Dell’s Corporate Social Responsibility at Work in Ireland

We at the PMI Educational Foundation (PMIEF) are privileged to see the generosity of project managers from all over the world who donate their skills to help others in need and at a disadvantage. Dell, a Corporate Partner Donor with PMIEF is making project management for social good a part of its corporate culture.

In November 2012, Dell Limerick (Ireland) launched the Dell Volunteers Project Management program (Dell VPM, initially known as Dell PM4Life). The following year, Dell Limerick partnered with PMIEF to use the PMIEF Project Management Skills for Life resource to create free, in-person, six-hour training sessions for nonprofit staff in their area. These sessions focused on helping the staff learn to use project management by applying it to practical, real-world challenges the nonprofits faced.

“We are delighted to be able to share our project management skills with as many organizations as possible,” explained Denis Kelly, vice president, global consumer support services at Dell. With locations around the world, Dell was poised to replicate this success in other communities. Soon afterwards, Dell VPM expanded to Dublin and Cork in Ireland, and last year to Dell Bratislava, Slovakia and Dell’s corporate headquarters in Austin, Texas. Plans are underway to launch in Bangalore, India and in other sites in the United States and Europe. A new mobile app helps program graduates access additional PMIEF resources.

In 2014, PMIEF joined Dell and a Dell VPM Limerick nonprofit participant for a presentation about their collaboration at the first International Conference on Managing Projects in the Non-Profit Sector held at the Kemmy Business School, University of Limerick, Ireland. Dell VPM also won the 2014 PMI Community Enhancement through Project Management Award.

Receiving the award, Limerick Site Leader Timmy O’Dwyer said, “We are delighted to see our efforts recognized by PMI, which is the world’s leading professional organization for project management. The feedback we’ve received is that charities that have come through the project management training offered in the program are better able to execute on key projects, and are seeing an organizational—and, in some cases, a fundraising—benefit as a result.

So far, representatives from more than 100 local and national charities have been trained in project management through Dell VPM. PMIEF hopes that Dell’s example will be an inspiration to other...
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2–3 October
PMI Turkey Chapter
PM Summit Istanbul

Istanbul, Turkey. This year’s focus is on “New Trends in Project Management.” Participants will have the opportunity to join sessions under the top topics of communication, technology, innovation and methods.
www.pmi.org.tr/summit/istanbul

6–7 October
PMI Montreal Chapter
PMI-Montréal Symposium

Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The PMI Montreal Chapter is proud to present its annual symposium event featuring more than 35 speakers and workshops in project management. Due to popular demand, this year’s event is scheduled over the course of two days. Conferences and workshops are available in both English and French.
www.pmimontreal.org/symposium.

16 October
PMI Great Lakes Chapter
PMI Great Lakes Chapter 2015 Professional Development Day

Novi, Michigan, USA. The PMI Great Lakes Chapter is proud to welcome Dr. Harold Kerzner to Michigan to speak on Project Management 2.0. Dr. Kerzner will provide the keynote address and will later be joined by several industry leaders for a panel discussion on the PM 2.0 topic. A great day is planned, including learning, networking and sponsor presentations.
www.pmiglc.org/pdd

19–20 October
PMI Indonesia Chapter
PMI Indonesia Chapter’s Project Management Symposium and Exhibition (SymEx) 2015

Jakarta, Indonesia. PMI Indonesia Chapter invites you to attend a two-day symposium and exhibition that will feature speakers from a variety of industries and expertise. This year’s theme will be “Beyond or Behind: Advancing Business Transformation with Innovative Project Management,” based on ASEAN Economic Community goals to have regional economic integration. Enjoy the opportunity to network, share ideas and learn from the experts.
www.pmi-indonesia.org/symex.

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PMI® GLOBAL CONGRESSES AND EVENTS

PMI® Global Congress 2015—North America
Orlando, Florida, USA
11–13 October 2015
PMI.org/Congress

PMO Symposium
Phoenix, Arizona, USA
8–11 November 2015
PMOSymposium.org

NOVEMBER 2015

10 November
PMI Montreal Chapter
PMI-Montréal Gala élixir

Montreal, Quebec, Canada. The PMI Montreal Chapter will be celebrating the 10th anniversary of its élixir awards ceremony, highlighting excellence in project management from across Quebec. Join us for an evening of award presentations and networking with the chapter’s top performers.

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corporations, whether global or local, to use the skills of their project managers for the greater good.

Michael DePrisco, PMIEF chief operating officer and PMI vice president of academic and educational programs, says, “We are pleased that Dell VPM not only enables PMIEF to expand its global reach in a meaningful way, but also creates a unique model of how corporations like Dell can leverage the expertise of their professionals, PMIEF and the PMI community to support charitable work worldwide.”