



Monthly 2026 Newsletter

President's Message June 2026

As we move through June, it is encouraging to see the breadth of activity and thought leadership across the Ireland Chapter of PMI. From international representation in Seoul to the continued development of our Student Hub, it is clear that our community remains active, relevant, and focused on the future.

One of the most important themes emerging in 2026 is the need to strengthen project management capability across all sectors in Ireland. As AI and emerging technologies continue to reshape the way we work, the fundamentals of project management matter more, not less. Strong governance, clear communication, effective stakeholder engagement, and disciplined delivery remain essential to success.

I was especially pleased to see our Chapter represented at LIM in Seoul by **Sinead Gallagher**, who brought our chapter journey to an international audience and returned with valuable insights for our members. Events such as these remind us of the importance of learning from peers globally while continuing to contribute our own perspective to the profession.

Evan O'Connell's article this month highlights an important national conversation around housing delivery and the critical role of infrastructure in unlocking progress. He makes a strong case that housing delivery is ultimately a programme management challenge, requiring the coordinated effort of multiple stakeholders, clear governance, and disciplined execution. His piece is a timely reminder that project management capability is central to turning policy ambition into real outcomes for communities across Ireland.

We also welcome the launch of the updated PMP exam this month, reflecting the evolving expectations of our profession and the growing importance of AI, sustainability, and outcome-focused delivery. This is a timely reminder that the profession must continue to adapt, while staying grounded in the core skills that define effective project leadership.

Thank you to all our volunteers, contributors, sponsors, and members for your continued support of the Chapter. I look forward to building on this momentum as we work together to advance project management in Ireland throughout 2026.

Regards,
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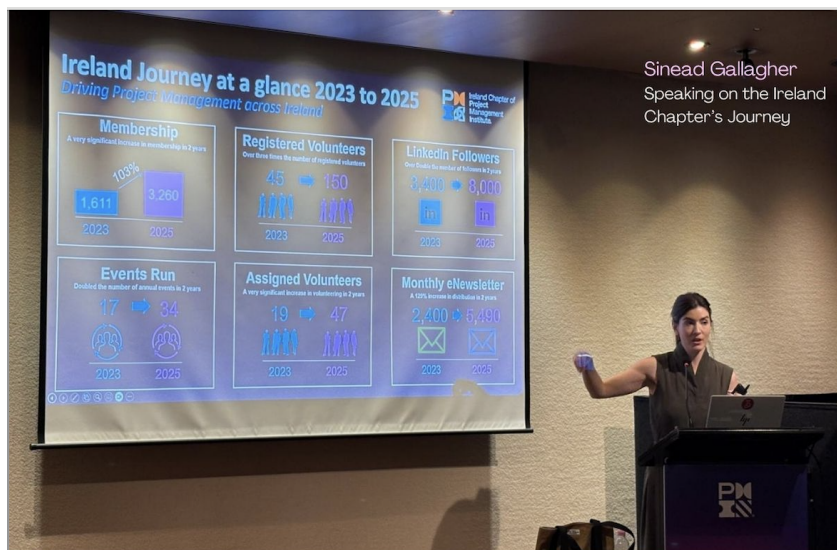


Ireland Chapter of PMI Represents at LIM in Seoul



Project Management Institute LIM 2026 in Seoul brought together chapter leaders from across the Asia Pacific region to share ideas, learn from one another, and explore the future of our profession.

Ireland Chapter of PMI was delighted to be represented by **Sinead Gallagher, Director of International Relations** at this year's event and to share our own chapter journey while bringing home new ideas and insights for our members.



A special mention goes to the keynote speaker, **Red Hong Yi**, whose keynote highlighted that creativity does not come from unlimited resources or perfect conditions. Instead, some of the most remarkable ideas emerge from constraints, setbacks, and uncertainty.

Red Hong Yi is a Malaysian artist and former architect known for creating large-scale artworks using unconventional materials such as basketballs, coffee stains, chopsticks, tea bags, and matchsticks.

What began as creative experiments shared online led to global recognition, collaborations with Jackie Chan, and artwork featured on the cover of Time Magazine.

Pierre Le Manh, PMI President & CEO, and SoHyun King, PMI Regional Managing Director APAC also presented on the future of the profession.

This session explored how project professionals must evolve in a world being transformed by AI, rapid technological change, and increasing complexity.

