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Dear Chapter Members,

Now that we are rested from summer holiday, it is time to come back at full speed!

In our late-August, eighth edition of the newsletter, we bring to you more information about our annual conference, chapter statistics and more.

Sincerely,

PMI Finland Chapter Board
PMI Finland Chapter Volunteers

Annual Conference



Project & Project Manager of the Year 2024 Awards



As we approach this year's PMI Finland Chapter Annual Conference, we are excited to spotlight two prestigious awards that honour exceptional achievements in the field of project management: the Project Manager of the Year 2024 and the Project of the Year 2024 awards. These accolades celebrate the individuals and teams who have demonstrated unparalleled leadership, innovation, and excellence in delivering successful projects.



Project Manager of the Year 2024 Award: Celebrating Leadership

The Project Manager of the Year 2024 award is now open for nominations. This esteemed recognition is dedicated to honouring outstanding project managers who have shown exceptional leadership and the ability to drive projects to successful outcomes. Eligible candidates include currently employed project managers and directors with significant experience in the field. Whether you're nominating yourself or a colleague, this is an opportunity to highlight the best in the industry.

Eligibility: The nominated project must be based in Finland and completed after October 1st, 2023, or expected to complete by September 30th, 2024. Participation in the PMI Finland Chapter Annual Conference 2024 is encouraged but not mandatory.



Project of the Year 2024 Award: Recognizing Outstanding Projects

The Project of the Year 2024 award is also open for nominations. This award recognises projects that have demonstrated exceptional performance, innovation, and alignment with strategic goals. If your team has delivered a project that stands out regarding its impact and success, this is the perfect platform to showcase your work.

Eligibility: The nominated project must be located in Finland and completed after October 1st, 2023, or be expected to complete by September 30th, 2024. Projects from all business sectors with notable budgets and significant impact are eligible for consideration.

Do you know a project manager who has gone above and beyond? Or have you been part of a project that exemplifies excellence and innovation? Nominations for both awards are now open! Don't miss this chance to bring your success story to the forefront and gain the recognition you deserve. The awards will be presented at the PMI Finland Chapter Annual Conference 2024, providing winners with the opportunity to be celebrated by peers and industry leaders alike.

Join us in celebrating the best in project management—submit your nomination today!

Learn more: <https://pmi-fi.org/2024-annual-conference>

Annual Conference



Speaker Lineup Revealed



We're excited to shine a spotlight on the extraordinary speakers who will be sharing their wisdom at this year's conference. With a theme centred around curiosity, these leaders are set to inspire through their insights and experiences; they will help us unlock new perspectives, navigate complex challenges, and confidently embrace the future of project management. Whether you want to deepen your knowledge, expand your skills, or meet like-minded people, these sessions will provide the perfect platform. Let's introduce the experts who will fuel our curiosity and drive our discussions.



Name: Frank Turley (Keynote Speaker)

Frank is a project management author, speaker, and adviser with more than 16 years of experience. Frank's mission is to change how the world learns and practices project management.

Session Topic: The helpful role of custodians in project management

Session Overview: In his session, Frank will explore the concept of "custodians" in project management, a role that goes beyond traditional risk management to ensure thorough follow-up on all project items. He'll share how this approach, integral to P3.express, can be seamlessly integrated into any project management practice to solve common issues and enhance project success.



Name: Milla Ranta (Guest Speaker)

Milla is a change professional and coach with expertise across various sectors. She specialises in lean, sustainable, people-first solutions for project management and AI integration. Milla's value-driven approach ensures strategic, long-term success by prioritising customer value and well-being.

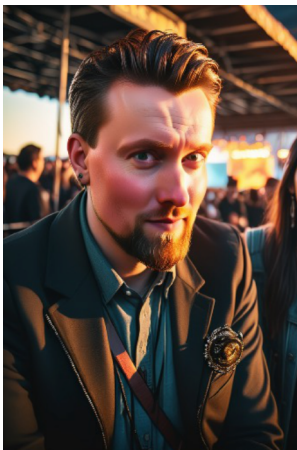
Session Topic: Co-creating Project Success

Session Overview: Co-creating Project Success Curious about how to succeed in your project? Projects are done when we have a goal that one can't achieve alone – we could say that the project's success results from the group effort. A simple way to define "success" could be "reaching the goals set for the project". What are the essential skills to achieve the constantly moving goals in the rapidly transforming environment? She will discuss the competencies diverse project groups need to co-create project success.

