

		Topic	Speaker	PDU:	Session Information
SESSION 1 10:00 – 11.00 AM	IMPROVE	Methods & Tools for Understanding and Communicating Project Complexity	Brandon Olson	1, Ways of Working	In this presentation, we outline layers of questions we should pursue in our projects. Our answers to these questions lead to a better understanding of the project, the root cause of the challenges our teams face, and the sources of project failures and successes. By seeking answers to these questions we can increase project success and help the organization improve its project management practices and maturity. We also look at a collection of analytical tools and methods to study complex systems and communicate complex ideas. Through these questions, methods, and tools, we develop a much deeper understanding of our project environment and increase our ability to effectively communicate new concepts and ideas with our project stakeholders.
	INSPIRE	Future Focus Leader	Candida Tocci	1, Power Skills	As the future is moving in a very accelerated pace and creating a world of constant change, leaders need to have more of a future focused power skill. In this interactive session learn about future leadership, value of collaboration to work together and making better business decisions, and more importantly, incorporating an Awareness Management mindset to enhance an inclusive and diverse culture. Come unleash your future focused leader
	INNOVATE	Discovering Your Project Leadership Avatar	Ben Chan	1, Business Acumen	Personality tests give a view of your behaviours and tendencies but do they actually help you grow to meet the problems you're facing? In this session, I'll help you discover your project leadership avatar so that you can determine where you need to grow so you can tackle the challenges of the situation you're in. Don't limit yourself and let's translate your understanding into valuable action and growth!
	THE BEST YOU	24-Hour Leader	Scott Savor	1, Power Skills	Life is difficult if you don't know how to lead. In this interactive and informative session Scott Savor will passionately share habits and strategies so you can successfully compete against life's toughest challenges.

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SESSION 2 11.30 – 12.30 PM	IMPROVE	Wicked Problem Solving	Teresa Watry	1, Ways of Working	
	INSPIRE	Stories that Drive Successful Projects	Dawn Mahan	1, Power Skills	<p>Storytelling is a skill that has been getting a lot of press lately and one that project managers will benefit from cultivating. In this unique session, international speaker, Dawn Mahan, will share several stories from her upcoming book: Welcome to Projectland. Dawn's stories from her years of working with top brands around the world and hands-on experience leading projects across industries will resonate with everyone who has ever participated in or led a project. This interactive experience will also get you thinking about your own career stories that can help amplify your leadership profile.</p> <p>Part manuscript reading, part feedback session, part networking event, we will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss how storytelling skills can help your career • Listen to Dawn's read a few of her favorite stories from her upcoming manuscript, • Break out into small groups to network and discuss which stories resonated most with you and why (often triggering memories of your own unique experiences and stories!) • Participate in a poll to report on your favorites and see how they compare to other participants • Welcome feedback on the stories that could shape how they show up in the book • Optional: Get your name listed in Dawn's upcoming book as a contributor! <p>Don't miss this opportunity to earn a PDU, enjoy stories, networking and see your name in a book!</p>
	INNOVATE	Communicating When Things Aren't Going as Planned	Patrick Nowick	1, Power Skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How to minimize the back-and-forth emails questions that end up being 10, 15 and even 20 emails in everyone's inbox. 2. How to have the crucial conversations with the key stakeholder instead of basing decisions on what you think is going on. 3. How to improve the quality of everyday communications.
	THE BEST YOU	Integrating Emotional Intelligence and Cultural Intelligence	Dr. Jeanine Parolini	1, Power Skills	<p>An array of literature exists on the importance of emotional intelligence (EI) and cultural intelligence (CI). At the same time, there is a gap in studies of how the two function effectively together. Missing one or both may negatively impact one's career. Yet how might the integration of the two empower one's personal and professional life? Since you are your most important project, take your EI and CI skills to the next level through this session focused on analysing and evaluating the integration of EI and CI in one's personal and professional life.</p>

