

Monthly 2024 NEWSLETTER

President's Message

September has been an exciting month for the Ireland Chapter and October is set to be another great month. Firstly, I would like to congratulate Sinead Gallagher for been awarded the PMI Rising Leader Award at the PMI Global Summit in Los Angeles on 19th September. A great achievement on the global stage and a first for Ireland. The PMI Global Summit was held in Los Angeles in September and a number of exciting announcements were made, including several in the AI space. A number of these are summarised in this newsletter.

The 2024 National Project Awards are off to a great start and I'm delighted that we received a record number of submissions this year. I wish every submission the very best of luck as judging takes place over the month of October. Our black-tie dinner in PwC offices on 14th November will be a great celebration of project success across Ireland.

We have a number of exciting events coming up in October including two fabulous PMO events, one in-person with the ESB and the other a webinar with Americo Pinto on the PMI's PMO Global Alliance. We also have a member's meeting in October to consider PMI's new single membership initiative with details already circulated to Ireland Chapter members over email. I highly encourage you to attend as many of our events as possible.

The Ireland Chapter has been a supporter of the Irish Emergency Alliance and all of the very important humanitarian work that they undertake across the world. Their seven Irish humanitarian agencies have come together to respond faster and do more to save and help rebuild the lives of people affected by major emergencies worldwide. I encourage you to support their Gaza appeal; details are in this newletter.

As always, I welcome your feedback, ideas and thoughts on how we can continually develop your profession.



Peter Glynne, President pglynne@pmi-ireland.org

National Project Awards 2024



NEWSFLASH: This year has we have had the highest ever number of submissions for the awards, since its inception in 2017.

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.

There are seven main categories and two 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"
 - Sustainability Impact Project of the Year
 - Healthcare and Medical Devices Project of the Year

Black-Tie Awards Dinner

• Date: 14th November

Venue: PwC, Spencer Dock, Dublin 1

Visit our website for more details: PMI Ireland National Awards 2024 : https://pmi-ireland.org/national-awards-2024

Sinead Gallagher named Rising Leader at Global PMI Awards; a first for Ireland



Pictured left to right: Pierre Le Manh, PMI President & CEO; Sinead Gallagher, Director of Marketing and Communications for the Ireland Chapter of PMI, and LuAnn Piccard, PMI Chair

Sinead Gallagher, Ireland Chapter Director of Marketing and Communications, has recently been named as a Rising Leader winner at the PMI Professional Awards in Los Angeles. This makes her the first person from Ireland to win one of these global awards.

Having been nominated for the coveted award, Sinead was announced as as a category winner at the 2024 PMI Global Summit. The event was hosted in Los Angeles on 19th September and attended by 4,000 project management professionals.

The PMI Professional Awards celebrate project leaders and teams across the globe who deliver innovation and impact, support collaboration and teamwork, and achieve outstanding project outcomes.

Congratulations Sinead on your great achievement and we look forward to your continued success.

An Important Message from the Irish Emergency Alliance



We cannot stand by and watch the suffering in Gaza and Lebanon

For nearly a year now, the people of Gaza have faced relentless suffering. As families seek safety, they find themselves in cramped and unsanitary conditions, battling the spread of disease and the looming threat of

starvation. Food and resources are so scarce that families, including young children, don't know where their next meal will come from.

Despite these dire challenges, our colleagues in Gaza, the West Bank and Lebanon—displaced themselves—continue their brave humanitarian work. These heroes, funded by the Irish public and corporate supporters, are working tirelessly to provide food, shelter, blankets, and essential medical supplies to those most in need. They refuse to stop, even in the most desperate of circumstances, because they know their efforts are saving lives.

In response to this escalating crisis, the Irish Emergency Alliance is sounding the alarm before it is too late. In partnership with RTÉ, The Irish Emergency Alliance has launched a national appeal for Gaza and Lebanon This 14-day campaign is featuring a Public Service Announcement on RTÉ, a 30-second TV ad airing multiple times, and a comprehensive social media, radio, and PR campaign. We are also working closely with the Department of Foreign Affairs, leading discussions to explore further government support.

Through the CSR commitments of our media partners and corporate collaborators, we are able to secure media coverage and resources at no cost. This ensures that the maximum amount of funds raised goes directly to those most in need, making a real difference where it matters most. These partnerships are crucial, enabling us to focus on saving lives and providing hope to the most vulnerable communities in this time of crisis.

We urgently need to raise funds to continue providing emergency food, clean water, shelter, and medical supplies to families in Gaza, West Bank and now in Lebanon. We know our partnership with PMI in the past has made a critical difference during past emergencies, such as the Turkey-Syria earthquake response.

