



PMI UK Chapter
Scottish Event 2010 – Edinburgh
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Date:- Monday 22nd March 2010
Event Type:- Afternoon event
Venue: - Microsoft, Edinburgh
Timing: - 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Agenda:-

1.30 – 1.45	Welcome and introduction by Neil Coutts
1.45 – 2.45	How confident are you that you can deliver your corporate strategy? By Eddie Curran PMP, Director, CBS Consulting
2.45 – 3.00	Refreshment break
3.00 – 4.00	Why use Project Management Tools – What are Project Management Tools? By Bob Walker, Technical Solutions Professional, Enterprise Project Management, Microsoft
4.00 – 4.15	Refreshment break
4.15 – 5.00	PMI Survey of Project Management in Scotland results. By Pat Millar, Managing Director, Clarion Consulting Group
5.00 – 5.30	Speaker Panel & Roundtable discussion
5.30 – 5.40	Conference summing up and close
	Socialising for those that can stay

First Speaker: - Eddie Curran PMP, Director, CBS Consulting

CBS Consulting is a Scotland-based business consultancy specialising in strategy execution and change delivery. CBS Consulting assists organisations to develop clear and robust strategic change plans and to deliver organisational and strategic change with increased confidence and improved governance. CBS Consulting offers a unique software-based solution which enables organisations to make better informed decisions through a consistent and repeatable strategic change process - from investment appraisal and prioritisation through to execution and benefits realisation. Eddie Curran is a co-founder and director of CBS Consulting and has previously held senior positions with Ernst & Young and IBM. Eddie has been a qualified Project Management Professional for nearly 8 years having qualified in 2002 whilst working as a freelance consultant in California, North America.

Presentation Title: - How confident are you that you can deliver your corporate strategy?

Synopsis

Taking a closer look at strategic change performance; “Creating your competitive strategy is tough – executing your strategic plan is even harder”. The execution of a clear and well-articulated strategy has never been more relevant than in today’s challenging markets. Over the past decade the actual performance of many organisations in executing strategic change has often been obscured by the rapid growth and profitability enjoyed before the onset of the global recession. CBS Consulting believes that the challenge of executing strategic change is often far greater than developing the strategy itself, especially during turbulent market conditions, and

that failure can often cost an organisation much more than originally anticipated. CBS Consulting will discuss the strategic change lifecycle and how organisations can seize opportunities to improve strategic change performance in order to maximise ROI and strengthen their market competitiveness.

Second Speaker: - Bob Walker, Technical Solutions Professional, Enterprise Project Management, Microsoft



Bob Walker is a Technical Solutions Professional working in the Microsoft Ltd Enterprise and Partner Group specialising in Enterprise Project Management (EPM). Working with Customers, Partners and internally within Microsoft to evangelise and support sales, training and deployments of EPM across the UK, additionally he supports Microsoft EMEA as a lead specialist. He is a speaker on EPM at; TechEd, IT Forum, Project Management Events (Including Gartner and PMI) and the Project Conference over the years. And also has been a guest lecture on Planning tools for a number of Universities. He joined Microsoft Ltd in November 2003 from a Global Project and Programme Management Company for where he worked for 6 years delivering complex IT; Projects and Programmes, within the Financial and Communications Sectors. In addition he carried out implementations of EPM and competitor products across many industries. As a Chartered Engineer Aerospace (CEng RAeS), he is strong believer in identifying correct process and procedures will allow the successful delivery of any Project or Programme.

Presentation Title: - Why use Project Management Tools – What are Project Management Tools?

Synopsis

A brief wander through the history of Project Management and how we have got to the point we are at today of extensive planning and management tools to run our projects. Discussing the reasons why we think that tools are helping us and bring us up to date on what the next generation of tools are aiming to deliver to the user community

Speaker: - Pat Millar, Managing Director, Clarion Consulting Group



Pat Millar is the Managing Director and founder of Clarion Consulting, a leading Business and IT consulting company. With offices in Ireland and the UK, Pat leads a team of 50 Business and IT professionals, dedicated to improving customers' operational efficiency and obtaining competitive advantage through the re-engineering of business processes and the deployment of practical IT solutions.

Prior to founding Clarion Consulting, Pat worked for a number of large organisations in Ireland and Europe including Kao Infosystems (now trading as Zomax), KPMG and Dun and Bradstreet Software. Pat has over 20 years experience assisting customers in large projects across a range of industry sectors. He has expertise in Project Management, Business and IT Strategy Definition, Business Process Re-engineering and Change Management. He is the co-author of the Clarion Project Management methodology, which is used by a growing number of organisations.

Pat also specialises in working at board level with a number of large public and private sector organisations assisting them in defining and implementing strategies to improve their organisational agility.

Pat is certified in Production and Inventory Management by APICS (American Production & Inventory Control Society) and holds an MBA. He is also a member of the Institute of Business Analysts and Consultants in Ireland.

Presentation Title: - On a mission to find and kill costs - but are you killing the wrong projects?

Synopsis

Pat Millar will reveal the topline results from Clarion Consulting's review of project management practices in Scottish organisations. Looking at areas such as organisation, people, processes and tools, he will examine the overall importance of project management to Scottish business and will highlight some of the key challenges faced by project practitioners on a day to day basis.

Meet your PMI Colleagues! Share your experience and ideas with other Project Management professionals at Chapter meetings. This is Scotland's regular networking forum for the Project Management community.

Please book your place as soon as possible and at least one week before the event via our web site at www.pmi.org.uk. Look under Events, Scotland then click on the "Book" icon to the right of the event title

I look forward to seeing you on the day.

Neil Coutts
Scotland Region,
PMI UK Chapter

Event Details:-

All are welcome to join this event.

Please share this invitation with your Project Management contacts, Network & Colleagues

When: - Monday 22nd March 2010

Where: - Microsoft
Waverly Gate
2-4 Waterloo Place
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From Haymarket Station
Depart from Haymarket Station and turn right into A8 (Haymarket Terrace). Continue along the A8, along West Maitland Street, Shandwick Place and Princes Street until turning right onto North Bridge, and follow for around 400ft. Waverley Gate Meeting rooms are located immediately adjacent to Edinburgh Waverley Station.



Depart Edinburgh Airport and follow directions to the A8 (Glasgow Road) to Edinburgh. Follow the A8 until passing Haymarket Rail Station, follow round and turn right onto Torphichen Street. Turn left onto Dewar Pl and continue to follow the B700. Follow through Bread Street, W Port, and Grassmarket. Turn left at W Bow, and follow round before turning right at George IV Bridge. Take a slight left at South Bridge and follow for 0.3 miles along the A7, until reaching 2-4 Waterloo Place, adjacent to Edinburgh Waverley Station. Continue down taking the third left onto Chambers Street.



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