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Monthly 2026 Newsletter

President's Message March 2026

March has been a month of continued momentum for the Ireland Chapter of PMI, building on our strong start to the year and demonstrating the real impact we're creating together. From global recognition of our Social Impact work to the release of valuable professional development resources, we've been busy advancing our strategic priorities while looking ahead to our flagship event of the year.

Global Recognition for Our Social Impact Work

I'm delighted that our Social Impact and Sustainability initiatives have been recognised by PMI's Project Managers Without Borders (PMWB) programme. Our work during Climate Action Week 2025 and our broader efforts to position project management as an enabler of sustainability were highlighted in PMI's global webinar "Projects on Purpose – Elevating Our World Through Social Impact" on 25 March.

Sharing our partnership approach with An Taisce and how we've applied structured project delivery to coordinate and scale activities provided a practical example for chapters worldwide. This recognition reinforces our position as an active contributor to PMI's global social impact agenda and strengthens our commitment to delivering meaningful outcomes through project management.

A very big well done to **Carlos Mandolesi, Director of Social Impact & Sustainability**, and the team.

Professional Development

We've also released the fourth video in our "Certified for Success" series, featuring Alison Van Houten discussing her recent PMI Certified Professional in Managing AI (PMI-CPMAI) certification. Alison shares compelling insights on why this certification is an essential asset for project professionals navigating AI transformation.

PMI National Conference 2026: Your Essential Professional Investment

With only three days left for early bird pricing (through 2 April), I strongly encourage you to register for our PMI National Conference 2026 on 14th May—"Elevating Excellence: PM Fundamentals Matter More, Not Less."

This is more than an event; it's a strategic professional investment that will equip you with the insights, connections, and frameworks to thrive in increasingly complex project environments.

We're delighted to present a World-Class Keynote Speaker: Marie Gleeson, former Irish Navy Captain and Managing Director of NavMar Leadership, brings over 20 years of experience commanding the naval vessel LE AOIFE in high-pressure environments.

In a world of continuous change and non-linear career paths, this conference serves as your professional lighthouse—providing clarity, enabling adaptation, and positioning you with confidence. Register today via the events page to secure your place and early bird rate.

Building on Strong Foundations

These achievements build on the momentum from our successful PMI Global kick-off in February, our ongoing Capital Projects talent development work, and our commitment to expanding Social Impact partnerships for Climate Action Week 2026.

PMI's recent Manifesto for Enterprise Agility also resonates strongly with our direction, offering nine principles—from creating clarity of purpose to delivering value frequently—that align with how we're helping Irish organisations adapt at scale.

Looking Ahead

As we approach the second quarter, your Ireland Chapter continues to deliver value through learning, connection, and impact. I invite you to join us at the National Conference, contribute to our Social Impact initiatives, pursue professional certifications, and share your voice through our feedback channels.

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

Only 3 days left to secure early bird pricing!

Join us at the PMI National Conference 2026 on May 14th and rediscover why strong project management fundamentals are more important than ever.

In a world defined by continuous change, increasing complexity, and non-linear career paths, fundamentals act as our lighthouse - guiding decisions, enabling adaptation, and helping us move forward with clarity and confidence.

Through interactive sessions and shared experiences, we will explore the practices shaping modern project delivery, including:

- Leadership in Adverse Environments
- PM Fundamentals and the Future of the Profession
- Agile Transformation
- Capital Projects and Sustainability
- Social Innovation and Social Impact
- Power Skills for Project Professionals
- AI Adoption and Governance

We have an amazing lineup of speakers, headlined by our **keynote speaker Marie Gleeson**.

Marie is a former Irish Navy Captain and Managing Director of NavMar Leadership. With over 20 years of service, she rose from cadet to Commanding Officer of the naval vessel LE AOIFE.

Her career included leading teams in high-pressure environments and facing complex challenges at sea, shaping her expertise in decision-making, resilience, and leadership.

One of the first female officers in the Irish Navy, Marie is a powerful voice on leading in traditionally male-dominated environments. Today, she works with organisations across the public and private sectors, helping leaders and teams build high performance, resilience, and strong support systems through practical, experience-driven insights

Early bird tickets are now on sale through April 2nd. Don't miss this opportunity and register today!

[For more information on the event and to register, click here.](#)

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Price €255 (Early Bird Pricing)

Students

See the booking page for pricing



Certified for Success: PMI-CPMAI Certification

Ireland Chapter of PMI has released the fourth video in our "**Certified for Success**" Professional development video series, highlighting the value of PMI verifications for personal growth and career development.

In each episode, our Director of Professional Development, Feargal Kelly interviews a project management professional who is studying for or recently undertaken a PMI certification.

In this installment, Feargal speaks with Alison Van Houten, Senior Strategy Leader and Programme Director, who has recently completed the **PMI Certified Professional in Managing AI (PMI-CPMAI)** certification.

She shares why she chose a career in project management and why the PMI-CPMAI certification is an asset for all project professionals embracing AI.

Rapid developments in AI are changing the way we work. PMI is leading the way by supporting project professionals and organisations drive change and transformation.

With the PMI-CPMAI you'll learn how to:

- Turn bold AI visions into clear, achievable project plans
- Navigate fast-changing technologies without needing tool specific training
- Unite cross functional teams around shared ways of working
- Deliver outcomes that are ethical, measurable, and built to withstand business scrutiny

[Watch the video here!](#)

[For more information on PMI-CPMAI, click here.](#)

When Sustainability Strategy Becomes a Project Portfolio



Sustainability in project management means considering environmental, social, and economic impacts across the full project lifecycle. It reflects our responsibility to deliver outcomes that meet today's needs while supporting long-term value for communities and the environment.

