

APM Women in Project Management Specific Interest Group committee nominations 2017/18

Name	What is your membership level?	Brief overview of your background and experience as a Women in Project Management professional (maximum 150 words):	What motivated you to put yourself forward for election to the Women in Project Management SIG committee? (maximum 150 words)	What qualities and experience do you think you'll bring to the Women in Project Management SIG committee? (maximum 150 words)	How much time do you anticipate being able to spend on SIG activities in an average week?
<b>Adetoun Abiola</b>	Associate	I have been involved in WiPM for about three years and I am currently serving on its committee. Being a member of the SIG has helped me develop in different aspects of project management. I have had the opportunity of helping with the organisation of WiPM conferences and events which draws a good number of attendees within UK and beyond. My involvement in the SIG has helped me to develop confidence in progressing in my career. I have met women at different stages of their careers and a lot of them have been very motivational and encouraging. Being a member of the SIG gives me a sense of belonging and identifiacaty. It is an avenue to network with other women in the industry, encourage aspiring project professionals and develop transferrable skills.	Having gained so much from the SIG, I am motivated to make more positive contributions to the development of the SIG's activities. No two events are the same. There is always something unique and beneficial from every WiPM event, my past experience has motivated me to keep serving as a member of WiPM committee. I am motivated by the encouragement shown to aspiring project professionals and the opportunity to develop outside my day job, it is a totally different experience from my work place. There are lots of transferrable skills applicable in other spheres of life. Judging from past events and conferences, I am very proud to be associated with WiPM and to continue making positive contributions to the noble profession.	I possess excellent communication and time management skills. Organising events requires working with other SIG members and contacting external individuals, this cannot be done without communicating effectively. I am also able to arrange my tasks in order of priority and ensure they are done within specified time lines. I possess excellent interpersonal skills. I am able to relate and work with people of various backgrounds and industries. Also I am able to multi-task; I manage my day job with the SIG's activities and some other personal commitments avoiding missing deadlines and conflicts. I also possess excellent stakeholder management skills as I have learnt to manage stakeholder expectations and interests, preventing friction and conflicts.	2 hours
<b>Valentina Lorenzon</b>	Full	I have over 10 years of experience in project management across different sectors and markets. Over the last few years, I have been working as an independent project manager and consultant for SMEs and family businesses, focusing mainly on the strategic and people management aspects of a project. I'm also very passionate about promoting excellence in entrepreneurship and management. Project management plays an important role in my work because it provides a framework that binds together different elements of a process and a useful mindset to support the work of different stakeholders, especially when implementing change.	Having been part of the SIG for almost two years now, I would like to continue supporting the work of the committee. I strongly believe in the importance of creating truly diverse organisations that benefit from a variety of different backgrounds and experiences. I also see my involvement with the SIG as a way to support the work of other professionals and to promote excellence and best practices within the project management sector. It is also a great opportunity to help build a collaborative community while supporting the development of female professionals within the sector. From a personal point of view, being involved in the SIG activities and collaborating with the other volunteers has been a very enriching and rewarding experience as well as a great way to meet and work with people from very different professional backgrounds.	I am keen to leverage the skills and insights gained through my previous involvement in the SIG as well as the experience acquired as a member of other committees to keep supporting its development. In particular, I would like to help widening its membership by extending its reach to a wider pool of professionals and by engaging with its existing members and the wider community through the production of valuable content and the collaboration with other like-minded networks and groups.	Being self-employed, I have a quite flexible schedule that will allow me to find the time necessary to support the different SIG activities.

