

Agile Project Management (1 or 2 days)

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Simon began his career as a research scientist in South Africa after graduating in the UK in 1974. Simon brings with him an infectious love of people and life and over 32 years experience in project management.

Over the course of the last 11 years, he has been responsible for delivering more formalised IT projects of a varying size and budget. He is known as a Risk Management SME and this flavours his approach to project management.

Simon's early professional project management training and experience was as a Prince2 practitioner working in the Public Sector. He is a PMI accredited PMP and holds an ISEB Certificate in IS Project Management. He is also a full member of the PMI, APM, British Computer Society, the Chartered Management Institute and regularly lectures at Reading University.

Programme Outline

This course is designed for project managers, PMO members and project team leaders who need to broaden their understanding of agile project management and build some great agile disciplines for their team. This approach is specifically applicable where there is the need for constant requirement change in a “star trek” discovery mode!

The workshop provides participants with a proven AGILE framework, techniques, processes and tools to deliver challenging technical IT projects on time, to budget and within specification. During the workshop, various best practices are introduced without overwhelming participants with formal methodology.

The aim is to convey an instinctive feel for the art of agile project management within a workable framework, so that technical projects can be delivered against tight budgetary and time constraints to exacting quality requirements.

Programme Topics

- Define an agile environment and the differences to classic PM
- Develop a checklist of the most critical issues to resolve before authorising a project
- Getting customer/user involvement
- Know yourself and recognize other relational styles
- Develop a high performance team
- Understand the phases of the agile project's lifecycle
- Iterative cycles: a step-by-step team process
- Understand the agile approach to User Stories and to planning and estimation
- Using agile tools and techniques to plan, resource and track a project
- Identify, analyse, plan, manage and monitor risk
- Dealing with difficult customers
- Expand the scope safely
- Ensure the customer is satisfied, getting approval and sign-off