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A hundred thousand welcomes to the third PMO Conference we've held in Edinburgh – we're delighted to be back!

We're in a brand-new venue in the heart of this great city, and we hope you get the chance to explore more of it if you're not a local. Today is all about immersing yourself in PMO and its many aspects. Sometimes we just need to step back from the day-to-day to get a clearer view of what we're doing now and how we can move forward tomorrow and beyond.

Conferences are always a great opportunity not just to hear and learn from the speakers on stage, but also to connect with experts in the expo hall and to share stories and lessons with your PMO peers. You'll also pick up thoughts and insights throughout the day via the app (don't forget to check out the bingo card!). And of course, we're recording all the sessions, so there will be plenty to dive into after the conference as well.

We hope you'll join us after the conference too – we love to throw a party, and it'll be kicking off straight after! If you're attending alone, remember that no one stays solo for long at our afterparty, especially when there's PMO to discuss!







We hope you enjoy

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Agenda - Morning // PMO conference Edinburgh 2024

Welcome Wor	rds Lindsay Scott and Eile House of PMO	een J Roden	
Opening Keynote Reimagine What's Possible with PMO Val Matthews and Dale Foong Dale and Val will explore the transformative potential of PMOs in today's dynamic business environment. In their session, "Reimagine What's Possible with PMO," they will delve into innovative strategies and frameworks that enable PMOs to drive significant organisational change and deliver value beyond traditional project management. Drawing from their groundbreaking Project Chatter podcast and extensive award winning careers in PMO, Dale and Val will share real-world examples and insights, illustrating how PMOs can evolve from administrative functions to strategic enablers, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and adaptability. Join this session to discover how reimagining the role of PMOs can unlock new possibilities and propel your organisation towards greater success.			
Conference Centre	Great Hall	New Library	
What does it take to win APM's PMO of the Year award? The Project Delivery & Improvement PMO operates within UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). We'll describe our journey over the past five years to enhance project delivery and maturity across the organisation's project profession. How we've managed change, and adapted to remain relevant and achieved a 100% success rate in major project business case approvals and significantly increased P3M3 maturity from level 2 to level 3. We support the delivery of over 300 projects and programmes worth £bllns of public R&D investments. Our efforts have led to improved reporting capabilities, knowledge management, and governance practices, fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement. We will describe our delivery model and enabling pathways for shared learning, training and continuous improvement across a complex organisation and the importance to train the next generation of project professionals. Kathryn Welsby and Alexander King	Adapting to Change: Microsoft's Response to Modern PPM Needs With the ever-changing PPM & PMO landscape, more and more users are requiring the capability to manage tasks and projects. Join us for this session as we delve into how Microsoft has responded to this evolving business requirement and what this could mean for you. Whether you're already leveraging Microsoft 365 or just exploring its potential, our session is designed to showcase the latest innovations and tools from Microsoft. We will dive into the new Planner and Project for the web, highlighting how these tools can be effectively utilised across various levels of Project and Portfolio Management maturity and for diverse user audiences. Targeting real-world examples, this session aims to provide valuable insights and practical knowledge, demonstrating how you can make the most of Microsoft 365, Planner, and Project for the web, regardless of your organisations current level of investment or expertise. Chris Edwards	about Product delivery, as they use their myriads of skills to interact with multidisciplinary teams to make success possible. Beyond the meetings, metrics and methodologies, what keeps this team engaged and motivated? And how do they engage and motivate their stakeholders? Join us as we have a quick glimpse on how the Risk and Finance PMO came together during the pandemic, and how they've since established the working relationship with Product Management to build Insurance Solutions. We will focus on the PMO's aspirations, the challenges they've faced, and the best practices and lessons learned from overcoming these hurdles.	
Morning Coffee			
