



Change Using Project Environments



Project management and training: Developing people, Delivering projects

PRINCE2™ Project Management

We are pleased to announce that since the beginning of January 2008, CUPE Ltd in partnership with Deverill Ltd became the official supplier for Bournemouth Borough Council's PRINCE2™ Project Management training.

Why choose CUPE? We pride ourselves on the high standard of training and all of our tutors are APMG accredited and have a wide range of knowledge to support live case studies. We train PRINCE2™ all over the world and are proud to be able to say that during 2008 our delegates have achieved 100% success at Foundation level and 94% at Practitioner, an outstanding achievement when you realize that many of these delegates have passed when English has not been their first language.

Why choose a PRINCE2™ Project Management Course?

The comprehensive PRINCE2™ project management methodology is the ideal framework within which to develop a project:

The reason for this is simple: PRINCE2™ works, or, to be more specific, it can be tailored to fit any number of projects. Any project – no matter how big or small - benefits from project management. A project exists to deliver products (physical or intellectual), to meet objectives and provide benefits. These three goals cannot be achieved unless proper control is exerted over the project. Once controls are in place, senior managers benefit hugely from management by exception and are able to devote their time to other priorities.

Why can't this be achieved through careful planning and common sense? It can, but expectations tend to vary considerably when planning is done on different levels and presented in different formats (or just on a Gantt chart). Monitoring and control would also vary in style and effectiveness without any kind of structure.

PRINCE2™ provides a common language and an understanding of what to expect during a project, as well as when to expect it and in which format. PRINCE2™ sets out a practical framework within which to run projects. It begins by asking whether the project is viable and worth doing before comprehensive planning is undertaken. In PRINCE2™, the business benefits of the outcome are the driving force behind the project. This focus means that projects do not simply keep charging on when they may no longer be viable. Good implementation of PRINCE2™ reduces time spent fire-fighting and makes resources available for use in other areas.

A comprehensive manual accompanies PRINCE2™ – so why do we need PRINCE2™ training? The manual is a terrific resource tool, once you understand the links between the different elements, the training enables you to make those links. This will then provide a framework to plan and control your projects and to coordinate individual input. Live projects should tailor the method so that it's appropriate to the specific project and its environment. Tailoring can be better understood with good training.

Does this mean that all your staff members need to become PRINCE2™ Practitioners? Definitely not! There are many levels of training available which would suit different levels of project responsibility.

Without PRINCE2™, you'd just have a collection of talented individuals, not a team.

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