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SESSION 3 1.30 – 2.30 PM	IMPROVE	Designing Data Visualizations for Greater Impact	Brandon Olson	1, Ways of Working	Visualizations are an effective way to communicate results and insights from data analysis. However, without proper planning and design, these visual representations fail to convey important knowledge and may lead to misrepresentation. In this presentation, we look at important factors to consider for creating meaningful visualizations that quickly and effectively communicate the intended message.
	INSPIRE	Kanban -Make Your Work Flow	Samir Penkar	1, Ways of Working	Frustrated by constantly moving stories from Sprint to Sprint? Team complains that Sprint Planning is not adding value? Product Owners are struggling to split stories to fit your Sprint duration? Team is spending too much time estimating the work? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then it's time to consider Kanban. In this session we will discuss: Problems with Scrum teams What is Kanban? Why even consider Kanban? Insights from teams that have adopted Kanban How to get started on your Kanban journey What will my Scrum Master do if we move to Kanban? Managing stakeholder expectations for due dates and roadmaps
	INNOVATE	AI in Project Management	Christopher Ebbert	1, Business Acumen	We will discuss how AI is impacting the way product managers work. 1. Current trends 2. Tools that one should consider using 3. Where the technology is heading in
	THE BEST YOU	Networking for Career Advancement, Career Changing and Job Searching	Tom Colosimo	1, Business Acumen	Networking is all the rage in today's marketplace but it's really nothing new. For thousands of years people have been developing relationships with other people for friendships and business. In this session, we will cover items such as Personal Branding; who are you, how you are perceived, and does it match who you think you are as well as What is Your Why; what drives you to be who you are. Finally, we will apply this knowledge with a focus on the art of networking for careers, promotions and job searching. Learning Objective's: • What is Your Brand – Why should you care? • What is Your Why – Your life focus that drives you to be who you are? • How to apply these tools to Network successfully!

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SESSION 4 3.00 – 4.00 PM	IMPROVE	Creating Your Leadership Brand	Heather Tibbles-Vassilev	1, Power Skills	<p>How do you describe yourself as a leader? Do you know what makes you unique? How do you want people to describe you at your retirement party? This session will introduce you to leadership branding and start you on your journey to define and influence how others see you.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Defining how your values and qualities uniquely describe YOU as a leader 2) Understanding how to link your brand to your development goals 3) Understanding how to use your brand to define and find your next role
	INSPIRE	Practical Project Management: Special Topics (Workshop)	Dawn Mahan	1, Power Skills	<p>In this lively course, we'll explore three hot topics in PRACTICAL project management that you can use on the job immediately. Our bite-sized modules were built by pro project managers and work in the real world. We share time-tested strategies and practical techniques that can be applied to any type of project, across any industry.</p> <p>Topic #1: Delivering results is not enough. So what else is there? Delivering the results and benefits expected by a project is obviously very important, it's not enough. Learn the definition of a successful project, and the one simple thing you MUST do at the start to set your project up for success and avoid a bumpy ride.</p> <p>Topic #2: What does it take to be a GREAT project manager? Whether you are choosing someone to manage a project for you, you have just been assigned to manage a project, or you are curious about what it really takes to be a GREAT project manager, this mini-course is for you. Includes typical responsibilities takeaway that you can use to discuss role and responsibility expectations in your organization, as well as a self-assessment worksheet to help you evaluate whether or not project management is a good fit for you, and where you right now on your journey to becoming GREAT.</p> <p>Topic #3: YES YOU CAN Lead GREAT Meetings! Meetings are an inevitable fact of life on projects. How many hours have you spent in meetings that have left you feeling less than energized? Learn best practice principles for both leading and participating in meetings and create a personalized action plan to dramatically improve meeting productivity and satisfaction. Great meetings are totally possible!</p>
	INNOVATE	Environmental Design: Creative ways to accomplish results remotely	Scott Savor	1, Business Acumen	<p>Environmental Design: Creative ways to accomplish results remotely.</p> <p>Everyone will work remotely at some time in their career. Get excited to learn habits and strategies on how to maximize the blessings of working at home.</p>

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Recruiting and
Training the Next
Generation

Tina
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In this general session, Tina Nazier, Wipfli LLP, will lead a panelist of four individuals who recently decided what construction firm to work with full-time. It is well known that young professionals in the industry are highly sought after and bring a different perspective to the recruiting and hiring process. The panelists will share their decision-making process and what they currently think about the future of the construction industry.