



PMI Professional Development Day (PDD)

“PMI 2023 - Future Trends in Project Management” Are you ready for the future?

November 08 - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

PMI-Pittsburgh is excited to bring you our Fall 2023 Professional Development Day (PDD): “**PMI 2023 - Future Trends in Project Management**”

Don't miss this opportunity to join our speakers and discuss how they navigate uncertainty in the workplace and discover their approach to uncertain times.

We offer this year's PDD at the **low cost of \$49 for member, students, and guests.**

This is a great way to earn 4 PDUs!

So get your cup of coffee, sit back, relax and get ready for PMI-Pittsburgh's fully virtual, low cost PDD. We hope you will join us in learning together. The speakers are dynamic, insightful and will provide their perspectives into issues and challenges that you and others may be experiencing. You will hear different viewpoints, earn PDUs, and have the opportunity to hear from and interact with our speakers. In addition, this event will include interactive chat sessions and opportunity for Q&A.

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Keynote: Change Intelligent® Project Leadership in Our Hybrid World



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Presentation Outline:

- Are you frustrated in your attempts to build relationships and get results in our “new” hybrid world?
- Are you struggling to find ways to connect with colleagues virtually?
- Or perhaps you are in the midst of shifting return-to-the-workplace policies?

You are not alone – and this presentation can help! Join us to explore actionable strategies that you as a PM can immediately apply today. We’ll dive into a Change Intelligent approach to engage the Hearts, enlighten Heads, and equip Hands, a humanistic method to lead in our world of constant change and global crises on many levels.

Participants will discover tactics to engage Hearts, creating connection and fostering collaboration. We will investigate ways to enlighten Heads, inspiring people toward project mission and helping them see the line-of-sight between the end goal and their everyday contributions.

We will investigate options to equip Hands, removing barriers that stand in the way of people optimally playing their part in projects. Taken together, joining Hearts and Heads and Hands, participants will emerge with a simple but powerful approach to promote psychological safety, which is the number one factor in high performance teams, and become more skilled and savvy in influencing up, down, and across their organizations, all of which are essential to effectiveness in the PM role and project success.

Presenter Bio:

Kevin Pitts is the Interim Director of Organization Development and Inclusion. He is also a seasoned leader, consultant, facilitator, and coach. Mr. Pitts was a managing director in executive education for Duke University Corporate Education and the Ross School of Business at the University of Michigan. He was an adjunct professor at Drexel University and a moderator for Harvard Business Publishing, leading workshops and coaching executives worldwide. His executive coaching and leadership development experiences have allowed him to see world-class organizations' best and worst practices. Kevin's mission is "to help people and organizations achieve business results by facilitating sessions and coaching executives from where they are today to where they want to be in the future."

Presentation 2 -Track1: Taking Our Project Management Careers to the Next Level



David Barrett

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Presentation Outline:

The project management field is pretty crowded. It's no longer enough to be just really good at what you do, you have to be more than that. It's no longer build it on time, on scope and budget. You have to add value over and above the normal requirements and expectations of project managers.

- How do we add value?
- How do we get recognized and stand out in in this very crowded field?

Our speaker will get us thinking about what we can do to innovate our careers and get to the next level.

Key Learning points

- What is our industry looking for in a project manager these days?
- How can we stand up and be recognized in a crowded field?
- What do I need to do to ensure career success as a project manager?

Presenter Bio:

David Barrett is a professional speaker, regular blogger, podcast host, author of eight books and project management education advisor to numerous universities in Canada.

David's career success includes creating and directing a project management conference business called Project World / Project Summit. This multi-faceted business provides training, software development, a speakers, a project management portal called ProjectTimes.com, and a project management event series called ProjectTalks.

Most recently, he launched a virtual, project management education platform called ProjectBites.com

Presentation 2 -Track2: Emotional Intelligence: Harnessing the Power of EQ on Projects



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Presentation Outline:

Emotional intelligence (EI) or emotional quotient (EQ) is the capability of individuals to recognize their own, and other people's emotions, to discern between different feelings and label them appropriately, to use emotional information to guide thinking and behavior, and to manage and/or adjust emotions to adapt environments or achieve one's goal(s). There currently are several models of EI. Goleman's original model, as derived by Revuen Bar-On's first usage of the term, may now be considered a mixed model that combines what have subsequently been modeled separately as ability EI and trait EI. Goleman defined EI as the array of skills and characteristics that drive leadership performance.

This talk will utilize Caruso's model as it is the best model to think about how EI drives leadership. Caruso approaches emotional intelligence as a capability. The ability to use emotions to achieve ones ends. For emotions contain data and the approach is data-driven, hands-on, and practical.

What do managers and professionals need to succeed? They need to be very smart and they need superb technical skills. But beyond analytical intelligence and technical skills, professionals need other skills to better lead people, communicate effectively, adapt to different cultures, read people, and handle stressful situations. It is an effective professional who can accurately perceive how you and others feel, use these feelings to assist with the task at hand, understand how these feelings arose and how they will change, and then manage these feelings effectively to achieve a positive outcome.

