

‘Managing Successful Programmes’ Open Overview

Course Objective

The objectives of the course are to give the delegate an insight of the ‘Managing Successful Programmes’ (MSP™) philosophy, and how it can be used to manage programmes effectively. This course is delivered using the latest 2007 MSP manual and syllabus.

Delegate Profile

The course is recommended for senior executives considering the introduction of MSP into their organisation, and for those newly appointed to a programme environment.

Topics Covered

The course will cover the following topics:

- Introduction and Programme Management Principles
- Transformational Flow
 - Identifying a Programme
 - Defining a Programme
 - Managing the Tranches
 - Delivering the Capability
 - Realising the Benefits
 - Closing a Programme

In addition delegates will work through case study based exercises.

Trainer Profile

All AFA MSP trainers have undergone the rigorous approvals process administered by the APM Group on behalf of the Office of Government Commerce (OGC). They are practising programme managers with considerable experience in a wide range of industry sectors. The use of hybrid trainer-managers is of great benefit to delegates and ensures that illustrations and anecdotes have up-to-date validity and that the training given, whilst being true to the syllabus, is also pragmatic.

Duration

This course takes place over one day.

Location

AFA open courses are held approximately monthly at a range of locations across the UK. All venues have been chosen for their modern equipment and ease of access from major road, rail and air routes.

Course Arrangements including Cost

Open course places cost £350+VAT per delegate.

Included in the cost of the course are:

- Joining instructions and pre-course preparation pack
- OGC publication 'Managing Successful Programmes'
- Printed course material
- Daytime refreshments

Joining instructions, including pre-course exercises and MSP manual, are sent to delegates approximately 2 – 3 weeks before the course start date. For overview delegates one hour of pre-course preparation should be sufficient.

Why AFA?

AFA was established fifteen years ago as a management consultancy organisation. In 1996 AFA became one of the original group of PRINCE2[®] Accredited Training Organisations under the scheme administered by APM Group on behalf of the Office of Government Commerce. AFA quickly established a reputation for being able to deliver training courses that combine excellent exam pass rates with realistic and practical guidance ensuring maximum skills transfer.

AFA continues to specialise in the Best Practice methods, becoming accredited at the earliest possible opportunity to deliver training in:

- MSP[™] programme management
- M_o_R[®] risk management, and
- P3O[®] portfolio, programme and project support offices

More recently, four further training strands have been added to the AFA offering:

- Change Management – accredited by the APM Group
- Benefits Management – developed from experience of MSP training & implementation
- ITIL[®] Service Management – accredited by ISEB
- Portfolio Management – helping you to deliver the right projects and programmes

We believe that this unique combination of expertise allows us to help organisations to maximise the benefits of their change initiatives.

AFA's ethos is to work with client organisations, retaining existing robust processes and further developing them in line with Best Practice guidance. Training events are often tailored to suit the current level of understanding within an organisation; a pathway of progression can be offered to allow understanding and skills to develop and grow.

AFA has always played a full part in the Best Practice community. AFA trainers and consultants have served on the editing and review teams for all recent updates of the guidance manuals. Several AFA trainers are examiners or assessors for one or more of the methodologies. AFA was represented on the review panel for the PRINCE2:2009 refresh and piloted the corresponding examinations. The chapter 'Tailoring PRINCE2' which forms an integral part of the PRINCE2:2009 guidance is adapted from the OGC publication, 'Tailoring PRINCE2' which was written by AFA's managing director, Alan Ferguson.