations or delegate groupings if required.

And finally...

The delegates will consolidate their learning over the 2-day workshop, articulating the benefits of the approach. On completion of the course each delegate will receive a personal Certificate of Attendance and will be able to take away their personal course workbook.

Training venues

The training workshop is limited to a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 16 delegates and can be delivered on client premises or at quality conference venues.

Course Pre Requisites

It is an advantage, though not essential, if delegates have:

- A project management background.
- Been actively involved on projects / programmes.

Certification and Progression

An individually numbered and auditable certificate of attendance will be issued. Attendees have the option to progress to practitioner, coach and tutor levels through our Development Framework.

Further Information

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