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President's Message

It is with genuine honor and excitement that I take up the role of President of the Ireland Chapter of PMI at the start of 2026. Following **Peter Glynn**, whose thoughtful leadership and clear vision have positioned our Chapter for continued growth, I am grateful for this opportunity and committed to building upon the strong foundation he and his board have established.

Welcoming Our New Leadership Team

I want to begin by acknowledging our newly elected directors, whose skills, energy, and commitment will shape our direction as we move forward together. Their combined experience and fresh ideas will strengthen our work and extend our reach across Irish organizations and sectors.

I am particularly pleased to welcome **Mark Davenport** to his new role as Vice President. Mark's genuine dedication to our profession—shown through his consistent volunteer contributions and his valued work on our membership model transition—makes him an ideal partner as we pursue our shared vision. His extensive background across utilities and construction brings valuable perspective to our conversations.

I also want to extend warm recognition to **Jackie Fagan**, our newly appointed Honorary Director. Jackie's decades of involvement with our Chapter, including service as Past President. For over more than ten years she has embodied the best of what we stand for. The steady commitment, the advocacy for quality, and the mentorship Jackie has offered have touched many of us. We are grateful to have Jackie's continued guidance and insight in this new role.

A Moment to Reflect: Why Fundamentals Still Matter

As we look ahead to 2026, one insight deserves our attention: Project Management Fundamentals matter more, not less, in the age of AI.

The growth of artificial intelligence tools from scheduling support and data analysis to resource planning and risk insights might suggest that traditional project management disciplines have become less central. In practice, we're seeing the opposite. As our tools become more capable, the importance of solid project discipline grows.

AI is excellent at working with data, spotting patterns, and handling routine tasks. It cannot, however, capture what a project truly means to stakeholders, shape how teams come together, or guide us through the

human side of organizational change. It cannot weigh competing risks or think through what success really looks like for different parts of our organizations. These remain fundamentally human endeavors, supported by, but not replaced by technology.

This recognition shapes our thinking for 2026: a renewed focus on core PM practices across all sectors of the Irish economy. We're seeing real growth in demand for skilled project professionals—whether supporting climate action, digital change, infrastructure renewal, or AI-enabled services. This demand creates an opportunity: to ensure that those who step into project roles have the grounding in best practice that distinguishes thoughtful project management from simple task delivery.

What We're Aiming For

Our work over the coming months will focus on a few key areas:

- **Strengthening capability:** We'll continue to champion both established approaches and newer methodologies—waterfall, agile, hybrid delivery—while keeping the spotlight on governance, real stakeholder engagement, and genuine benefits realization.
- **Making development more accessible:** We want to ensure that project management learning, certification, and growth opportunities reach practitioners across every sector—tech, infrastructure, healthcare, finance, public service, and beyond.
- **Building community bridges:** We'll create spaces where people from different industries can share insights, learn from one another, and tackle shared challenges in how we deliver projects.
- **Supporting emerging talent:** We remain committed to identifying and nurturing project professionals under 35, because the future depends on bringing fresh voices, energy, and perspectives to our profession.

The opportunity before us is genuine. Many Irish leaders recognize that thriving in the next decade will require real change and that change depends on project professionals who combine skill with strategic thinking. Our Chapter exists to help build that capability.

I look forward to working with all of you, our board, our volunteers, our members, and our partners to make 2026 a meaningful year for the project management profession in Ireland.

I welcome your ideas and thoughts on how we can continue to improve the chapter. Get in touch via email.

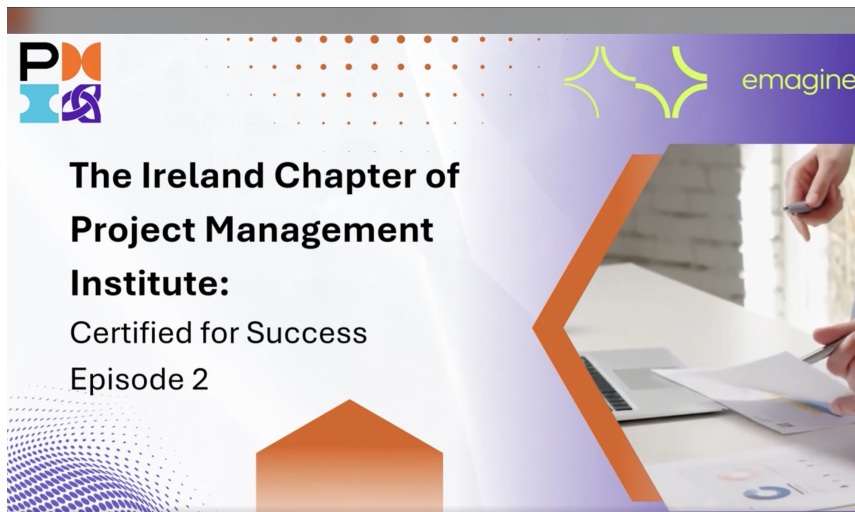
Regards,
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Professional Development Series – “Certified for Success”



New Professional Develop Series “Certified for Success” Underway:

Exclusive Insights and Growth Opportunities for PMI Members.

