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Monthly 2026 Newsletter

President's Message February 2026

February brought the kind of momentum and connection that defines our Chapter at its best, setting a strong tone as we move deeper into 2026.

Connecting with PMI Global: M.O.R.E. Than Just a Framework

Our February kick-off event, “Get Connected with PMI Global: Ask, Learn, Explore,” exceeded expectations. Hosting Andreas Madjari, Denis Lassance, and Fabiana Mai from PMI Global gave us direct access to the strategic thinking shaping our profession worldwide. The quality of discussion and member questions demonstrated the curiosity and strategic thinking that will define project management’s continued relevance.

PMI’s 2026 call to action—M.O.R.E.—resonated strongly. The framework challenges us to Manage Perceptions, Own Success, Relentlessly Reassess, and Expand Perspective—concepts that reflect the daily reality of navigating organizational change, stakeholder expectations, and emerging technologies.

The alignment between PMI Global’s vision and our own strategic focus was clear: as delivery tools become more sophisticated, the fundamentals of professional judgment, stakeholder leadership, and strategic thinking become more critical, not less. The evening reinforced that Ireland Chapter has a meaningful voice in the global conversation about elevating our profession’s impact.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and to our events team for facilitating this valuable connection.

Addressing the Capital Projects Talent Challenge

The Capital Project Pillar, under Evan O’Connell’s leadership, has been working to shape our programme of activities and thought leadership for the year ahead. Their focus connects directly with a pressing global challenge: by 2035, the construction industry will need close to 2.5 million project professionals—a 60% increase from current levels.

This demand is being driven by sustained infrastructure investment, energy transition programmes, and housing development. Yet skills gaps are emerging: entry-level professionals often lack communication and leadership capabilities, while technically strong engineers may need further development in planning, governance, and resource management.

The Capital Project Pillar sees its role as contributing meaningfully to this agenda—not only by showcasing major programmes, but by supporting the

professional development ecosystem that underpins them. This work aligns directly with our Chapter's 2026 strategic focus: ensuring that Ireland's project management community has the depth of capability needed to meet the scale of infrastructure and capital delivery challenges ahead.

Coming Soon: Meet the Directors

Join us for our upcoming Meet the Directors members-only evening at The Spencer Hotel. Connect directly with the Ireland Chapter Board of Directors in a relaxed setting over finger food and drinks.

Whether you want to understand our strategic direction, learn about volunteer opportunities, or share ideas, this evening is designed for open dialogue. Details are on our events calendar—we hope to see you there.

Turning Project Management into Climate Action

Our Social Impact programme continues to demonstrate the value of our profession beyond commercial projects. During Climate Action Week 2025, our volunteers partnered with An Taisce to bring project management discipline to climate initiatives across Ireland—helping local authorities, community groups, schools, and businesses transform ideas into structured, deliverable actions.

As we prepare for the 10th Climate Action Week in 2026, we're expanding partnerships with An Taisce, the Irish Emergency Alliance, and additional NGOs where project management can accelerate meaningful change.

Get involved: If you want to volunteer, know an organisation that could benefit from PM support, or want to explore opportunities, contact us at socialimpact@pmi-ireland.org.

We're also inviting members to join the upcoming Reforest Nation Annual Tree Planting Day in Greystones, County Wicklow—a hands-on opportunity to contribute directly to climate action.

Looking Ahead

February's successful kick-off has set a strong foundation. The opportunities ahead—connecting with our board, expanding social impact work, addressing the capital projects talent pipeline, and building our professional community—will continue raising the bar for project management in Ireland.

President, Ireland Chapter of PMI welcome your ideas and thoughts on how we can continue to improve the chapter. Get in touch via email.

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Regards,
Daniel Eagling

President, Ireland Chapter of PMI



PMI National Conference 2026

Elevating Excellence: PM Fundamentals Matter More not Less

It's that time of year again! Ireland's Premier Project Management Event returns with the PMI National Conference 2026, sponsored by EY, and it's set to be our best yet.

