



Wednesday, November 6, 2024

A Collaboration of PMI chapters pooling their resources to create a special event.



Welcome

InspirePM: A Journey into Project Management Excellence

This is an interesting question. What does excellent project management look like?

One might immediately pointed to time, budget and scope. Others might look at the project culture and ask whether it was healthy and strong? Or we might look at the customers and ask if they are happy. Maybe it all depends on them?

There are so many ways we could look at this concept of project management excellence. So, let's spend the day together and explore tools, processes, ideas and each other's opinion on the subject. We'll try to get as many opinions and ideas together in one spot and if we can't consume it all at once we'll record it so we can catch up afterwards.

Sounds like a plan.

Welcome to **InspirePM: A Journey into Project Management Excellence**. This is an opportunity for all of us to learn from some smart project management professionals and from each other.

Our event features:

- 9 world-class speakers
 - keynote speaker
 - Executive panel
 - Peer-to-peer discussion groups
- and prizes all day

We look forward to:

- Innovative Leadership: Featuring speakers who have led groundbreaking projects and can share insights on leading teams to success.
- Collaborative Networks: Focusing on the importance of building professional networks and how they can be leveraged for project success.
- Skill Advancement: Offering sessions that provide PDUs, ensuring that attendees are gaining valuable knowledge that contributes to their professional development.

This conference delivers as many as 17 PDUs. If you stay with us for the day, you can collect six PDUs. BUT, as a registered delegate you will get access to the recordings of the rest of the 11 PDUs – available for three months following the event.

We hope you will consider joining us. And please pass our information along to colleagues who are interested in how the future will deliver project management excellence.

NOTE: Registration for this event should be made through your participating chapter. A registration link can be found on your chapter site.

An event web site for all others, including registration link, is under construction.

What you need to know...

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

9am – 5pm EST

Virtual Delivery

17 PDUs Available

\$100.00 per person – PMI Members

\$120.00 per person - Non-PMI Members

Event Overview

Keynote Presentation - 9-10am

Track Sessions, one hour each: 10:20am, 1:30pm, 3:50pm

- three rooms available per time slot divided by Talent Triangle topics.

Executive Panel – 11:30am – one hour discussion with senior executives on the state of our Project Management practice

Group Discussions – 2:40pm – two peer-to-peer discussion groups @ 25 minutes each. Each delegate selects two sessions over the one-hour slot – from a list of 10+ titles.

Prizes – draws held throughout the day

Event Recordings - available ONLY to registered delegates after the event and for a limited time period.



Conference-at-a-Glance

all times stated in Eastern Daylight Time

9am	Open		
9:10 - 10:10	Keynote Session Elevate Your Team: Engage Your Team to Reach Their Full Potential Nan Gesche		
10:10 - 10:15	break		
10:15 - 10:20	prizes		
	Ways of Working	Power Skills	Business Acumen
10:20 - 11:20	The Rock Crusher: A flow based model for backlog management Ryland Leyton	Positive Leadership In Project Management – The Continuing Need to Upskill Organizational Leadership Frank Saladis	How to Lead Through Listening: Our Silent Strength Lisa DiTullio
11:20 - 11:25	break		
11:25 - 11:30	Prizes		
11:30 - 12:30	Executive Panel		
12:30 - 1:25	Lunch		
1:25 - 1:30	prizes		
	Ways of Working	Power Skills	Business Acumen
1:30 - 2:30	The Rise of AI: Thriving as a Project Manager by Leveraging the AI Mashhood Ahmed	Hard PM Conversations – How to Strategically Manage Conflicts Paul Pelletier	Creating a Successful Project Environment Jason Orloske
2:30 - 2:35	break		
2:35 - 2:40	prizes		
2:40 - 3:40	Discussion Groups		
3:40 - 3:45	break		
3:45 - 3:50	prizes		
	Ways of Working	Power Skills	Business Acumen
3:50 - 4:50	Agile Scaling Methods: Beyond SAFe Mike Hannan	Trust is the Foundation of Your Team Jeff Manhardt	Mastering the Art of Strategic Thinking: Your Roadmap to Success David Barrett

Keynote Presentation

9:10 – 10:10am

Nan Gesche

Managing Difficult Conversations



Have you ever hesitated when faced with a disagreement or the need to confront someone about an uncomfortable situation? Whether it's at home or work, most of us want to avoid difficult conversations for fear of how people will react. Since ignoring disagreements doesn't make them go away, being able to deal with difficult conversations effectively is an essential skill in maintaining good relationships and succeeding in life. We want to help remove the fear factor from difficult conversations by sharing tools to help turn that tough talk into a constructive dialogue to keep your relationships intact and your career on track.

Executive Panel Discussion

11:30 – 12:30

This session will give us all an opportunity to listen to, and ask questions of, 3 to 4 senior executives from organizations maybe like their own.

We are all encouraged to participate during this 'conversation' with questions that we have always wanted to ask our senior management but hesitant to do so.

Panel Members TBA

Discussion Groups

2:40 – 3:40

Here is an opportunity to be heard and to hear from your peers.

There are two parts to this session: you choose one topic below for the first half. Then we all get together to talk about one topic: AI Tools for PMs.

For the first session, you can choose any topic you wish. Each room will have one designated moderator. You will be given 25-minutes to discuss the topic.

- How To Manage Projects When They Don't Value Project Managers
- What Are the Essential Elements of Project Leadership?
- Where Do PMs Fit into Scaled Agile Framework?
- What Are the Key Steps to Successful Agile Implementation?
- How Do You Manage Difficult Stakeholders?
- What Is the Secret to a Strong Project Sponsor Relationship?
- What Is Next - After Project Management?
- What Is the Secret to Great Communications with A Project Team?
- How Does a Project Manager Lead Up to Senior Management?