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One Woman and Her Dog: The Secrets to a PMO Implementation Sysco GB's Head of PMO invites you to join her journey as one woman implementing a PMO - hear about Natalie's inspiring story from maturity assessment to implementation. In this session, Natalie will share her method for conducting maturity assessments and how she tailored it to fit her organisation, utilising the output to guide her next steps to make the biggest impact. Learn about her choice of bottom-up approach, prioritising project consistency before advancing to portfolio management and how she illustrated that data can be used to educate and change behaviours at all levels of the organisation. Discover how Natalie fiercely protected her time, maintaining a healthy rest ethic, something that was crucial in her journey as	Steering PMO Success: Flexible Resourcing and Project Prioritisation In this presentation, the Head of Project and Strategic Development at Red Funnel will share the journey of establishing a PMO within a busy operational ferry business over the past five years. They will explain how project demands are balanced with ongoing operations through a flexible resourcing approach, despite not having dedicated project teams. Attendees will learn how the right people are identified for each project, how responsibility and ownership are assigned, and how accountability is ensured across the business. The presentation will also highlight the tools and techniques used to prioritise and schedule projects, showcasing how the PMO continues to evolve to meet the growing demands of the business.	Power Up PPM With Microsoft AI Microsoft leads the market in terms of infusing AI into business applications, as well as offering tools to build custom AI functions. There are real benefits to all PPM stakeholders, and this presentation will give you a round-up view of how your team can gain mind-blowing productivity gains and insights with AI. But there are of course risks and limitations, and we will explore those to provide some real-word recommendations as to how you can make best use of Microsoft AI today. Gero Renker	
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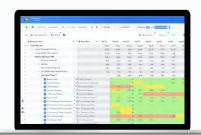
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12:30 - 13:30	Lunch			
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Keynote I Come to Praise PMOs, Not to Bury Them Steve Jenner Fourteen years ago, Steve Jenner and Craig Kilford wrote Management of Portfolios for the OGC/Axelos. Now they are back with a new, enhanced, and up-to-date guide: Managing Portfolios. Steve will explain why, he'll outline the key characteristics of effective portfolio management, and the role a PfMO can play			
	in embedding these characteristics as business as usual. Steve will illustrate his case with stories and examples from successful organizations from around the world.			
14:30 - 15:00	Afternoon Coffee			
15:00 - 15:45	Conference Centre	Great Hall	New Library	
Session 3	Why Net Zero and the PMO Building on our presentation in 2023 on 'How PMOs can contribute to Net Zero Outcomes' we at AtkinsRéalis are excited to outline the work we have done since then entitled 'Why Net Zero and the PMO'. We envisage Net Zero becoming an integral part of performance reporting and by developing metrics that are tailorable to different delivery environments we aim help the profession to push the boundaries of traditional PMOs. We don't want to stop at just Carbon and we want this to reach more than Infrastructure programmes – Net Zero should be considered across all delivery and AtkinsRéalis are moving this opportunity forward through PMO optimisation. Cheryl Cook and	Excellence	Optimizing Strategic Delivery Through Portfolio Capacity Planning Optimizing portfolio flow requires the continual realignment of skills to emerging business priorities. Availability of teams and people should easily inform roadmap sequence, project/epic delivery coordination, and adaptive portfolio planning. This session will review easy to adopt capacity planning practices that help: Delivery predictability and business agility Match business opportunities with available teams and people Streamline hybrid agile/waterfall delivery Optimize delivery within capacity, financial, and governance guardrails. Identify skills gaps early enough to add capacity or reschedule work	
	Adam Morris	Sarah Darracott-Hawkins	Lloyd Norman	
15:55 - 16:55	Closing Keynote PMO Unplugged – A Live Podcast Experience Val Matthews and Dale Foong Get ready to wrap up the PMO Conference with a dynamic, live podcast session featuring Dale and Val, the charismatic hosts of the widely popular Project Chatter podcast! This session promises to be a mix of insightful conversation, engaging discussions, and audience interaction as we explore the future of PMOs in a rapidly changing world. In this special format, we'll welcome industry experts and PMO leaders to join us on stage, sharing their real-world experiences and lessons learned. Expect lively debates, expert tips, and a few laughs along the way. And it's not just a passive experience – the audience will play an active role! You'll have the chance to ask questions live, participate in quick polls, and even help guide the conversation with real-time input. This interactive keynote will have something for everyone. It's the perfect way to conclude the day with			
16:55 - 17:00	practical takeaways and the energy Closing Words	of a live podcast show.		

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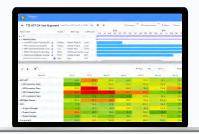
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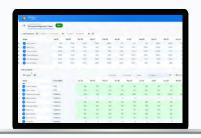
"What If" Scenario Models

Optimize Portfolio Flow While Mitigating Delivery, Financial, and Talent Risks



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Al Can Recommend Start Dates Based on Resource Availability



Team Planning

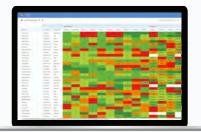
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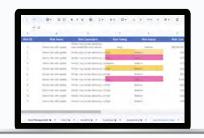


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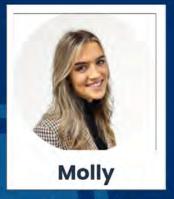
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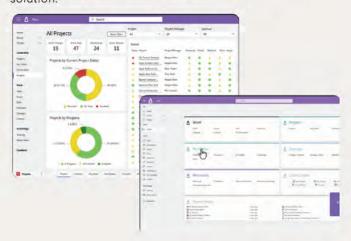
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