We are delighted to announce that our new professional development series “Certified for Success” is underway again this year! This initiative is designed to highlight the value of Project Management Institute (PMI) certification for our members’ personal growth and career development.

Throughout the series, we meet leading industry professionals who have undertaken a range of different PMI certifications. They share with us their motivation for undertaking certification, the impact that it made on their career development as well as their advice to other PMI members.

Each episode offers exclusive first-hand experiences, practical tips and insights, providing invaluable guidance for anyone considering certification or seeking to maximise their career potential. We touch on key topics such as effective leadership, navigating complex projects, mastering new methodologies and project management trends.

By tuning in, you'll gain a deeper understanding of how PMI credentials can open doors to new opportunities and help you stand out in a competitive marketplace.

New episodes will be released monthly, so be sure to watch out for our LinkedIn updates! If you would like to play back any of our previous videos please check out the following link.

👉 [Click Here to Watch the Latest Certified for Success Video!](#)

Best wishes,
Feargal Kelly
Director of Professional Development

Stronger Together: National Preparedness Through Partnership



The Ireland Chapter of PMI has chosen the Irish Emergency Alliance as our sponsor charity because it multiplies the impact of every euro raised by acting as a national channel for public, corporate and potential government matched funding into emergency appeals. As an accredited forum that coordinates joint national fundraising with strong government and RTÉ backing, the Alliance is uniquely positioned to secure government match funding that can significantly amplify the chapter's fundraising efforts and deliver more life-saving support where it is needed most.

Read more below to learn about the work of the Irish Emergency Alliance.

Emergencies do not respect borders or organisational boundaries. When crises occur, the public rightly expects a response that is fast, coordinated and effective. The Irish Emergency Alliance exists to ensure that this response is delivered through collaboration, not isolation.

The Irish Emergency Alliance is a national partnership of emergency response, humanitarian and support agencies working together to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies. By sharing expertise, aligning planning and supporting one another, the Alliance strengthens national resilience and enables a more coherent, effective response when it matters most.

The Alliance brings together eight of Ireland's leading humanitarian organisations: ActionAid, Christian Aid, Oxfam, Plan International, Self Help Africa, Tearfund Ireland, Trócaire and World Vision Ireland. Each organisation retains its own identity and specialist capability, while benefiting from collective planning, training and information sharing through the Irish Emergency Alliance. This partnership approach reduces duplication, improves efficiency and supports better decision-making under pressure.

The work of the Irish Emergency Alliance is supported at a national level by the Irish Government and RTÉ, reflecting a shared commitment to preparedness, public awareness and coordinated emergency planning. Together, these partnerships contribute to improved outcomes for communities affected by severe weather events, public health emergencies and humanitarian crises.

Preparedness is not a one-off task. It is an ongoing commitment built on trust, strong relationships and effective partnerships. Through collaboration with the Project Management Institute, alongside our established partnerships with government and RTÉ, the Irish Emergency Alliance is focused on strengthening capability, extending reach and ultimately helping to save more lives through better preparedness.

Maximising Project Success with PMI's M.O.R.E

The Project Management Institute announced their 2026 call to action: to step up and deliver M.O.R.E.

To elevate the project profession, respond to increasingly complex global, and maximise success, this framework challenges us to:

- **Manage Perceptions**
- **Own Success**
- **Relentlessly Reassess**
- **Expand Perspective**

A Global Community Built for Impact

PMI is implementing strategic initiatives that expand how project professionals contribute to societal progress, including:

Stronger volunteer engagement: Following PMI's unification with Project Managers Without Borders, PMI members now have even more avenues to lend their expertise to nonprofits and NGOs, supporting sustainable development goals around the world.

Greater integration of sustainability frameworks: Through collaborations such as the joint venture with Green Project Management (GPM), PMI aims to embed sustainability and regenerative practices deeper into project delivery — equipping professionals with actionable tools that support environmental and social outcomes.

The PMI Ireland Chapter will continue contributing to this vision through our partnerships with the Irish Emergency Alliance, An Taisce, and our ongoing community events, applying project management expertise where it can make a tangible difference. Through these collaborations, we turn PMI's global purpose into real, local impact across Ireland.

To read more about PMI's vision for 2026, click here:

👉 [PMI in 2026](#)

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