

Monthly 2024 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

As the Summer draws to a close and we move into the Autumn it signifies the start of the run up to the end of the 2024. We have a number of exciting events planned over the next few months including the National Project Awards black-tie dinner on 14th November. There are a number of PMO Community of Practice events planned including a joint event with the ESB in Dublin on 17th October. We are also running a Sustainability Community of Practice event on 25th September. I'm delighted that we are holding this event in Limerick and thank you to EY for hosting it.

The closing date for submissions for the National Project Awards is almost upon us and I highly encourage you to submit your projects or project professional nominations. There is time left. Submissions are only 3k words and there is no charge to enter. The benefits of being a finalist/winner are fantastic.

Our mentoring proramme 'PM Mentor Me' is in full flight and I'm delighted that we have been able to match so many mentors and mentees. These conversations always help to deveylop new skillsets and further careers.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any feedback or great ideas.



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The Ireland Chapter of the PMI, in partnership with PwC Ireland, proudly hosts the National Project Awards to celebrate exceptional achievements and highlight the vital role of project management in Ireland's growth, both locally and globally.

The National Project Awards feature seven main categories and three special categories that showcase innovation and outstanding talent in project management throughout Ireland:

- PMO of the Year
- Project Professional of the Year
- Private Sector Project of the Year
- Public Sector Project of the Year
- Project Management for Social Good
- Al and Technology Project of the Year
- Under 35 Changemakers of the Year
- Special Category: "Excellence in Innovation: Projects of the Year"
 - Construction and Capital Project of the Year
 - Sustainability Impact Project of the Year
 - Healthcare and Medical Devices Project of the Year

Key Dates:

Entries close: 4th SeptemberAwards Night: 14th November

Venue: PwC, Spencer Dock, Dublin 1

Don't miss this incredible chance! Visit our website for more details: PMI Ireland National Awards 2024: https://pmi-ireland.org/national-awards-2024

Using Human Centred Design to Enable Engagement on Project Teams



Ready to take your leadership skills to the next level? Join Erik's masterclass and embark on an interactive journey like no other!

This isn't your typical webinar. It's an engaging experience that combines storytelling, hard stats, and practical activities. Here's what you'll learn:

- Distinguish between engagement and inclusion they are not the same!
- Understand the critical benefits of inclusivity in project teams.
- Get the business case for human-centered design.
- Discover how human-centered design can blast through barriers to inclusion.
- Meet new people through rapid relatability exercises.

You'll have a lot of fun. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to grow and connect. Sign up now!

Erik K. Rueter, PMP, PMI-ACP, has over 20 years of experience in diverse industries, including tech startups, academia, healthcare, and entertainment. Currently, he is a senior project manager at the American Marketing Association. Erik holds a BA in neuroscience from Wesleyan University, with further education in digital design, Irish studies, and MicroMasters in Design Thinking and Project Management from the Rochester Institute of Technology. He is also certified in diversity and inclusion by Cornell University.

Register here: https://pmi-ireland.org/calendar?eventId=39615

Sustainability COP - Join Us for Our Third Webinar of the Year: Sustainable Supply Chains



The PMI Ireland Chapter Sustainability Community of Practice continues are excited to announce our third webinar of the year, in collaboration with EY, on Wednesday, September 25th, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in LIMERICK and hybrid on-line.

In this session, we welcome Ronan Guest as our speaker. He is an accomplished and experienced supply chain practitioner assisting EY's clients to understand different methodologies to solve a wide range of issues across the entire Supply Chain spectrum. With 20+ years in industry, ranging from blue chip to MedTech, Ronan has excelled in International Procurement and Supply Chain roles with strong competencies in all facets of Supply Chain. He has experience developing and leading Procurement/Digital Transformations & M&A Integrations. He also has deep knowledge of Procurement, having led multiple teams across both Direct & Indirect Categories of spend.

Nowadays, organisations are rethinking their business models and putting supply chains at the centre, with a focus on sustainability. This shift is leading to significant transformational change to operating models. Ronan will be speaking on this topic: Sustainable Supply Chains, and sharing his insights into the latest trends, challenges and areas of opportunity in reducing environmental impact while maintaining supply chain efficiency.

Do not miss this opportunity!

Register here: https://pmi-ireland.org/calendar?eventId=39475

We look forward to seeing you there!

Demystifying The Application of Gen Al



This month's article is written by Denis Makarov, who is the IT Solutions Program Manager at Sanbra Group Ltd. Denis has 18 years of experience in IT, over a decade working in Project Management within Supply Chain, Logistics and Automotive and recently graduated with an MBA in Application of AI in Project Management.

Artificial Intelligence can trace its roots back over forty years (and more). But since a new AI era started with Generative AI (Gen AI) in 2022, the hype cycle over Large Language Model (LLM) technology has begun. On the one side, Gen AI is going to be a panacea for solving business problems and making life easier. On the other side, the research carried out by Microsoft and Trinity College found the current level of adoption of AI in the Irish workplace is less than 30%. So, if AI is going to be a valuable business productivity tool and game-changing tool for project management, why is the adoption of the solution low? The first significant challenge is that of trust. Can an organisation trust a Gen AI application with its private and confidential data? If not, then it can't feed its data into the Gen AI application. Therefore, it is unlikely to be of any benefit to the organisation.

If you are involved in or are going to be involved in, a Gen Al adoption programme for your organisation, it might be a good idea to talk to your stakeholders and project management office about these considerations:

- Can the organisation put their commercial data into the Gen AI, and it still remains confidential?
- What are the challenges and costs of creating a private LLM?
- Is there even any structured data to start working with? Then, is there enough data? Is this data well-structured?
- Will the efforts and expenses be worth the result in the end?

However, those organisations who can and choose to use Gen Al would face the second challenge, which is a lack of skills and guidance for adaption. A new specific skill they would need to develop is Prompt engineering – a transformative approach from human language to computational that significantly increases the quality of the response.

A well-known recommendation is to form a very detailed prompt, request format and references in order to get a detailed response. A more profound approach to this is the Card Model which states to design a prompt with the following structure: role/prompt/conditions and limitations/requirements to output response. See how you can improve your current or next project by asking a public GPT. Give it a go – try a specific prompt-engineered question.

In conclusion, whether you're diving into GenAl adoption or aiming to adopt its benefits for your projects, let's explore its potential further by addressing specific questions and mastering prompt engineering together!

For more information on AI in Project Management please visit the PMI AI Hub: https://www.pmi.org/explore/ai-in-project-management



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