

Project Change Management – Challenges and Opportunities

a breakfast briefing kindly sponsored by RPS

and presented by

Karen Fenton
Programme Manager, RPS

On: Wednesday 18th January 2017
In: Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Dublin 4
At: 8:00 AM (breakfast served from 7:30 AM)

Synopsis:

On any project change is a given. However, approaches to the management of change vary significantly across industries, organisations, disciplines and projects. Change is often resisted or ignored and it frequently develops into conflict, despite the acknowledgment in project management methodologies that change management is a key part of project management. On the other hand, in the construction industry, change is a normal way of doing business.

In this talk, Karen explores the different attitudes to the management of project changes, the challenges associated with change and some methods for developing robust change management approaches. The session will be interactive and will include case studies and attendees will have an opportunity to share their own stories of change.

About the Speaker:

Karen graduated as a Chemical and Process Engineer in 1995 from Cork Regional Technical College. She worked as a process engineer in the manufacturing and pharmaceutical sectors in Ireland for a number of years. She then moved to Australia where she project managed large-scale design and construction water/wastewater treatment plant projects at Veolia Water and engineering design projects at AECOM. Key projects include the design and construction of a large water treatment plant for a new power station as part of an alumina mine expansion, and the design of a 150km seawater pipeline for an iron ore mine feasibility study.

Karen has established project management office functions for Transport for NSW in Sydney and OpenHydro, Ireland and has led organisation transformation and strategy projects at Irish Water. At RPS, Karen now leads the delivery of a procurement programme for Irish Water. She has a Diploma in Project Management (PMBOK), an MBA from Smurfit and a Management Diploma from the Australian Graduate School of Management.

Fee/ Booking: Admission is free. Reservation of attendance required to JP Hilliard – email: jphilliard@lafferty.ie