Track Sessions

10:20 - 11:20

Ryland Leyton

The Rock Crusher: A flow based model for backlog management



Agile grew up, and now so does our model of the backlog! Agile software development introduced the backlog as a beautiful, powerful, and simple tool for managing variability and uncertainty in modern organizations. Unfortunately, the backlog can easily become a stale and mis-used technique, becoming an impediment to a flow of successful delivery.

In this session Ryland Leyton, one of the authors of the book: ""The Rock Crusher: A Flow Based Model for Backlog Management"", will discuss key points of how to ensure your backlog is working correctly, make all of the work of development transparent, accountable, visible, from idea all the way through delivery, and help pull the team together around a common vision and goals.

Frank Saladis

Positive Leadership in Project Management – The Continuing Need to Upskill Organizational Leadership



Change, as everyone knows, is a constant challenge for any organization. It challenges leaders to regularly review the organization's vision and mission and to find new ways to nurture employee growth and to develop new leaders.

Moving forward in the journey to the future, leaders can expect some significant turbulence, shifting markets, new technologies, increased competition, shortages of certain skills, and possibly shortages of employees at many levels of the organization.

Today's leaders have two major responsibilities: Setting the direction through vision and mission, and then leading the organization to success. This session will address the need for all of us to think about upskilling our leadership skills.

Lisa DiTullio

How to Lead Through Listening: Our Silent Strength



Our personal brand as leaders is built upon how others perceive us as listeners. Yet, great listeners are rare. This session introduces simple practices on how to transition from active listening to disciplined listening by getting out of your own way, accept what your counterparts share, and capture opportunities that others fail to see.

1:30 - 2:30

Mashhood Ahmed

The Rise of AI: Thriving as a Project Manager by Leveraging the AI



In 2023 we have seen flood gate of AI applications and use cases with the release of ChatGPT and most recently with Google Gemini. AI is here to stay, we are at the cross-section of technological era whereby embracing AI we will not only survive but we will thrive. This would require different skillsets and more importantly totally different mindset to augment human capabilities by leveraging AI. This will empower us to expand our superhuman capabilities.

In this engaging and informative session, we will delve into the fundamental shift brought about by the floodgates of AI applications. The focus will be on not just adapting to this change but proactively leveraging AI to enhance project management practices. By drawing parallels with the latest AI advancements, particularly the advent of ChatGPT and Google Gemini, we will uncover practical strategies for project managers to stay ahead of the curve.

Paul Pelletier

Building Psychological Safety on Your Team



In the dynamic landscape of modern workplaces, fostering psychological safety within project teams has become a critical component for driving innovation, collaboration, and overall employee well-being. This presentation will delve into the principles and practices essential for creating an environment where team members feel safe to express their ideas, take risks, and voice concerns without fear of retribution.

Attendees will gain insights into the significance of psychological safety, explore strategies for nurturing it within their teams, and learn how to overcome common barriers that hinder its development.

Jason Orloske

Creating a Successful Project Environment



Ever been on a project that just ""felt"" right? Where you understood why it was being done, everyone was engaged and knew their role, and there was no or little administrative burden because of the processes? Then you were working on an initiative that had a Successful Project Environment in place! In this presentation, we'll focus on four key pillars:

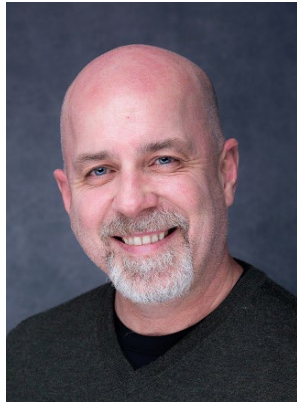
- Begin With the End In Mind
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Building Dynamic Teams
- Good Processes.

You'll hear successful, and not so successful, stories and examples from Jason's 20+ years of project management experience. Join us for Creating a Successful Project Environment!

3:50 – 4:50

Michael Hannan

Agile Scaling Methods: Beyond SAFe



About a decade after the Agile Manifesto was signed, methods to scale Scrum and other single-team Agile approaches began to emerge.

While the best-known is the Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe), there are others, and many organizations have become increasingly curious to explore their options--especially if they find SAFe too complex, too reliant on consultants to help them learn and apply it, or perhaps not a perfect fit for other reasons.

This session will provide an overview of the four most widely used Agile Scaling Methods (SoS, SAFe, DAD, and LeSS), along with two lesser known ones that have proved to be high-impact (XSCALE and

ACCLAIM). The session will also lend some ""problem-first"" insight before defaulting to any solution or method.

Jeff Manhardt

Trust is the Foundation of Your Team



In a world where collaboration is paramount, trust emerges as the cornerstone of exceptional teamwork. Imagine a dynamic where every member feels safe to share ideas, challenge norms, and support each other's growth. Join us for an enthralling presentation that delves into the art of building trust within a team. Discover practical strategies, inspiring stories, and interactive exercises that will leave you yearning for more. Embrace the power of trust and unlock the true potential of your team.

David Barrett

Mastering the Art of Strategic Thinking: Your Roadmap to Success



Have you ever wondered what sets the truly successful individuals apart from the rest? What is it that propels some people to reach their dreams, while others seem to wander aimlessly through life? The answer lies in the power of strategic thinking, a skill that can transform your life, both personally and professionally.

In this session, we will take you on a journey that will empower you to think strategically and logically about your future. We will inspire you to create a roadmap that guides your actions and choices, leading you toward your dreams and aspirations. By the end of this session, you'll have the tools and mindset to put yourself firmly in the driver's seat of your life's journey.