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APM Systems Thinking Specific Interest Group (SIG)

SIG report 2020/21

APM SIGs – Get involved!



The APM SIGs have an important role to play within APM in creating and disseminating new knowledge.

- Input to creating and disseminating new knowledge
- Create knowledge sharing opportunities on current interests of the profession – CPD!
- Further the understanding and practice of tools and techniques
- Inspire future project managers
- Give back to the project management profession
- Learn new skills
- Many more reasons!

Visit the SIG website pages to find out more - www.apm.org.uk/community/

APM Systems Thinking SIG 2020/21 chair report



This last year has been exciting for the Systems Thinking SIG - COVID gave us the opportunity to practise what we preach and apply systems thinking to understand the situation, leading to two very successful webinars that demonstrated the practical application of systems thinking by ordinary P3Ms, plus delivering tutorials to a number of universities.

Encouraged by this success, we're now looking to produce two APM guides:

1. Doing the right project: How portfolio and programme managers can use systems thinking to understand the problem and the requirements for the solution
2. Doing the project right: How P3Ms can use systems thinking and systems engineering techniques throughout the project lifecycle to maximise the chances of success

These will include suitably anonymised 'war stories', both successes and failures, to illustrate the principles because nothing brings theory to life like a true story!

We started 2021 with monthly online meetings, which have generated vibrant discussion. Easter clashed with April's, so our next one will be in May. The topics all relate to systems thinking and systems engineering, and each meeting discusses the practical interaction of these with other P3M disciplines.

Our aim? To make systems thinking a core competence of successful P3Ms.

Phil Knights and Andrew Wright - APM Systems Thinking SIG co chairs

APM Systems Thinking SIG 2020/21 activity report



- Activity held;
 - 7 blogs
 - 3 conversation meet up evenings
 - 1 university engagement
 - 3 webinars

- 675 followers