

The Lazy Project Manager

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The Project from Hell workshop (0.5 or 1 day)

Analyse Project Failure, Achieve Project Success.

Why learn about Project Success and Failure Factors in a dry, traditional manner when instead, you could participate in rescuing the Project from Hell in this exciting interactive and fun workshop?

Compete with your colleagues in bringing this project back from the brink of complete failure and in to the realms of success – from hell to heaven.

Delegates are divided into a number of teams whose role it is to analyse a failed project case study and then present back, what went wrong, why it went wrong, and their recommendations for improvements to ensure future success.

- Name your team
- Research the case study
- Build a rescue plan
- Present your solution

Delegates will derive real value from the Project from Hell workshops content and materials, as they very much reflect everyday real life scenarios; what can go wrong, mistakes that can be made, loss of control that can be experienced etc. Delegates have to identify these and work out ways in which such events can be more successfully managed in the future. With all events encountered being based on actual events across many projects, the Project from Hell has relevance across any business sector and is very appropriate for mixed project skills within teams. To quote one delegate: *'I'm sure this project from hell is based on Project XXX that we canned last year'*.

Increasingly, senior managers are looking to drive transformation and strategic alignment via project programmes and portfolios and the Project from Hell workshop will advance their understanding of the risks and processes involved. Experienced project professionals will be able to benchmark their performance against the Project from Hell project team in the case study – *have you lapsed into bad ways?* - and line of business personnel will discover the importance of project management good practice irrespective of whether or not their project involvement may just be

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part time – *what do I need to understand and learn about project management?*

As well as running the Project from Hell as an independent event, it has been extremely beneficial to clients when it forms part of a wider best practice project management learning programme, part of an in company off-site conference, or indeed for team building.

Highly experienced 'learning by doing' facilitation and the workshop learning materials ensure that participants 'take away' a better understanding of project success/fail factors and improvements relevant to their own environment. With the workshop being conducted in teams, participants will experience firsthand the process of team building and team performance and in consequence the relevance of 'soft' or interpersonal skills.

Agenda

After an Introduction/team icebreaker, the Project from Hell workshop consists of the following phases:

- Team forming and naming
- Team analysis of supplied project information (project background, progress and events)
- Teams prepare their 'Saving the Project from Hell' presentation based on a prepared template
- Break
- Team Presentations
- Reflections, Prizes and Close

When run as a full day workshop, there is a further phase (afternoon) where the key and most participant relevant Project from Hell success/fail factors are examined in more depth.

The aim is a challenging but enjoyable environment with lessons learnt staying in the mind because of the practical and experiential nature of the learning environment. Prizes can provide a competitive edge.

The amount of time available is tightly controlled to generate the stresses and strains of real world projects and team working. Soon, this is no longer a case

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study but a living breathing project that must be saved, by a deadline that is rapidly approaching and cannot be missed.

Welcome to your real project world!

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Peter is a dynamic and commercially astute professional who has achieved notable success in Project Management.

His background is in project management across three major business areas over the last 26 years, MRP/ERP systems with various software houses and culminating in his current role with Infor, Business Intelligence (BI) with Cognos, and product lifecycle management (PLM) with Siemens. He has spent the last 7 years leading PMOs and developing project managers and is now focusing on project based services development with Infor.

He is also an accomplished communicator and leader and is a professional speaker as well as the author of '**The Lazy Project Manager**' (Infinite Ideas) and '**Leading Successful PMOs**' (Gower) and '**The Lazy Winner**' (Gower).

More information can be found at www.thelazyprojectmanager.com – and through his free podcasts in iTunes.

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