

**APM North West Branch**

**Supporting statement from nomination process of the elected committee members 2021/2022**

Full name	What motivated you to put yourself forward for election to the Branch committee? (maximum 150 words)	What qualities, skills and experience do you think you'll bring to the Branch committee? (maximum 150 words)	If you volunteered last year with the APM what was your best achievement/highlight?
Jacob Cooper	<p>Over the past years I have frequently volunteered with the APM's education engagement and SIGs, and seen first-hand, the benefit to the profession that volunteering can give. As a result, I feel that this is the next step with respect to my continuing ambition to promote, inspire, develop and connect the project profession. Additionally, I have also spent the last 5 years volunteering with the Young Rail Professionals, a voluntary organisation looking to develop other professionals through volunteering. This has further fuelled my motivation to give back to the profession. As a committed and chartered project professional, I am very keen to support other professionals in their career ambitions, and I feel that being part of an APM Branch enables me to do so. Additionally, I am also a member of pro-Manchester's Transport and Infrastructure Steering Group, and through this, I look to showcase and develop the project profession.</p>	<p>Having spent several years on two voluntary committees; the Young Rail Professionals and the pro-Manchester Transport &amp; Infrastructure Steering Group, I have extensive experience of how regional committees and branches operate, and the services and support they provide to fellow professionals. Having held the role as development lead on these committees I am also very well skilled at identifying, planning, and facilitating engaging professional development and networking events. I have also held the role of an annual dinner and awards lead for the YRP North West, which saw me undertake the end-to-end planning of a 450+ person black tie dinner. As a chartered project professional, I have attained the relevant professional practice and academic knowledge to support other professionals in their careers, or their development aspirations, whether this be through 1-2-1 advice, or by facilitating or speaking at regional or national events, coupled with a strong network to support me.</p>	<p>Having worked extensively with the Education Engagement team within APM I feel that this has been a highlight of my volunteering, as I was given the opportunity to promote and develop the next generation of the project profession. Perhaps my best achievement was being selected to feature in an article called 'Sector Shifters, for the APM Magazine, Summer 2021 edition. Whilst not yet published, the article covers my experience in moving sectors and how project professionals can embrace the change and transition their skills, something I feel is very relevant given the world we live in post COVID.</p>

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Philip Hardy	To promote the profession using PM knowledge gained from 30 years experience.	Enthusiasm and as above.	Presentations to U/G and Masters students at NW Universities.
Neil Horner	With 22 years of experience in project delivery across Healthcare, Education, Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Retail, Aviation and Energy sectors I bring a cross sector, applied and informed perspective to the table. I recognise many of our forward opportunities in the profession relate to unlocking cross sector efficiency, to make a demonstrable difference to project/programme success, in parallel with sustaining and enabling a more informed, agile workforce.	I bring experience, passion, a track record of performance, entrepreneurialism, managerial and coaching capability, with a track record of contributing directly towards schools, colleges, universities to address the skills gap. I also present endorsed track record in making a difference within complex business, on complex, multifaceted and interdependent programmes.	I have registered to be a volunteer with the APM. I am already an active volunteer with STEM, Inspiring Futures, and the Enterprise Hub for Lancashire. I am keen to do more with my home region (northwest), with a passion to contribute, shape and deliver events of interest. My own personal highlight was when parents of a school I presented at commented that they didn't realise just how much could be achieved through an apprenticeships and then in project management.
Darren Johnston	Past committee member	Drive, experience, past performance	Surviving Covid!
Kevin Kane	I would like to carry on with my contribution	Experience on the committee	Getting online.

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Innes Murray	Having gained Chartership in 2020, I now have a greater passion to share my experience in project management and passion for what the APM does with others. I believe that the North West branch has an incredible opportunity to promote the profession in the region, but at present does not offer enough access to those in its biggest cities. I would love to help drive engagement in these cities, and bring events and speakers to the high quality educational institutions the area has.	I have been an active project manager for the full 10 years of my adult career. I achieved APM membership within 5 years of starting my career and ChPP status at nine years. I have a large amount of experience delivering highly complex infrastructure projects with a drive for innovation. I was a key part of the team which delivered the cutting edge procurement of North America's first rail Alliance contract and have recently become an accredited personality assessor to drive collaborative working in teams. Throughout my career I have championed the next generation of talent in the industry, including volunteering at schools, seeking new graduates and apprentices at universities and colleges, and being a leading part of the development of less inexperienced team members. My drive to attract and develop new talent to the industry, along with my experience in promoting collaborative working and innovation leads me to believe that I would be a credit to the North West Branch committee.	
Richard Preston	I'm addicted to project management and have been volunteering with the APM for 20 years	Wisdom that comes with age with the enthusiasm that comes with youth	Hosting NW Branch Meetups

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Graham Woodward	Lots of energy to arrange branch visits etc	Been a committee member for many many years and hopefully bring a good deal to the table.	During lockdown, regretfully very little. It will change when there are less restrictions.
Stewart Wragg	Continued engagement and involvement with the NW committee allows me to share my knowledge and experience which helps others to develop and helps the APM to support it's members and the PM community at large.	25 years' experience in delivering projects and programmes. A commitment to developing self and otehrs.	Minor last year due to Covid impact on events and conference.
Andrew Wright	I've been a committee member for some years now and am passionate about helping the APM respond to COVID-induced change	5 years on the committee, helping with conferences and bringing on-line skills to the committee.	2 webinars; understanding COVID impacts and remote working sustainability