As change accelerates and complexity grows, strong project management fundamentals are more important than ever. They provide a clear point of focus, helping us make better decisions, adapt effectively, and move forward with confidence.

This year, through interactive sessions and shared experiences, we'll explore the practices shaping today's projects, including:

- Sustainability & Social Impact
- Agility in Complex Delivery and Scalability
- Technical, Business & Power Skills

Early bird tickets are now on sale. Don't miss this opportunity and register today!

[Register Here.](#)

The banner features the PMI Ireland Chapter of Project Management Institute logo and the EY logo at the top left. The main title 'PMI National Conference 2026' is in large blue text, followed by the subtitle 'Elevating Excellence: PM Fundamentals Matter More not Less'. A date box at the bottom left states 'May 14th 2026 | Aviva Stadium, Dublin 4'. On the right side, there are three circular images: the top one shows a group of people, the middle one shows a lush green landscape, and the bottom one shows a construction crane against a sunset sky.

Capital Project Pillar

By Evan O'Connell, Director of Capital Projects – Ireland Chapter of the PMI

As we kick off 2026, the Capital Project Pillar has been hard at work shaping our programme of activities and thought leadership for the year ahead.

Recently, the Board of Directors met to discuss our strategy for 2026, with a focus on delivering value to our members and the broader professional community. Our discussions included how we can support knowledge exchange, showcase best practice, and create opportunities for learning and engagement across the life cycle of complex capital projects.

The Construction Project Management Talent Gap

Our strategy discussions were also framed by a growing global challenge: the widening talent gap in construction project management.

By 2035, the global construction industry will need close to 2.5 million project professionals which represents a 60% increase from 2025 levels. This demand is being driven by sustained infrastructure investment, energy transition programmes, digital transformation, and housing development worldwide.

At the same time, there are clear skills gaps emerging:

- Entry-level professionals often lack communication, leadership, and empathy.
- Technically strong engineers may require further development in planning, scheduling, governance, and resource management.

For organisations and professional bodies, this presents both a challenge and an opportunity. The industry must:

- Communicate the rewarding and impactful nature of construction careers to attract young talent
- Improve working conditions and career pathways for women to increase retention and participation
- Adopt modern technologies that resonate with younger generations
- Offer short, targeted training programmes to accelerate upskilling
- Incentivise certifications and structured professional development
- Promote a culture of continuous learning

The Capital Project Pillar sees its role as contributing meaningfully to this agenda - not only by showcasing major programmes, but by supporting the professional development ecosystem that underpins them.

Our 2026 Programme

We have exciting plans lined up, including:

- Site visits to major project delivery programmes to observe commercial, technical and governance practices in action
- A series of thought leadership pieces and panel discussions across several delivery contexts

- Continued publication of insights and resources that reflect both public data and practitioner experience

To that end, we recently published an article on MetroLink - Ireland's largest planned transport infrastructure project, marking its latest procurement milestone and reflecting on what this means for project professionals. You can read the full article here:

[MetroLink: A New Phase in Ireland's Capital Project Story and What it Means for Project Professionals](#)

In addition to strategic work, our first event of the year is already taking shape. We're delighted to host an online presentation and panel discussion with representatives from Lidl Ireland, focusing on the delivery of Ireland's first Net Zero Energy supermarket in Maynooth, Co. Kildare - a milestone in sustainable commercial construction.

This store is designed to generate as much energy as it consumes annually through on-site renewables and low-carbon design principles, setting a benchmark in Irish sustainable building and demonstrating how sustainability can be integrated into capital project delivery.