Today, sustainability is a core part of business strategy. Organisations are setting ambitious targets—net zero, circular economy, and sustainable supply chains.

But there is a gap.

How are these goals actually delivered?

Sustainability strategies only create value when they move beyond vision into execution. It does not happen in strategy documents. It happens through projects.

This is where project managers play a critical role.

Positioned at the centre of delivery, they translate strategy into action by:

- Turning sustainability goals into clear, practical plans
- Coordinating programmes and projects across functions
- Managing complexity across stakeholders, budgets, and timelines

- Delivering measurable, long-term value for people, planet, and the economy

For example, in a capital project such as a new university building, sustainability targets—such as reducing carbon emissions, improving energy efficiency, and using sustainable materials—must be embedded from design through to construction and operation. This requires coordination across architects, engineers, contractors, and suppliers, while balancing cost, timelines, and regulatory requirements. Without strong project management, these targets remain aspirational rather than achieved.

To support this shift, PMI has partnered with Green Project Management (GPM), a pioneer in sustainable and regenerative project management. Together, they aim to address a global green talent gap projected to grow by over 100% by 2050, as demand for sustainability-aligned projects accelerates.

As part of this, the Green Project Manager–b (GPM-b™) Certification and Course Bundle equips project professionals with practical tools and frameworks to integrate sustainability into project delivery. The certification is globally recognised and positions professionals to lead in an environment where sustainability competencies are increasingly linked to higher hiring demand and stronger project outcomes.

As organisations increase their level of ambition, project professionals have both an opportunity and a responsibility to ensure these commitments are delivered.

If sustainability is the ambition, project management is what makes it real.

You can find more information about Green Project Manager–b (GPM-b™) Certification here <https://www.pmi.org/learning/sustainability>

PMI's Manifesto for Enterprise Agility

At the beginning of March, the Project Management Institute published the **"Manifesto for Enterprise Agility"**.

This milestone publication shows leaders how to embrace agility and change in today's constantly shifting business landscape by establishing a shared set of values and principles that make change-readiness an advantage.

9 Principles of Enterprise Agility

Leadership Behaviour

- Create clarity of purpose and align on enterprise outcomes
- Expand agility across partners and ecosystems
- Embrace technology and distributed talent

Organisation Design

- Govern with clear guardrails, not gatekeepers
- Fund purpose and intent, not execution activity
- Design for adaptability, not just efficiency

Execution

- Move authority and decision making to where value is created
- Deliver value frequently and make work visible
- Sense early, learn quickly, act with confidence

Key quotes from interviews with top global executives are presented in the manifesto, showcasing how the values and principles described are being applied in real life transformation projects across industries.

As Ireland continues to evolve as a global hub for innovation and enterprise, the ability to adapt at scale will define long-term success. PMI's manifesto provides a clear call to action for our community to lead that transformation with confidence.

Read the full manifesto here: <https://www.pmi.org/learning/agile/manifesto-for-enterprise-agility>

Ireland Chapter of PMI's Social Impact Work Recognised and Featured in PMI Global Webinar

The Ireland Chapter of PMI's Social Impact and Sustainability initiatives were recently recognised by PMI's Project Managers Without Borders (PMWB) programme, highlighting the Chapter's contribution to delivering tangible community and environmental impact.

This recognition reflected the Chapter's work during Climate Action Week and its broader efforts to position project management as a practical enabler of sustainability. Through collaboration with partners such as An Taisce, and by mobilising volunteers across multiple initiatives, the Ireland Chapter of PMI demonstrated how structured project delivery can translate sustainability ambition into measurable outcomes.

Following this recognition, the Ireland Chapter of PMI participated in the global webinar “**Projects on Purpose – Elevating Our World Through Social Impact**” delivered by PMI on 25 March 2026.

The session focused on helping PMI chapters better communicate their social impact work, equipping leaders with practical tools, templates, and a structured storytelling framework to share their “Projects on Purpose” initiatives more effectively. It also explored how chapters can increase visibility and engagement through consistent messaging, use of global PMI channels, and stronger alignment with nonprofit partners.

As part of the webinar, the Ireland Chapter of PMI shared its experience in developing and delivering social impact initiatives, including its partnership approach and the application of project management practices to coordinate and scale activities. The Chapter's contribution provided a practical example of how local initiatives can be structured, delivered, and communicated to achieve broader impact.

This recognition and participation reinforced the Ireland Chapter of PMI's position as an active contributor to PMI's global social impact agenda. It also

strengthened the Chapter's commitment to expanding its initiatives and continuing to deliver meaningful outcomes through project management.

Know more about Project Managers Without Borders (PMWB) here:

<https://www.pmi.org/volunteer/project-managers-without-borders>

Upcoming Events

PMI Ireland Chapter of Project Management Institute. | **emagine**

A PMO Career: Could It Be For You?

Online Webinar
9th April 2026 | 1pm-2pm

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Thinking about a career in the Project Management Office (PMO)?

Join our upcoming webinar! This webinar cuts through the confusion- exploring what a PMO actually does, the roles available, and what a real career in PMO looks like day to day.

Drawing on the first dedicated State of the PMO in Ireland 2025 study, we will also look at how the PMO profession is evolving- from delivery focused functions to value-driven organisations.

Whether you're just starting out or considering a change, join us to find out if a PMO career is the right move for you.

Register here: <https://pmi-ireland.org/calendar?eventId=46191>

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