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<b>Teri Okoro</b>	Fellow	I am a qualified Project Manager, Fellow of APM also a Chartered Architect and Fellow of RIBA. I founded and manage a consultancy in London with a construction sector focus but also now involved in change consultancy. I have experience of managing teams as well as managing my own business. My skills were recently enhanced by an EMBA. My experience includes managing complex construction programmes and projects in the UK and in Africa in addition to being a practitioner, I have undertaken research and published papers on WIPM and diverse talent in Project management. I am also an international speaker on WIPM and diverse talent and recently founded P3M Africa a collaborative platform that has undertaken landmark research on project management in Africa. I mentor students and young professionals.	Have been an APM member since 1998 and have been an active volunteer since 2010. Have previous experience of WIPM SIG committee including as Chair. I am passionate about enhancing diverse talent and women in the profession. At this exciting and significant time for APM and the profession, I consider that a range of perspectives will assist in shaping the new vision, ways of working and outcomes. I wish to continue my involvement and contribution, including sharing good practice more widely and encouraging more women to advance their careers.	Good communicating skills, wide network to tap into, links with PM/related professions and WIPM in UK and abroad. Several years of experience of the WIPM SIG as well as other Non-Executive and Board member roles. Collaborative working skills and a wealth of experience. Ability to support /encourage others and impart knowledge. I have links with numerous like-minded organisations as WIPM and have arranged numerous collaborative events and initiatives in the past.	One to two hours. I am aware that required time input can be variable.
<b>Natalie Deane</b>	Associate	I have done a few years in Project Controls and now work as a Project Engineer. I have recently completed my APM PMQ. I have been a committee member of the WiPM SIG for a year now and it has helped give me confidence and provided a support network, inspiration and opportunities that I struggled to gain in my industry alone.	I have been on the committee as a Communications Lead for a year now. I feel I have more to contribute now with my increased responsibilities at work and my role as regional manager for Women in Nuclear and I am very interested in improving communication and events in Cumbria.	I feel that having less professional experience means I can provide a different viewpoint and help to attract those earlier on their career. I enjoy helping with the social media and communications side of it and I would like to provide more links between APM WiPM and various organisations such as the Nuclear Institute.	Probably a few hours a week.
<b>Alison Whitehead</b>	Associate	Having spent over 15 years in project management in both the public and private sector and experience in operational roles I have a wealth of experience in leading teams to deliver business change projects. I thrive on working with people to influence and inspire.	Having been a committee member for several years now and participating in teams that have delivered conferences along with a video to inspire the next generation I feel that I do have more to offer through my desire to bring experience from the public sector and more recently the utility sector. I enjoy working with colleagues and learning from them in a warm and welcoming team and working outside my comfort zone.	I am an accomplished, versatile and results focused project management professional with a natural ability to steer teams through business transformation. I am a clear and concise communicator with an outgoing personality and have the ability to negotiate and influence at all levels. I lead by example with personal commitment to empower individuals to achieve maximum potential and contribute to the delivery of common team objectives. I bring with me experience of working within the SIG, previously holding the secretary role and contributing to research papers on leading change in the public sector.	Approximately 5 hours
<b>Carol Bell</b>	Fellow	Committee member since 2000, Chairman 2006-2008	Continuing service to APM	Unparalleled Historical knowledge of the SIG, a vast network of contacts within and outside APM. A commitment to promoting Women in Project Management and encouraging women to fulfill their potential via APM qualifications and to seek elevation through the ranks of membership to Fellow and Chartered Status.	I anticipate spending a couple of hours per week, mostly online or telephone. Now that I am back in London I can also attend evening meetings and events.

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<b>Maura Launchbury</b>	Fellow	Programme Manager at Diamond Light Source Ltd, the UK's national synchrotron facility, managing the delivery of the Phase III science and engineering programme and also lead the Project Planning Group. Project Manager for the Athena SWAN initiative which champions equality in STEMM winning a Bronze Award in 2016. Currently Chair of WiPM SIG.	I thoroughly enjoyed working with a great team of enthusiastic members over the last few years. This year I have been Chair and have been delighted to see committee members take responsibility and make the most of the opportunities that are open to them. I have kicked off our newsletter again and this has attracted more volunteers who are all starting to play their part in promoting the role models of great project managers. I would love to stay on and nurture these developments.	In addition to my wide project management experience and understanding of the context of project management, I bring enthusiasm, time, communication skills and ideas to the committee.	1-2 hours
<b>Adeline Daly</b>	Full	Adeline is Programme Director for Marshall Aerospace and Defence Group, one of the largest privately owned and independent aerospace companies. In her current role as Head of Programmes, she oversees all project management within the organisation, covering complex, international programmes delivering civil, military and commercial aircraft and defence solutions. With a career that began in the Irish Naval Service and has included working as an electronic engineer with Phillips in the Netherlands and in particle accelerator physics in the UK, she moved her niche of business to project management. She has worked with leading aerospace and defence organisations in project management roles for the last 15 years, with a focus on translating requirements into the reality of delivery with commercial results always at the core.	I have served on the WiPM committee for the last year and helped organise a number of events, including an International Womens Day event in Cambridge and the up coming WiPM Conference in September where I hope to meet a lot more of the WiPM membership in order to understand what else we can do to help and support female project managers. I would very much like to continue my involvement with WiPM for the next year to build on this.	My passion for PM as a career (especially for women) and ability to mobilise people around activities that promote that are the key things I bring to the committee.	I currently put in about 2-3hrs a week minimum given that I am chairing this year's conference. Of course this goes up and down as demand requires.
<b>Briony Alessandra Bragg</b>	Associate	I graduated from Newcastle Law School in 2012 and began working in the nuclear industry in 2014. I am now a graduate in Project Management at Sellafield Ltd based in West Cumbria. I am currently following a career development plan towards becoming a chartered Project Manager. I am one of only 10 female graduates in a cohort of 49. I have completed placements in Studies, Planning and Design, and I am currently part of the delivery team on the early retrievals project for the Pile Fuel Cladding Silo. This is a multi-million pound project which will begin making the first penetrations into a facility that has stored legacy nuclear waste for more than sixty-five years. Prior to commencing the graduate scheme I previously worked in Programme Management, in Governance and Assurance and Baseline Management.	A good project manager will learn their trade in their industry early in their career, but they will also take every opportunity possible to develop the additional skills required for Chartership as soon as possible to support their career progression. This is why I am motivated to join this committee. I want to be able to access a wide range of expertise and resource in a collaborative community, without any barriers apparent and to contribute towards the development of an active and motivated professional community where women are empowered with the confidence and motivation to succeed professionally.	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. I have consequently worked with professionals across a range of different organisations, a skill clearly needed to join this APM SIG. My organisational, interpersonal and critical thinking skills are sound as a project management early professional. What I can offer is an undoubted ambition to learn and develop and I would very much appreciate the opportunity to work alongside other leading project professionals from other organisations and industries.	2/3 hours

