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Initial Steps with AI in PMO and Project Management

A warm October evening in London saw PMO practitioners come together at the Finnish Ambassador's Residence for an event focused on artificial intelligence. Hosted by Ambassador Jukka Siukosaari and Finnish tech firm, Keto Software, the House of PMO presented and facilitated the session.

The House of PMO have been working to understand how artificial technologies will impact the PMO and the way it provides services to the organisation and how artificial intelligence will impact PPM delivery in organisations – now and in the near future.

The evening focused on the initial steps that PMOs need to be taking – some of those steps include questions that will need answers and decisions to be made.

Attendees were given an opening address from the Ambassador, followed by a presentation from Keto Software on the current state of the nation in relation to artificial intelligence in project management tools.

The House of PMO presented the 20 different initial steps and selected six of them for the interactive session. Each attendee took part in small group discussions whilst moving around the elegant Ambassador's Residence and Garden.

Questions such as where do we start with the use cases for AI? What minimal dataset can we get started with? Are our organisations ready for AI in PPM? What training will we need? Attendees shared their own thoughts and experiences – some completely novice whilst others had already started their journey.

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With the evening rounded off with canapes and networking, the feedback ranged from, “really great to listen to other like-minded PMO people on this topic” and “I’m glad I’m not alone in understanding this topic, things were made clearer this evening”.

The House of PMO will continue their work in providing practical, actionable insights into how artificial intelligence will change the way the PMO provides some of its services to the organisation. For more information on Artificial Intelligence and the PMO, you can download the first report here - <https://houseofpmo.com/library/inside-pmo-ai-pmo-threat-or-opportunity/>

Here are a few photos from that special evening.





Taking Initial Steps in AI for PMO and Project Management



The House of PMO seeks to understand what artificial intelligence (AI) means for you, your PMO and your PPM organisation. There are 20 actions or questions to be answered to lay the groundwork for achieving the goal of generating transformative insight from data.

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|  <p>Understand why we're scared or dismissive about using artificial intelligence</p> |  <p>Have a play - make space and time to play</p> |  <p>Connect with others who are at the same stage of the journey</p> |  <p>Are we ready for this as a project, programme and portfolio organisation?</p> |  <p>What does our organisation think about AI? Our senior execs?</p> |
|  <p>Understand what the risks and downsides are - be informed</p> |  <p>Build some curiosity</p> |  <p>What kind of education, training and skills will be needed?</p> |  <p>What kind of organisation culture is needed?</p> |  <p>Identify the repetitive manual parts of current PMO/P3M activity</p> |
|  <p>Who will influence this in the organisation?</p> |  <p>Identify a sponsor in the organisation</p> |  <p>Can we build on consistency?</p> |  <p>What incremental changes can we make?</p> |  <p>What does AI look like in project management - technology etc</p> |
|  <p>What simple datasets can we get started on?</p> |  <p>Understand data - type, storage, retrieval</p> |  <p>Understand the use cases</p> |  <p>The business case - who develops it?</p> |  <p>Produce one brilliant insight</p> |

New PMO Network for NHS PMO Practitioners

The House of PMO and the Healthcare Project Change Association (HPCA) launched their new partnership in October 2023 which will provide PMO professionals working in the National Health Service (NHS) today with a PMO network and community to support their professional development and help promote PMO as a change profession across the NHS.

HPCA, the professional association for project, programme, portfolio and change management practitioners working in the NHS today have partnered with the House of PMO to provide NHS-based PMO practitioners with all the benefits from the House of PMO membership.

The partnership was launched at the first annual conference for HPCA in London which saw PPM practitioners from across the NHS coming together to listen to sessions focused on project and change management, with the House of PMO presenting on Building the Right PMO for Your Organisation.

Anyone working in the National Health Service can become a member of the HPCA and they are currently calling for PMO practitioners who are interested in forming the PMO specialist interest group to get in touch.

Links – HPCA - <https://www.hpca.uk/>

News about the Partnership - <https://houseofpmo.com/blog/2023/10/18/new-partnership-with-the-healthcare-project-change-association-hpca>

Below are some photos from the event.



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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