

Update from House of PMO ¹



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PMI Acquires PMO Global Alliance

At the latest PMI Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, there was an announcement that PMI had acquired the PMO Global Alliance. PMO Global Alliance, created in 2017, has built a global following of over 17,000 PMO practitioners and is known for its annual PMO award program.

The global community of PMO practitioners, including the House of PMO, eagerly await the next steps from PMI to see what this partnership will bring for people working in PMOs.

Watch this space!

Press Release - <https://www.pmi.org/about/press-media/press-releases/project-management-institute-to-acquire-pmo-global-alliance-to-build-and-strengthen-pmo-community>

PMO Professionals in Higher Education

PMO practitioners working in universities and higher education institutes now have the opportunity to join their own dedicated PMO community with the launch of PMO:HE.

PMO:HE has been created by the House of PMO in association with the University of Nottingham in the UK and sees its inaugural conference take place on the 14th March in Nottingham, UK.

Universities have plenty of strategic challenges such as digital transformation, legacy estates and new builds; managing the student population; sustainability; financial management, the list goes on.

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PMOs play a crucial role in helping universities manage strategy execution through services such as portfolio prioritisation; resource management; planning; data-driven decision-making and budget control.

The PMO community in Higher Education helps to bring together PMO professionals who are looking to connect and share their insights in how PMOs can overcome common challenges and provide better services and support for their institutions.



More details can be found at - <https://houseofpmo.com/pmo-he-highereducation/>

The Discussion – PMO and Project Controls

Each year, the House of PMO brings together PMO practitioners to discuss different aspects of the PMO profession which helps create a report which is shared with the wider community.

This year the House of PMO is seeking to understand better the relationship between the project controls function and the PMO. The relationship between the Project Controls function and the Project Management Office (PMO) function should be one of collaboration and support within the context of project management. Both functions are crucial for effective project management, but they have distinct roles and responsibilities. The relationship has been changing over recent times and different problems and challenges are being encountered. We would like to explore what is changing and what the impacts are for both functions and the organisations they support.

The year the discussion takes place at the Houses of Parliament and PMO practitioners are invited from a wide range of organisations committed to the development of PMO such as Sir Robert McAlpine, AWE, Network Rail, Jacobs, Fidelity International, BDO and of course the Houses of Parliament.

“We’re absolutely thrilled to be working with the House of PMO to host this industry discussion to explore the relationship and intricacies of controls and the PMO function. The Enterprise Portfolio Management Office (EPMO) at UK Parliament are looking forward to an insightful and collaborative discussion with PMO professionals around the country.” Algy Ayson, Head of Project Delivery Centre of Excellence, Houses of Parliament.

Outputs from the session, which takes place in early December, will be available early 2024.



PMOs continue to explore the uses of AI technologies, image created using MidJourney, the Generative Adversarial Network tool.

PMO Conference – Edinburgh 2024

1st and 2nd November saw 200 PMO practitioners come together in the Scottish capital, Edinburgh...



The Conference organising team enjoying a cold pre-conference Ghost Walk in Edinburgh



PMOLearn! is the event which takes place before the conference which sees four different lessons delivered by four experts. This year saw John Greenwood from Stantec covering risk management, followed by Ross Garland covering governance. Lloyd Norman focused on resource capacity planning and finally, Bill Dow on continuous process improvement.



The selfie was taken at the end of the conference. The day featured a mix of PMO case studies, for example, we heard from the National Records of Scotland on the transformative role the PMO played in supporting the Scottish Census 2022 programme.

The opening keynote from PMO author and Seattle based PMO expert, Bill Dow focused on how world-class PMOs are made by the people who work within them and author Nick Fewings closed the conference with Songs, Strategies & Success – each delegate received a copy of his new book Team Lead Succeed.

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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