Projects Kept Simple

Why Simple Project Management?

Let's be honest; there are many so-called projects in this world that are running with no clear agreed charter, no flexible plans, no risk management strategy and no accurate progress reports. These 'projects' may be successful, but only because of the huge personal efforts of the people involved. At the end of such projects the team say 'there must be a better way of doing this'…

Well, to be fair, the project management world has a gap in its tool-set. We are well supplied (possibly over-supplied) with methodologies, training and tools designed for the medium to large-scale project, but many project managers are running small to medium sized fast-moving projects and do not want to use the apparently bureaucratic approaches of PRINCE2 and PMBoK.

Mike Watson started the 'simple project management' movement in 1998 with his best-selling book 'Managing Smaller Projects', and now, to support the launch of his latest book 'Projects Kept Simple' Obsideo is pleased to offer this 2-day course aimed at stripping away the mystique and obfuscation of big-time project management, and introducing a simple but secure way of managing a wide range of projects.

Course Description

This 2-day project management course takes a generic approach to managing projects. It is based upon the pragmatic approach described in Mike Watson's book 'Projects Kept Simple', and puts the theory of project management into a practical framework.
The course is very practical, in order to develop effective project management habits and instincts.

Course Objectives

On completion of this course delegates will be able to improve their success rate in managing projects in a wide variety of environments and application areas.
Every delegate will receive a copy of the book 'Projects Kept Simple'.

Who should attend?

People who are taking responsibility for the successful outcome of a piece of work, whether or not it is formally labeled as a project.
This course is also useful for people who have attained the PRINCE2 Practitioner Certificate, but who need a practical grounding in the principles and processes of project management.
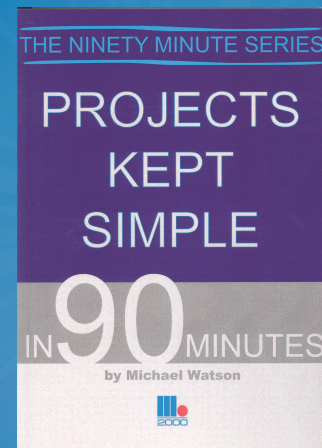
Further Progression

This course forms the entry into a wide range of project management development events, with a curriculum of core skills and specialist events available as follow-up to this course.
Some delegates may wish to progress to professional project management qualifications, and Obsideo offers a full range of courses in this direction.

DURATION   2 DAYS

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Course Content

Course Introduction
Administration, Objectives, Overview of various standard methodologies

Introduction to Project Management
Overview of the classic processes in project management

Project Life Cycles
Basic principles of project management, and the typical stages in a project

Initiating Projects
Understanding the business reasons for projects, and how they are initiated in an orderly manner

Planning Projects
Identifying and defining the way in which the objectives of the project will be achieved; managing scope, budget, resources and quality

Risk Management
Improving the chances of the project happening the way the project manager wants it to happen

Stakeholder Management
Making sure that all the key players in the project are fully mobilised in favour of the project

Executing projects
Making sure that the work starts and runs according to plan; dealing with issues and changes as they occur

Controlling Projects
Measuring progress, taking corrective actions, and reporting to senior management

Closing Projects
Contract and administration closedown, dealing with outstanding issues, and closing down the project team

Case Study
This course is very practical, with about 45% of the time spent working on a case study project; every aspect is reviewed, discussed and related back to the delegates own working environments