



The Project and People Company

Make the Workplace Work

***You've done the EPICWay[®] Practitioner
Now Step Up and become an EPICWay[®] Professional***

*"Having completed the EPICWay[®] Practitioner in 2008, I stepped-up to The EPICWay Professional[®] in 2009. The blended programme suited my needs as I was based in the UK and could complete the work in my own time. The tutorials with the Project Coach provided me with the support, guidance and reassurance I needed. Since attending the programme, I have used the principles that I learned in a variety of different ways."
Alissa Ashworth, EPICWay[®] Professional 2009*

The **EPICWay[®] Professional** is part of a series of Project Management Qualifications starting at Practitioner level and leading to a Master level. At each level we transfer tools, processes and skills necessary to reach the qualification.

Our 'blended' version of the **EPICWay[®] Professional** means you will be assigned a Project Coach at the beginning of the programme who will be an experienced Project Management Consultant. You can then achieve the qualification in your own time through a combination of online and independent learning and 3 face-to-face sessions with your Coach.

Each module consists of advance preparation, in-class tutorial and portfolio work. Between modules your Coach is available via webcam, email and phone.

The good news is that because you already are an **EPICWay[®] Practitioner** you are well placed to Step Up and become an EPICWay Professional.

Accredited with Waterford Institute of Technology the **EPICWay[®] Professional** results in a single subject certificate in Project Management at Level 6 on the National Framework of Qualifications.

For one of our clients, over 50% of the participants who completed **The EPICWay[®] Professional** as part of a career development programme have been promoted to more senior roles!

Recent **EPICWay[®] Professionals** learned how to:

- Evaluate plan and review projects effectively
- Understand the shortest possible time in which a project can be completed
- Appreciate the need for a whole-brain approach to projects – managing both projects and people
- Manage risk during all stages of the project management lifecycle
- Negotiate scope change
- Build an effective project schedule
- Analyse a project and report on its strengths and weaknesses



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Some Key Questions Answered

- Why it is just as important to manage People and Processes on a project?
- How does my Belbin Role impact on my team performance?
- Critical Path Analysis – why bother?
- What is Whole Brain Project Management?
- What is the impact on a project of working in a Virtual Team?
- How do I compile a Risk Breakdown Structure?
- Why is Scope Change the biggest challenge on a Project?
- What are the Benefits of formally closing a Project?

Accreditation is awarded based on attendance and submission of a Portfolio of Work

1 The EPICWay® to Manage Projects

A review of the Methodology
Selecting your Project
Review of Planning and Control Documents

2 From Planning to Implementation

Critical Path
Managing your Team
Managing Virtual Teams
Whole Brain Project Management - striking the balance between the technical and human skills needed to manage a live project.

3 From Implementation to Close

Advanced Risk Management
Managing Scope
Stakeholder Management
Negotiating your Project
Project Close

The module covers assessing the need for and impact of change, as well as how to negotiate risk and scope change.

Accreditation Portfolio of Work

During the course of the programme, participants compile an EPICWay® Professional portfolio, which includes:

- A Project Brief
- A Project Charter
- Project Status Reports
- A series of module-specific exercises
- Change Control Request Form
- Change Control Log

Using a case study, participants examine how to manage risk on live projects

Participants are also required to complete a final assessment - a 1500 word Paper, describing their learning journey, with reference to prescribed reading.