

**Women in Project Management SIG – 2018/19 Supporting statement from the committee nominees**

<b>First name:</b>	<b>Surname:</b>	<b>What is your membership level?</b>	<b>What motivated you to put yourself forward for election to the Women in Project Management SIG committee? (maximum 150 words)</b>	<b>What qualities, skills and experience do you think you'll bring to the Women in Project Management SIG committee? (maximum 150 words)</b>	<b>How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on SIG activities in an average week?</b>
Adetoun	Abiola	Associate	<p>My motivation for election is the encouragement and support I get as a member of WiPM SIG. The committee has enlightened me about opportunities available for women in the profession through different events and meetings. My previous participation in the SIG's activities has greatly improved my project management skills and other work related skills which is helping in other areas of my life. I have met and shared experience with people from different spheres of life and this has given me a broader perspective about life in general. I am greatly motivated by the fact that there is still so much to learn and WiPM SIG offers opportunity to develop life skills that can be applied to other aspects of life. I am motivated to give back to the group that has given me such a great opportunity to develop my career and relations with people and organisations.</p>	<p>I possess excellent communication and team working skills some of which I gained through my participation in WiPM activities and volunteering as a member of WiPM SIG. I am very collaborative in working with others to achieve common goals and sharing ideas. I have also developed excellent planning and organising skills through my current role at my place of work, I enjoy organising events, conferences and workshops. I also possess excellent research and analytical skills through personal and academic studies, organising surveys and analysing results. In my current role at work, I engage with people within and outside my organisation, ensuring people have the requisite information based on the level of their involvement/interest with my organisation's work. I adapt to change easily and open to new ideas and ways of doing things. I believe these skills and experiences are qualities I will bring to WiPM SIG.</p>	20 hours

Carol	Bell	Fellow	<p>I am entering my 20th year of continuous volunteering for APM Women in Project Management SIG, which began after I became inspired whilst attending a WiPM SIG conference in March 1999, just after becoming a full member of APM. Having previously chaired the SIG and been a committee member for most of the past 19+ years I remain passionate about and committed to ensuring that all women in all roles within the project management community are empowered and enabled to rise to the pinnacle of the Profession. I feel that my role is to encourage via being a highly visible example of a Project Professional as well as by using my experience to advise on personal development, career paths and APM Qualifications and mentoring / coaching candidates for Fellowship of APM, Registered Project Professional (RPP) and, eventually, Chartered Project Professional (ChPP).</p>	<p>My WiPM SIG committee experience includes development of mentoring, coaching, chairing, leading and influencing skills. I have assisted in organising and running numerous WiPM SIG conferences, presenting, moderating and working behind the scenes. I can liaise for WiPM with SIGs of which I am an active participant including People, Governance, Benefits, Portfolio Management and Contracts &amp; Procurement and I retain links with branches where I have previously been a committee member (South Wales and West of England, London and Scotland) and am currently on Thames Valley Branch committee. I have extensive experience of liaising with APM HQ on awards, events, qualifications, knowledge and standards as well as volunteer liaison. I can call upon my wide professional network both within and outside APM to provide speakers and event venues. Lastly, as an Honorary Fellow of APM I have a high level of visibility within the profession.</p>	2-3 hours per week (100-150 hours per year)
Briony	Bragg	Associate	<p>Being part of the existing SIG early on in my career has allowed me to access a wide range of expertise and resource in a collaborative community to contribute towards my development in the project management profession. I would like the opportunity to continue in the SIG working alongside my peers to work towards meeting more of our initiatives.</p>	<p>I recently led a Sellafield graduate project assisting WiN (Women in Nuclear UK) with creating a company toolkit designed to accompany the WiN Charter. In doing so, my team and I completed extensive research into not only the lack of diversity in the nuclear industry, but also in all sectors. I recognise the need to address gender imbalance and the improvements this can make to performance, in driving innovation and creating an environment where career progression is open to all.</p>	1-2 hours