Key Takeaways:

- Enterprise Agility is becoming essential. Organisations can no longer rely on fixed plans in a constantly changing environment.
- AI is transforming project management by automating routine tasks, allowing project professionals to focus on leadership, strategy, stakeholder engagement, and value creation.
- Success should be measured by outcomes and value delivered, not just scope, schedule, and budget.
- Project professionals have an opportunity to become strategic leaders who help organisations navigate change and uncertainty.

From enterprise agility and AI, to community building, sustainability, and the future of project management, there was no shortage of inspiration. The Ireland Chapter of PMI is excited to continue building relationships with chapters around the globe.

Unlocking Housing Through Infrastructure Delivery

The announcement this week of the first projects to receive funding under the Government's €1 billion Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund marks an important shift in Ireland's approach to addressing the housing challenge.

For many years, discussions around housing delivery have centred on planning policy, land availability and funding. While these remain important, the creation of the Housing Activation Office and the new infrastructure fund acknowledge another reality: many housing developments are delayed not because homes cannot be built, but because the enabling infrastructure required to support them has not yet been delivered. Roads, utilities, wastewater networks, electricity connections and site access are often the critical path to housing delivery.

The Housing Infrastructure Investment Fund has been designed to address these constraints by investing directly in the infrastructure needed to unlock housing sites. The focus on projects that can move rapidly to construction reflects an increasing emphasis on delivery, rather than simply approval. This week the Government announced that 82 infrastructure projects have now been approved for investment under the first funding round. These projects are expected to accelerate housing delivery across towns and cities nationwide.

For project professionals, there is an important lesson here. Housing delivery is ultimately a programme management challenge. Success depends on the coordinated delivery of multiple interconnected projects, involving local authorities, utility providers, government agencies, developers, consultants and contractors. In many cases, the housing itself is not the most complex element. The challenge lies in aligning stakeholders, securing approvals, managing risk, coordinating interfaces and delivering critical infrastructure at the right time.

This is where project management capability creates value. As Ireland continues its ambition to deliver 300,000 homes by 2030, the focus must remain on execution. Strong governance, programme controls, stakeholder engagement and effective delivery leadership will be essential if infrastructure investment is to translate into completed homes and thriving communities.

The projects announced this month are a positive step forward. Their success will depend not only on funding, but on the ability of project teams across the country to convert investment into delivery. For the project management profession, that challenge presents a significant opportunity to demonstrate the value that effective project and programme management can bring to one of Ireland's most important national priorities.

Evan O'Connell

Director of Capital Projects, Ireland Chapter of PMI



Updated PMP Exam Launching July 9th

The PMP exam is changing to ensure project professionals are equipped to deal with changing times, and the new exam is launching this month.

What's new in the exam?

1. Content and Focus Areas

The new exam adds topics like AI, sustainability and stakeholder engagement

Shifts focus more to outcomes and value

2. Domains

People, Process, and Business Environments domains have been reweighted

3. Approach

Covers predictive and agile methods, and hybrid applications, and places more emphasis on real world scenarios

4. Eligibility

- Aligns globally across degrees, apprenticeships and training programs
- Experience: 3–5 years
- Eligibility period: extended to 10 years

If you're preparing to take the exam, make sure you understand what is changing. [For more information click here.](#)

PMI Ireland Student Hub



The Student Hub is gaining momentum, and we have exciting news to share. Earlier this month, our Academic Outreach team visited Dublin Business School to present the Student Hub to both undergraduate and MBA students. The response was phenomenal. Students were engaged, asking thoughtful questions, and left genuinely excited about what PMI membership and the Student Hub could mean for their careers. MBA students were drawn to the community, certifications and an enthusiasm to connect with the professional PM world before graduation. The feedback from both groups was overwhelmingly positive.

This is exactly what the Student Hub was built for, making PMI accessible early in students' careers and building a pipeline of future project managers connected to our chapter from the start. We are on track for 2026 launch event, so if you're a student looking to gain a foothold in the profession, keep an eye for the launch announcement!

Ireland Chapter Pulse Survey

2026 is proving to be a pivotal year for the project management profession in Ireland with such a strong focus on AI, Capital Projects and Sustainability. As part of shaping this strategy, we are keen to understand your thoughts and views on the project profession.

This survey only takes 10-15 minutes to complete and it provides the Chapter with valuable information to shape events, develop publications and drive new exciting initiatives for the benefit of members along with the wider profession.

The survey shared below will be available until Monday 15th July. The chapter would greatly appreciate it if you could spare a few minutes of your valuable time to participate in the survey.

[Please click here to access the survey.](#)

We will donate €1 to our charity partner, the Irish Emergency Alliance, for each member who completes the survey.

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