

Update from House of PMO ¹



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Conference Season in the UK

There have been three project management and PMO conference announcements in the last month, reminding us all that it is time to get out and about post-COVID, meeting up with others whilst taking time out to listen, think and learn about our professions.

The Association for Project Management (APM) are in Birmingham in June 2023 with a conference focused on “Change Changes”, a title which reflects the uncertainty and disruption in the world today.

The Engineering Construction Industry Training Board (ECITB) are in Aberdeen in May 2023 with a conference focused on, “Shaping our Energy Future – Project Managing the Change”

The House of PMO have their own conference too, simply title, “The PMO Conference” which is held in London, in June 2023. Its focus is purely on those working in PMOs today.

Links:

<https://www.apm.org.uk/apm-conference/>

<https://www.ecitb.org.uk/pm-conference/>

<https://houseofpmo.com/pmo-conference/>

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Hybrid Events the Way Forward?

There has been a reluctance by many project professionals to start attending networking events in person following the pandemic and the subsequent increase in working from home (hence not being in cities or towns where events are taking place)

At the end of February, Eileen Roden (partner at House of PMO) and I were asked to speak at a British Computer Society (BCS) event entitled, “Getting into Project Management” in their London HQ in Moorgate.

Talks like this have always been popular as many people see working in project management as an attractive career option. In the audience were a mix of students; those currently working in a technical/IT role and those looking to change their careers completely.

This session saw over 160 in attendance; however, this was only possible because of the hybrid element – 120 attendees were watching from the comfort of their own homes in places such as Canada and Africa.

From a presenter’s point of view, it is an interesting challenge – trying to engage both people in the room and online. Being able to take questions from both sources; share polls and interactivity becomes a juggling act.

There is one aspect that the virtual attendance can’t beat that of the in-person event and that’s the post-talk conversations over a glass of wine. That’s where the bonus value comes – being able to ask your specific questions to the speaker/s and of course, meet some new contacts who no doubt will prove invaluable as people forge their way in a new project management career.

That session will become available via BCS YouTube channel -
<https://www.youtube.com/@BCS1957>



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Lindsay Scott is the co-founder of House of PMO, the professional membership organisation for people working in PMOs today. She's the curator of the PMO Conference, the largest gathering of PMO professionals since 2015. Lindsay is also the co-founder of PMO Learning, a training organisation specialised in delivering certifications and courses for PMO practitioners. Lindsay is also the PMI's career columnist since 2016, offering career-related advice to project professionals. She has a previous career in project management recruitment & employment and previously worked as a PMO Manager earlier in her career.

Today Lindsay enjoys bringing PMO people together, building a community over the last couple of decades – to help people develop themselves, help the development of others and to help drive the profession of PMO forward. You can connect with Lindsay via LinkedIn or get in touch at www.houseofpmo.com

The House of PMO is a professional membership organisation for those working in PMOs today. Initially set up in 2013 and called PMO Flashmob, it transitioned to the House of PMO in 2021. The House of PMO was established to bring PMO people together, creating a home for PMO professionals where they can develop themselves, support the development of others and contribute to the development of the PMO profession. How is this achieved? By developing standards – such as the PMO Competency Framework; providing professional development (the Essentials qualifications); arranging events and networking opportunities (such as weekly events and an annual PMO Conference); providing a platform to learn from each other (the annual PMO Managers Lunch); publishing works, supporting research, tracking trends and providing essential knowledge for PMO practitioners working today. To learn more, visit www.houseofpmo.com