Adeline	Daly	Full	I have been a member of the WiPM committee for the last few years and have really enjoyed working with the team to advance the visibility of women in project management. Therefore I would like to continue doing this especially in our 25th anniversary year!	Apart from the usual committee activities, my involvement thus far has included organising two International Women's Day Events and Chairing the 2017 WiPM conference which I thoroughly enjoyed. So I think the key things I bring are vision, structure and organisational capabilities.	I currently spend at least a few hours a week on WiPM activities and this significantly ramps up as we get closer to events. I am happy to continue doing this.
Olubukola	Feyisetan	Fellow	In addition to my day job, I am an active committee member of the Women in Project Management Specific Interest Group (WiPM SIG). I have volunteered my skills with the SIG for over 3 years, specifically with supporting and helping to organise the APM Women in Project Management National Conferences in 2016 and 2017 which reached out to over 350 delegates, featuring women as keynotes. I have supported the Chair to review proposals and questions for the conference panel. I have also contributed to the SIG through write-ups e.g. on conference sessions and online activities to gauge membership interests and also involved with 2018-19 business planning activities for the group. I recently achieved Fellowship membership of the APM and represented the WiPM SIG at the APM Project Management Conference 2018. I am keen to continue to raise awareness of the SIG and encourage the involvement of more women across various professions in different industry sectors.	I have proven experience in Finance and Office Administration with qualifications in Business Management and Computer Science and a track record of maximising revenue and reducing costs for customers; managing end-user support in Information Technology (IT) management systems. I have grown my communication skills in presentation and negotiating. I have strong organisational, analytical and research capabilities. I have an attractive grasp and understanding of UK government change projects/programmes. I also have a sound knowledge of planning and delivery for UK fiscal events. I have good experience in establishing client relationships and developing a significant client base. I am quick thinking with admirable problem-solving skills. In a practical sense, I am proficient in Microsoft Office i.e. Word, Excel and PowerPoint.	10

Vicki	Griffiths	Full	Working in a very male dominated industry I want to raise the profile of female project managers and encourage them to consider this as a career path. At the WiPM conference last year I found the SIG very vibrant and supportive and I would like to be able to make a difference through this SIG.	I am motivated and keen to make a difference in this area. I am a keen and lifelong learner and want to pass on my enthusiasm to others. I have worked on a number of committees in the past, not for the APM, and have acted as both Chair and Secretary before. As part of this I organised events and lectures for the membership.	It will vary but I should be able to regularly devote about 8 hours a week to SIG activities.
Yvonne	McBain	Full	I have put myself forward for election as I am passionate about creating a no barriers culture within the Project Management profession and building collaborative networks with other APM groups and branches to share best practices throughout all sectors. This will make Project Management a profession for the future. I have worked on the Committee within Scotland for the last couple of years and am now looking to 'step up' and take on the role of Secretary to further collaborate with the APM, Branches and SIGs to highlight the skillset and roles within Project Management.	I am a motivated delivery focused Project Manager with over 14 years hands on experience in the entire project lifecycle. I can co-ordinate and direct all phases of Projects while managing, motivating and guiding teams and am skilled in developing and using standard processes to ensure consistency. I am passionate and enthusiastic in ensuring that my Projects implement successfully, on time and within budget. I have successfully completed courses on Project Management Essentials, User Acceptance Testing, Agile Foundation and have successfully passed APMP (Association of Project Management Qualification). I wish to share my knowledge and experience with others to empower them to be the best they can be.	3 - 4 hours
Teri	Okoro	Fellow	I have been an APM Member since 1998, an active member of the WIPM SIG since 2010 and contributed in various capacities. I wish to continue to support their activities in the coming year as we celebrate our 25th Anniversary and also assist others to excel. Currently I'm developing international links with like-minded organisations.	Collaborating with others for the common good. Leadership and team-working skills from previous Non-Executive Director and Chair roles. I am able to draw on and share this experience with others. If required extensive presenting and writing experience.	An average of one to two hours. Aware that there are peaks and troughs.
Rebecca	Scott	Full	I am passionate about project management and really value the importance of working in diverse teams. I also firmly believe in ensuring equal	Firstly, I have lots of enthusiasm and passion for the work WiPM are doing. I have experience of working on committees both at work and through voluntary	I anticipate being able to spend 4-6

