



Dear Colleague,

Welcome to **October's PM Insights**. This month we explore in detail how the adoption of Best Practice is crucial to success in Project Management. We appreciate that **'Agile' Project Management** is still a burning issue and we share the replay of our latest webinar assessing the relative merits of **Agile PM®** and **Prince2 Agile®**. On a lighter note, we analyse the latest episode of the UK version of The Apprentice from a Project Management perspective. And, we conclude with a focus on the biggest construction project in Europe: Crossrail – a project that has already taken 90 million working hours and is still 4 years from completion.

"Trying to manage a project without project management is like trying to play a football game without a game plan."
– K. Tate

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APPLYING BEST PRACTICE FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT SUCCESS



Embracing **Best Practice** to succeed in project and programme management is the aim of many individuals and organisations. Of course, this starts by adopting and adapting the standards set out by international project management industry bodies.

But any organisation, in any sector, any level of development can also take advantage of Best Practice resources.

This **whitepaper** looks at where organisations can start the process of **embedding Best Practices** and how to address some of the common barriers to adoption, with some practical tips and points to consider.

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AGILE PM & PRINCE2 AGILE – WHICH WOULD YOU RECOMMEND AND WHY?

If you missed our webinar last week with our expert Joe French, on the two approaches to making a project focused environment more 'Agile', take a look at our recording and see which one may be more appropriate for you and your organisation.

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THE APPRENTICE - A PROJECT MANAGEMENT VIEW



Each week, Benjamin Green an experienced Business Development Manager at **ILX Group** post his thoughts on LinkedIn looking at The Apprentice through the prism of project management.

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PM, THE STORY OF THE MONTH?

Crossrail is the biggest underground construction project in Europe: 42 kilometres of new railway tunnels and 14 kilometres of interchange and station tunnels will create a new East-West rail link for London and the South-East of England.

For the past three years, giant machines have been burrowing 24/7 beneath London's streets and tunnelling has now been completed.



The Crossrail project has emphasised **best practice in project management** from the planning stage and is underpinned by economic, social and environmental sustainability. Clear objectives were set to ensure good value for money, improved transport efficiency, improved service reliability and to provide wider economic benefits across the UK.

Want to understand more on how Crossrail applies Best Practice, read the **BEST PRACTICE GUIDE CONSTRUCTION RAILWAYS OPERATIONS**, this guide is aimed to optimise safe operation whilst at the same time maintaining efficiency and productivity.

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Kind regards,

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