Annual Conference



Speaker Lineup Revealed



Name: Niklas Mannfolk (Guest Speaker)

As the Public Affairs and Communications Director of Huawei Finland, Niklas has been following the tech scene for several years. His focus lies in the opportunities presented by technology to improve societies and people's everyday lives. Mannfolk has previously worked as a Special Adviser to the Minister of Justice and has followed AI regulatory developments.

Session Topic: Navigating the maze: The complexities of regulating AI

Session Overview: Niklas will explore the intricate challenges of establishing effective governance for AI. This presentation will unravel the complexities

that policymakers, technologists, and legal experts face in the rapidly evolving landscape of AI regulation.



Names: Mari-Ella Juhola & Maria Könkkölä (Guest Speakers)

Mari-Ella is the Head of Development Management Office at Wärtsilä Information Management. Together with her team, she has spearheaded the Agile transformation within Wärtsilä's IT development. Mari-Ella is a lifelong learner, passionate about agile methodologies, leadership, and emerging technologies.

Maria is a Project Manager, Agile Coach, and Founder of the Virtual Agile Coaching Network at Wärtsilä Information Management. With a fervour for collaboration and a relentless curiosity, Maria thrives on helping others succeed. Her willingness to learn propels her forward.

Session Topic: Curious Catalysts: PMO's role in empowering Agile Evolution at Wärtsilä

Session Overview: In a world where change is the only constant, the role of the Project Manager is evolving more rapidly than ever. Join us as we delve into the transformative journey of Wärtsilä Information Management PMO and discover how embracing

curiosity positions project managers and the PMO not just to adapt but to take the helm in the agile era. Learn the secrets to staying relevant and nurturing agile transformation from the ground up.

Annual Conference



Speaker Lineup Revealed



Name: Taru Weckroth (Guest Speaker)

Taru is a seasoned business and technology transformation leader with over two decades of experience. As Senior Managing Consultant and M&A Community Lead at Midagon Finland, she specialises in M&A integration, leading complex change and technology initiatives in corporate restructuring. Her leadership is results-focused, emphasising respect and clear communication.

Session Topic: Global ERP implementation - success and struggles at Vaisal

Session Overview: Taru will discuss the global ERP implementation at Vaisala, completed in early 2024. This session will cover the challenges faced during the two-year project, including meeting complex business requirements and maintaining high-quality standards. Despite the hurdles, the project's success was driven by strong team spirit, effective coordination, and transparency across all involved entities.



Name: Victor Brück (Guest Speaker)

Victor has a background in HR, marketing and employer branding. His dream job as the D&I expert offers the opportunity to make Nordea a more diverse and inclusive organisation for all employees and customers. "My goal is to create change that matters by making this a priority where everyone is needed". He has also studied the experiences of LGBTQ+ people in the banking industry from an equitable perspective to drive more meaningful change in the industry and society.

Session Topic: The Value and Necessity of Diversity and Inclusion

Session Overview: In his presentation, Victor will explore how embracing diversity and inclusion can elevate your projects and teams to new heights. He will also provide practical insights on creating a more inclusive environment, demonstrating why D&I is essential for success in today's dynamic workplace.

Annual Conference



Speaker Lineup Revealed



Name: Edward Lundholm (Guest Speaker)

Edward is an international construction director with extensive experience across diverse asset classes, having worked in over 20 countries. He specialises in data centres, leading the delivery of complex projects across the Nordics. Edward passionately advocates for renewable energy use in the data centre industry.

