

Leading Project Leaders

Portfolio Management Skills

The Need

Managing a diversity of projects is a challenging responsibility. Proper staffing levels for each project, maintaining an appropriate priority for each project within your portfolio, ensuring voice of customer is considered at all stages of the project, encouraging and ensuring effective communications among stakeholders, managing assumptions and risks, these are all challenging issues. And it is not uncommon that those managing project leaders have little or no project leadership experience.

Leaders of project leaders need a budget, autonomy, authority, freedom to innovate, and yes, even the freedom to fail. It's not okay for the leaders of project leaders to micromanage and stifle. That means that our support needs to be intelligent and well planned, just as we expect of our project leaders.

The Solution

Leading Project Leaders is a one-day program (can be customized) designed to help those leading project leaders to better understand the project environment, identify areas where improvement may be made and create specific plans for environment improvement. The first half of the day focuses on **Facilitating Project Leadership**, and the second half deals with **Effective Portfolio Management**. The program covers:

Facilitating Project Leadership

- ✓ Selecting the Best Project Leaders
- ✓ Providing Non-Biasing Information – Facilitating Creativity / Innovation
- ✓ Facilitating Core Team Selection – Negotiating for Resources
- ✓ Assisting with Project Planning – Work Breakdown Structure
- ✓ Homogenizing Diverse Expectations
- ✓ Planning Effective Communications

Effective Portfolio Management

- ✓ Focusing Strategy
- ✓ Aligning Projects with Strategies
- ✓ Selecting / Prioritizing a Project Portfolio
- ✓ Managing Expectations / Change

Program Format / Features

- **A fast-paced workshop**—highly interactive, conducted by a Project Leader with over 20 years of experience.
- **Computer simulation driven**—using a state of the art simulation participants are immersed in a realistic environment where they apply skills as they are taught. Participants leave the workshop with experience and specific project plans—that are improved by simulation experience, team discussion and shared ideas.
- **High value tools**—usable ideas and tools, not information overload, tailored to address specific participant situations. This program can be tailored for intact project teams and actually produce Project Requirements Documentation, Work Breakdown Structures and initial project deliverables, saving valuable project time.
- **Advanced skills training**—builds upon basic project management skills advanced communication, conflict resolution, and team-building skills with a focus on enhancing influence and stakeholder satisfaction.

The Result

A project environment that encourages best practice skills among project leaders. Leading Project Leaders helps you streamline your project environment and facilitate better communications, abbreviate cycle times and overall improved management of diverse project portfolios. It will assist in defining project priorities and better managing conflicts between projects.

Let us help you add Leading Project Leaders to your project curriculum.