

*The technical emphasis on preparing project managers may have worked well in the past.  
However, now it is not enough....*

The 21st Century Project Professional must possess a mix of hard and soft skills and know when and how to apply these skills

Agnition's EPICWay® Professional Programme is designed to give participants the tools processes and skills they need to manage both projects and people.

Agnition is building a network of qualified professionals in the fields of Project and People management

The **EPICWay® Professional** is part of a series of Project Management Qualifications starting with a Practitioner level and leading to a Master level. At each level we transfer tools, processes and skills necessary to reach the qualification.

Agnition has trained over 700 Practitioners and Professionals since 2006.

Project Management is not complex but it is comprehensive. Using a mixture of live project and case studies, the EPICWay® model is applied and projects are taken through the Evaluate, Plan, Implement, Complete cycle. The programme runs over a 6-8 month period, giving participants ample time to apply learnings in the workplace.

The programme actively encourages participation at an organisational level. Participants are advised to work with a sponsor within their organisation and projects benefit from the scrutiny and advice of consultants at every stage of the programme.

On successful completion of the programme a single subject certificate in Project Management is awarded by Waterford Institute of Technology (Level 6 on the National Qualifications Authority of Ireland framework).



Recent EPICWay® Professionals learned how to:

- Evaluate plan and review projects effectively
- Understand the shortest possible time in which a project can be completed
- Appreciate the need for a FullPicture© approach to projects – managing both projects and people
- Manage risk during all stages of the project management lifecycle
- Negotiate scope change
- Build an effective project schedule
- Analyse a project and report on its strengths and weaknesses

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## PROGRAMME CONTENT

**The programme comprises 50 hours face-to-face i.e. 6 Days class time and allows for 20 hours self-study time. Accreditation is awarded based on attendance, project and assignment work**

### *Core 2 Day Module*

The *EPICWay<sup>®</sup> to Manage Projects* is a two-day workshop which provides an overview of the core concepts of the project management lifecycle.

#### **Evaluation**

Writing the Project Brief. Establishing the basis for change control and getting agreement/buy in from all stakeholders. Establishing high-level estimates.

#### **Planning**

Building the Project Charter: Objectives, Scope, Estimation, Milestones Schedule, Approval, Risk assessment and contingency planning; managing scope.

#### **Implementation**

Assessing your Project Charter. Using your Project Charter to dictate the pace and nature of the project implementation. What tools, processes and skills do you need to stay on track?

#### **Completion**

Lessons learned, End Project Review, Post-Project benefits analysis

### *Advanced Modules*

#### **Module 1**

From Planning to Implementation - The FullPicture. Striking the balance between technical and human skills needed to manage a live project.

#### **Module 2**

Project Risk and Scope Management. Using a case study, participants examine how to manage risk on live projects. The module covers assessing the need for and impact of change, as well as how to negotiate risk and scope change.

#### **Module 3**

Portfolio Management. Managing a multi-project environment, including resource capacity, inter-project dependencies and strategic vs. operational balance. Organisational Change Management.

#### **Assessment Module**

During the course of the programme, participants compile a portfolio of project documentation. This portfolio includes:

- A Project Brief
- A Project Charter
- Project Status Reports
- Peer Reviews
- Risk Breakdown Structure
- Change Control Request Form
- Change Control Log

Participants are also required to complete a Final assessment, including a short written Paper.