These four steps/abilities are discussed in this session. In essence, how to develop and use the four key emotional skills of leadership to achieve objectives.

The model we use (Perceive, Use, Understand, Manage) – is simple and serves as a template or what we call an Emotional Intelligence Blueprint for learning. Workshop participants acquire insight into themselves, develop new skills, but most importantly, they acquire a process that they can use to help them address key issues and problems in their work life.

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Presentation 3 -Track1: Reinventing the PMO



La Juana Chambers Lawson

PMI: PMP, LSSGB, MRP

Internationally Awarded PMO Consultant, Luxury Realtor, Best-Selling Author, University Lecturer, Investor and Business Mentor

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Presentation Outline:

- Do PMOs have inherent value no matter the organization type, size, or function?
- Are PMOs the secret to leading industry success?
- Are PMOs the vanguard for balancing competing demands and driving sustainability for organizations in an AI-accelerated force field of change?

In today's business environment, PMOs led by diverse founders and award-winning teams carry a type of value that is too little discussed or estimated. According to the Association of Project Management, 50 percent or more of PMOs have failed during the first three years of their existence. Perhaps even more disturbing, only 33 percent of PMOs reach their potential of delivering value to the organization. Join La Juana "The PMO CEO" Chambers Lawson in a discussion about Reinventing the PMO with the Pittsburgh Chapter of the Project Management Institute for this year's 2023 Professional Development Day (PDD).

Presenter Bio:

La Juana "The PMO CEO" Chambers Lawson is the Founder and CEO at Tacit Growth Strategies, a one-of-a-kind leading project management office (PMO) and management consulting firm. Tacit Growth Strategies specializes in charitable fundraising, nonprofit management and government contracting. Under Chambers Lawson's leadership, the firm was featured in O, The Oprah Magazine, Entrepreneur, Forbes, San Antonio Express News, the San Antonio Business Journal, and more.

Presentation 3 -Track2: My robot project manager



John Byrne

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Presentation Outline:

Robotics and AI are the future of management and project management. The audience will gain knowledge in the use of robotics and AI in project management today and where this science is taking project management in the future.

Presenter Bio:

Dr. Byrne is a consultant to industry on Management and Project Management and has been a practitioner of project management for over 20 years. He has written books on various project management related topics, such as risk management.

John delivers seminars and webinars on project management to Fortune 500 companies as well as to the Project Management Institute Communities of Practice. These seminars and webinar topics include various topics in project management as well as the future direction of project management. John has done presentations for Fortune 500 Companies on various management related topics and has written books and articles on management, leadership and project management.



Johnny Quinn

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Presentation Outline:

1. To understand the importance of resilience, determination, and a growth mindset in facing and conquering challenges.
2. To learn practical tools and techniques for developing these qualities and applying them in real-world situations.
3. To gain inspiration and expert insights for overcoming personal and professional barriers and achieving one's full potential.

Presenter Bio:

Olympic bobsledder Johnny Quinn is a highly sought-after speaker for businesses and organizations of all sizes. Known for thought-provoking and action-packed content, Johnny is a trusted voice on resilience and change management. Johnny has been featured on: ABC, BBC, CNN, ESPN, FOX, NBC, TIME, USA Today and the Wall Street Journal.

Johnny's newest book, "PUSH: Breaking Through The Barriers" ushers readers through the valleys of life to the thrills of rocketing down icy mountains at 80+ mph with no seat belts.

Johnny, his wife Amanda (m. 2014) and their two children, Amelia (2018) and Oliver (2021), reside in McKinney, Texas. Be sure to connect with Johnny on social media: [@JohnnyQuinnUSA](#)

Presentation 4 -Track2: Coffee Talk



Julianne Wolfe, PMP

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Presentation Outline:

Join us as we embark on a Lean Coffee talk. What is Lean Coffee? It is a structured, but agenda-less meeting. Participants gather, build an agenda, and begin talking. Conversations are directed and productive because the agenda for the meeting was democratically generated. What should I expect? We'll spend a few minutes brainstorming topics, take a vote, and collaboratively discuss. The timing for each topic area is up to the group and decided in real time.

Have a topic of interest not covered in our speaker presentations? Interested to see what questions or conflicts are top of stack for other industry professionals? Want to have a chance to influence some engaging conversation? Then this will be the session for you!

Presenter Bio:

Julianne Wolfe is a certified PMP and a seasoned project management professional with roots in analytical chemistry, laboratory management and criminal forensics. Graduating with a Chemistry degree from The Pennsylvania State University, Julianne focused her early career on analytical chemistry working from bench chemist to various laboratory management positions. She discovered the tenets of project management while exploring better ways to lead large research projects.

Since then, Julianne has focused on project, program and portfolio management in scientific research, information technology and healthcare industries. She has applied her project management skills in various situations from small process improvement projects to large scale global transformations. These diverse experiences have allowed Julianne to hone and become expert in the essential skills (aka soft skills, power skills) required to navigate both routine and challenging situations. She is a passionate leader in helping others to hone this skill set.