PM Challenge 2014/2015

PM Challenge Objectives

The PM Challenge competition has been established to provide students studying the discipline of Project Management and corporate fledgling project managers with the following objectives.

- To develop and practice their project management knowledge, both theory and experience, in a practical and competitive environment
- To be mentored by an experienced Project Manager. To gain real-life experience and practice their hard and soft project management skills.
- Use Project Management methods to deliver the solution within budget, to plan and to a defined level of quality
- To define the success criteria to deliver a winning product and/or service
- To develop the qualities needed to be a successful Project Manager
- To learn in a safe environment
- To receive feedback on project management skills and competences from their mentor and the review panel
- It is also a useful addition to the CV!
The theme for the 2014/2015 Project Challenge is ‘Communications’.

The following rules apply:

- Each Project Challenge team to consist of 3 – 6 members
- Each team to prepare and develop a project of their choice on the theme of Communications
- Each team is to have an experienced Project Manager as their mentor
- Each team is to submit a final closeout report to the Project Review Board
- The closeout reports will be used as the basis for judging the competition winner(s).
- Finalists will prepare a presentation of their project to be presented at an awards ceremony in May 2015; there will be prizes for:
  - the best overall project
  - the best presentation as judged by the audience on the night of the awards ceremony
- All Teams who are not presenting at the Finals Night will present a poster on the same night that will judged separately with its own prize
- All budget expenditure, if needed, must be accounted for in project documentation, and will be limited to a maximum of £500 provided by the host organisation
- Each team will be required to submit a PM Challenge entry fee of £500 with their Interim Report to cover administration and the cost of a table at the Finals Night award ceremony
- Teams that do not submit the entry fee will not go on to the next stage of the challenge.