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<p><b>Olubukola Feyisetan</b></p>	<p>Full</p>	<p>I have varied experience from working in the programme/project environment for over 12 years. I have worked in high-profile change programmes in HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), including the most recent Digital Solutions Programme, which supports the government initiative of 'Making tax Digital' for customers. I have also achieved the PRINCE2 practitioner qualification and as a result of my active engagement and contributions to the PPM profession, I am a full member of the Association of Programme Management (MAPM). In my current role as Project Co-ordinator, I lead as an enabler on projects delivered by the Office of Tax Simplification (OTS). My role contributes to the HMRC ambition to make tax simpler for tax payers and easier to administer by the government. I set up the Programme Management Office for the HMRC Central London Accommodation Moves Project, which was successfully delivered on 20 October 2015.</p>	<p>I am motivated by the opportunity to make a contribution to the role of women in the project/programme management profession and to learn from women who have achieved significant milestones in their professional journey. I have been fortunate to attend events organised by WiPM Special Interest Group and my learning from those events have honed my skills in the workplace. I volunteered my skills at the 2016 WiPM annual conference and I had the advantage of g access to seasoned professionals who shared great "success stories". Not only did the women have great advice about proven best strategies, but these more experienced professionals were willing to connect me to additional resources. Also important to me is that there is a sense of security, support and inspiration that comes from sharing and interacting with a group of your industry peers, colleagues and mentors, something social networking alone cannot replace.</p>	<p>I work as a real team-player and can unite people around a vision. I have a strong desire to help others and this is already demonstrated through my voluntary work as a school governor in my local community. I thrive in a team environment and believe a group that is communicating well will be most productive and successful. I have good communication skills and know that open communication is important to reach effective decisions within a group. I have good organisational skills which served me well whilst working in demanding project/programme environments. I have admirable interpersonal skills and work collaboratively with colleagues. A colleague at work was quite demotivated with the recent changes within the organisation. I made time to listen actively to my colleague to understand the concerns and talked her through realistic options to cope with the change. I then offered possible solutions, which she agreed to consider.</p>	<p>5 hours in an average week</p>
<p><b>Hollie Woodard</b></p>	<p>Associate</p>	<p>I have over 5 years' experience as a Project Manager in the Rail Industry which is predominantly a male orientated profession so there have been challenges along the way. I have managed a number of rail projects and am currently working on North West Electrification which will see the line from Preston to Blackpool electrified.</p>	<p>I am currently a member of the WiPM SIG and am in the process of volunteering on a number of events, APM presents and the WiPM conference, as these are the first two events I have been actively involved in I would really like the opportunity to continue and close these out.</p>	<p>I believe i will bring my enthusiasm for increasing the amount of women in the profession and supporting those already a part of our community. I would like the opportunity to take part in events and also help shape the future of project management.</p>	<p>1-2 hours</p>
<p><b>Yvonne McBain</b></p>	<p>Full</p>	<p>I have over 15 years experience of working in the Project profession within different roles. These roles have required me to develop and maintain relationships across a diverse range of customers, suppliers and colleagues. I have needed to identify and drive improvements in processes which in turn have required challenges to perceptions and practices. I have been able to influence major change and successfully motivate large teams to drive forward change in an environment that has been both creative and rewarding. I have managed all of this whilst ensuring operational risk is minimised and best practice is followed.</p>	<p>I thoroughly enjoy the process of change and am keen to develop my skills and career with like minded individuals. I joined the WiPM Committee in 2016 and volunteered to take part in various events but feel that I still have a lot to give / learn. I would be very thankful to be given the opportunity to remain on the Committee for a further year to allow this to happen.</p>	<p>I enjoy meeting others and regularly attend both internal get-togethers and other appropriate external Company events. I have found these to be very informative and developmental and my growing network of colleagues is proving to be extremely helpful with my Project Management activities. I enjoy sharing my knowledge with others and encourage them to use existing skills to move into Project Management.</p>	<p>2 - 3 hours per week minimum</p>

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<p><b>Emma Wright</b></p>	<p>Associate</p>	<p>I have worked in project management within the private sector, public sector and more recently higher education sector. I have managed construction, IT and business change initiatives for in excess of 10 years. I also lecture on a part-time basis at Leeds Beckett university on the masters course in project management and strategy.</p>	<p>I have been a member of the WiPM committee for the past 12months and in this time attended the Belfast volunteers forum and the WiPM conference. Having experienced the fantastic work the group are involved in first hand I would welcome the opportunity to continue my involvement.</p>	<p>I have worked in project management within the private sector, public sector and more recently higher education sector. I have managed construction, IT and business change initiatives for in excess of 10years. I also lecture on a part-time basis at Leeds Beckett university on the masters course in project management and strategy. I have attained an MSc in Strategic Project Management with Dinstinction and I am qualified at Practitioner level in numerous project management methodologies.</p>	<p>I envisage I can commit on average 3 hours per week.</p>
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