			<p>opportunities for all, irrespective of race, gender or disability. I currently lead a team of project managers and engineers who manage the early phases of large infrastructure investment projects on the HV Electricity Network. The common thread of my career has always been project management. I love it, and think it is the best job, but truthfully I fell into it by accident. I really want to make the fantastic and diverse opportunities available in project management more visible. In many of the projects I have worked on there has been a predominantly male team. Having a professional body who is committed to promoting gender diversity has been really important to me, and I would like to support the committee in continuing their excellent work.</p>	<p>roles. I have also worked closely with employee resource groups within my own organisation; supporting and taking part in some of the excellent work they are doing to promote gender equality and equal opportunity for those with disabilities in the workplace. I am recognised within my department for my knowledge and expertise in project management. I enjoy mentoring others and sharing best practice, and I continually coach and challenge my team to develop their own capabilities and knowledge. In addition, I have experience organising workshops and facilitating professional events. Moreover, I am a member of IET Women's Network and Women in Engineering Society therefore I am able to share best practice and knowledge on the admirable work they do for women in engineering.</p>	hours a week on SIG activities.
Laura	Thornton-Coates	Associate	<p>I have worked in project management for 12+ years and have not really seen the numbers of women increase much in this time. Having played a part in the BT TechWomen Programme, I'd like to get more involved in other programmes which help get women more involved in minority fields.</p>	<p>12+ years of project management, 18 years in a STEM field (telecoms).</p>	2 - 3 hours a week.

Alison	Whitehead	Associate	<p>I have experience across the public, private and more recently HE sector in a variety of different roles all of which have involved project delivery and leading change . My motivation lies personally to network with like minded people in project delivery to develop my capabilities whilst sharing my experience and skills with others. Coming from a background of operations enables me to wear two hats sometimes missing in project delivery teams. I want to continue to have the opportunity to influence the direction of the SIG whilst encouraging the next generation of women in to the profession particularly in under represented groups. I bring with me a diverse range of connections from a wide variety of backgrounds which can help the SIG develop and achieve its ambitions. As an experienced member of the committee I feel that I also have a strong relationship with the APM and its support teams. I also bring with me experience of contributing to research projects on leading change in the public sector.</p>	<p>I have experience across the public, private and more recently HE sector in a variety of different roles all of which have involved project delivery and leading change. I am passionate about leading through collaboration to drive organisational change and encourage all of my teams to feel that they can contribute to improving the customer experience. I am very much people focussed with the ability to build relationships quickly across organisations building trust and developing honest relationships. I lead by example through personal commitment, being passionate for improvement and investment in others to achieve their full potential and support the realisation of team and individual aspiration. I invest my personal time to support the progression of others within the project management discipline and share my experiences with others. I also volunteer through the Inspire the Future Programme I have held the secretary role on the Women in Project Management SIG and have been involved in the development of a video to inspire the Next Generation of Women Project Managers which has been circulated across the country to educational establishments and branches. I have also contributed as part of the Steering committee on the WIPM Annual Conference I am a volunteer APM member holding the Institute of Leadership and Management Qualification along with being a Prince 2 practitioner.</p>	5 hours
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Emma	Wright	Associate	I have been on the committee for Women in Project Management for 3 years and I would like to continue as a committee member to share my knowledge and skills to help others.	I have managed projects for over 10 years in the private sector, public sector and more recently not for profit sector. I have a great deal of experience in developing project managers and see this as a key input for this group.	I envisage on average being able to commit 2 hours a week.
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