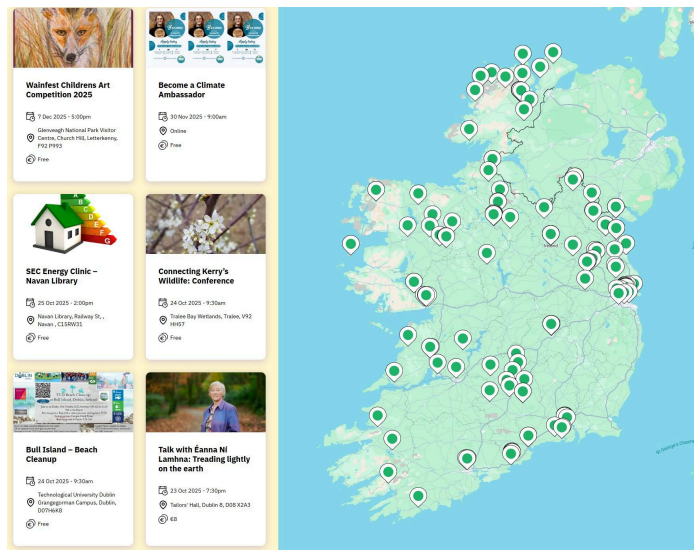
We look forward to sharing insights from this session with the membership and drawing out lessons that project leaders can apply to their own programmes.

Looking Ahead

If you are a project professional involved in capital programmes of any size, the Capital Project Pillar aims to be a resource and a forum for practical learning in 2026. Whether through events, insights, or informal networks, we invite you to engage with us as we explore the evolving landscape of complex project delivery in Ireland.

Thank you for your continued interest and participation. More details on upcoming events and opportunities to contribute will follow on our website and LinkedIn.

Social Impact and Sustainability



Here environmental and community initiatives across Ireland.

We are actively exploring new collaboration opportunities with An Taisce, the Irish Emergency Alliance, and additional NGOs and non-profit organisations where project management expertise can accelerate meaningful impact.

Our volunteers are invited to get involved!

Whether you want to contribute your skills, support upcoming initiatives, or help shape new partnerships, your experience can make a real difference. We are also seeking nominations of NGOs and community organisations that would benefit from project management support. If you know an organisation tackling climate action, sustainability, resilience, or social challenges — we want to hear from you.

To volunteer, propose partnership opportunities, or nominate an NGO, contact us at: <mailto:socialimpact@pmi-ireland.org>

Together, we can continue demonstrating how project management drives positive change for communities, society, and the environment.

Sustainability Hands-on Activity: Join Us Tree Planting

As part of our ongoing Sustainability and Social Impact activities, we would like to invite members of the Ireland Chapter of PMI to participate in the **Reforest Nation Annual Tree Planting Day** in Greystones, County Wicklow. This is a valuable opportunity to gain hands-on experience, contribute directly to climate action, and make a tangible environmental impact alongside a community of volunteers.

This activity aligns with our commitment to applying project management skills and leadership to real sustainability initiatives while engaging our community in meaningful action beyond traditional professional settings.

Please note: This event is **not an official event of the Ireland Chapter PMI**. However, as part of our sustainability engagement efforts, we encourage members who are interested in environmental action and community impact to consider attending.

Details of the Event:

Date: Saturday, 21st March

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Hawthorn Hill (A63 H364), Ballydonagh Lane, Greystones, Co. Wicklow

Click here to sign up for free: <https://www.reforestation.ie/events/annual-tree-planting-day>

Upcoming Events- Meet the Directors



Meet the Directors

PMI Members-Only Event

 The Spencer Hotel, Dublin
 6pm, Thurs 5th March



PMI Ireland Chapter (Members-Only Event)

Join us for a relaxed, members-only evening at The Spencer Hotel to Meet the Directors of the PMI Ireland Chapter.

This is your chance to:

- Meet the Ireland Chapter Board of Directors
- Gain insight into the chapter's strategic goals and priorities
- Learn about upcoming initiatives, events, and volunteer opportunities
- Share your ideas, ask questions, and engage in open dialogue

Enjoy finger food, drinks, and great conversation with fellow project professionals. Whether you're a long-time member or newly joined, it's a great way to build connections and get involved with your local PMI community.

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