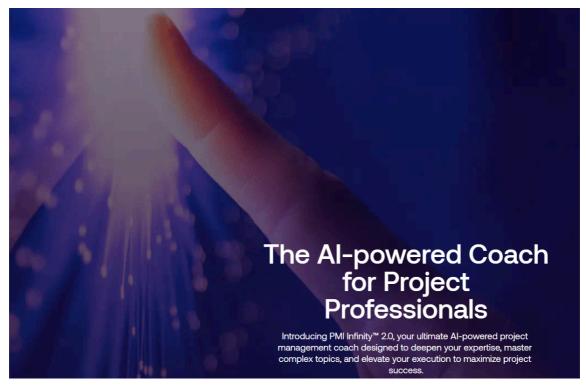
Now, as famine looms and the crisis spreads to Lebanon, it is more crucial than ever for us to come together. The people of Gaza and Lebanon are enduring unimaginable hardships, and our support can offer not only emergency aid but also a message of solidarity and hope. The Irish Emergency Alliance, alongside its seven Irish member agencies, is committed to further increasing support to those most affected. Your support today can make a life-saving difference.

Please visit our website to donate at https://irishemergencyalliance.org/

Brian Casey

Executive Director Irish Emergency Alliance

PMI Leading the Transformation of the Profession with Latest Next-Generation Al Offerings



Introduced in 2024, PMI Infinity™ is a generative AI assistant for use across project-based work. PMI Infinity™ is powered by GPT-4o, for improved accuracy and response quality. The new version — PMI Infinity™ 2.0 unveiled at the PMI Global Summit in September— optimizes AI-driven responses and content generation for greater efficiency and effectiveness and brings accurate, faster, smarter and deeper conversations.

As part of a continuous product update initiative, PMI Infinity™ 2.0 has an expanded Knowledge Base inclusive of diverse, high-quality content from the global PMI community of project professionals and third-party domain experts. PMI Infinity™ 2.0 also provides enhanced document generation, template and checklist tools for project professionals to elevate productivity, optimize workflow and achieve consistent time-saving results, as well as streamline project management tasks like planning, report generation and task delegation. PMI Infinity™ users can benefit from enhanced efficiency, productivity and optimized workflows. Users can now input project details to create and refine essential documents for project-based work, such as project charter documents.

PMI Infinity is currently free to PMI members

For more information: https://www.pmi.org/infinity

Cognilytica is now part of PMI!



To continue guiding project professionals in adding more AI capabilities to their skillsets, PMI announced it has acquired Cognilytica, a leading firm focused on best practices research, training, and certification in AI, machine learning (ML), automation, data, and analytics for organizations and professionals. PMI will integrate into its offerings Cognilytica certifications and learning products, including its flagship CPMAI AI & ML project management training and certification. Thousands of pieces of thought-leading content, research, advisory, education, the AI Today podcast, and other key elements of AI-focused content will also be available to PMI members.Based on decades of work focused on enterprise and emerging technology, the CPMAI model builds on Cognilytica's experience with hundreds of real-world AI projects to increase the AI projects' success. Cognilytica founders and AI thought leaders Ron Schmelzer and Kathleen Walch will join the PMI team.

For more information: Al & Data Best Practices Training & Certification - Cognilytica

Hidden Fruit of Sustainability Journeys Event



As part of our Sustainability Community of Practice, we are excited to invite you to an exclusive in-person event, "Hidden Fruit of Sustainability Journeys," where industry leaders and sustainability experts will come together to explore the multifaceted advantages of integrating sustainability into business strategies.

This event is designed to uncover the "hidden fruit"—the often-overlooked benefits—of adopting sustainable practices in business. Through a series of insightful keynote speeches, panel discussions, and interactive sessions, we will delve into how sustainability can:

- Drive innovation and competitiveness.
- Enhance brand reputation and customer loyalty.
- Improve operational efficiency and reduce costs.
- Foster long-term growth and resilience.

Speakers: Nicola Woods, Chief Transformation Officer, An Post & Cathriona Fitzsimons, Group Head of Corporate Responsibility, PM Group

Register here: https://pmi-ireland.org/calendar?eventId=39745

Mastering PMO: Strategies for Success Event



This engaging and informative in-person session will bring together the brightest minds in the PMO community. Our distinguished panellists, who have each been recognised for their exceptional contributions to the field, will share their experiences, strategies, and lessons learned.

During the event, you will have the opportunity to:

- Gain valuable insights into successful PMO practices.
- Learn about innovative approaches to project management.
- Engage in a Q&A session with our expert panellists.
- Network with peers and industry leaders.

Register here: https://pmi-ireland.org/calendar?eventId=39519

Transforming the PMO Landscape - PMI's PMO Global Alliance Event



Americo Pinto, Managing Director of the PMO Global Alliance (PMOGA) at PMI, is a globally recognized thought leader with over 25 years of experience in project management. He founded the PMO Global Alliance in 2017, which grew to become the world's largest PMO community, recently integrated into the Project Management Institute in 2023. Americo's remarkable contributions have earned him the PMI Distinguished Contribution Award, solidifying his influence on global PMO practices.

In this exclusive webinar, Americo will share his insights on:

- The integration of PMO Global Alliance into PMI and its global implications
- How PMOGA is transforming the future of PMOs
- Practical strategies to elevate PMOs as strategic business partners
- What the future holds for PMO leaders and project management professionals

Register here: https://pmi-ireland.org/calendar?eventId=39903

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