Session Topic: Sustainable Data Centres

Session Overview: Edward will lead a discussion on the power usage, energy efficiency, and sustainability measures necessary to reduce the environmental impact of building and operating data centres in the Nordics. The session will cover key topics such as what a data centre (DC) is, why AI consumes so much power, and where that power comes from. He will explain Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE) and discuss strategies for improving efficiency. Edward will also address green building practices, including the value of LEED Certification, the integration of renewable energy, future data centre technologies, power cogeneration, and liquid cooling solutions.

With such an exceptional lineup of speakers and a diverse range of topics that are relevant to project management today, this is a conference you won't want to miss. Seats are filling up fast, so don't wait—register now to secure your spot and join us in embracing curiosity, driving innovation, and shaping the future of project management together. Your next big breakthrough starts here!

Register now: <https://pmi-fi.org/2024-annual-conference>



Nominations for Annual Conference 2024



Project Manager and Project of the Year Nominations



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READ MORE

This year, we are excited to explore the theme "Embracing Curiosity: The Key to Project Management Success. Join us as we delve into how curiosity can transform your projects, inspire your teams, and elevate your career.

READ MORE

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Hours of impact



Make Every Hour Count

HOURS FOR IMPACT

Taking Action for Positive Change

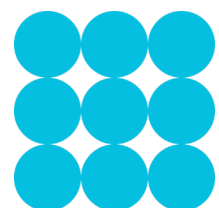


Join PMI Finland's Hours for Impact – Make Every Hour Count!

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our members at PMI Chapter Finland to create meaningful change. As part of the global Hours for Impact initiative by the Project Management Institute (PMI), we invite you to leverage your project management expertise to make a positive impact on the world.

What is Hours for Impact?

Hours for Impact is PMI's global initiative encouraging project managers to dedicate their time and skills to projects that align with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). This is your chance to contribute to important causes such as quality education, climate action, and more, all while being part of a global movement.





How Can PMI Finland Members Get Involved?

- **Pledge Your Hours:** Commit a certain number of volunteer hours to impactful projects that resonate with you and support the SDGs.
- **Engage Locally:** Join fellow PMI Finland members in local initiatives that address pressing issues in our community and beyond. Collaborate on projects that reflect our shared values and goals.
- **Share Your Impact:** Document your contributions and share your experiences within our chapter and the broader PMI community. Your stories will inspire others and demonstrate the powerful role of project management in driving global change.
- **Network and Collaborate:** Connect with other professionals in Finland and globally who are also committed to making a difference. By working together, we can amplify our collective impact.

Why Should You Participate?

- **Create Real Change:** Your project management skills can significantly advance critical initiatives, making them more efficient, effective, and impactful.
- **Grow Personally and**

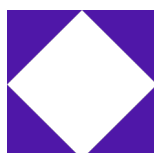
Professionally: Volunteering allows you to learn new skills, expand your network, and gain fresh perspectives on project management and global issues.

- **Strengthen Our Community:** By participating, you contribute to a stronger, more connected PMI Finland Chapter, united by a shared commitment to making the world a better place.

How to Get Started

Joining *Hours for Impact* is easy. Simply send us an email to : cinthia.barrientos@pmi-fi.org to explore available projects, and start making a difference. Every hour you dedicate helps us move closer to achieving the SDGs. Stay tuned for an upcoming volunteering opportunity where you can sume to the couse.

Let's unite as PMI Finland members to show the world the power of project management. Together, we can make every hour count!



Mentorship Program



August 2024

Exciting news from the PMI Finland Chapter – our Mentorship Program is now open for applications!

This program offers a fantastic opportunity for individuals interested in Project Management (Mentees) to connect and learn from experienced Project Management Professionals (Mentors) during a 6-month engagement. It's a completely voluntary program, with no financial commitment required, designed to foster growth and development for both Mentees and Mentors.

Who Can Participate?

- PMI members in good standing (for both Mentors and Mentees)
- Students from partnering universities and PMI Volunteers are welcome
- Mentors must have at least 10 years of experience and hold a PMI certificate

Mentees will gain valuable one-on-one guidance from industry leaders, while Mentors can enhance their leadership skills and earn PDUs, all while giving back to the community. With a commitment of just 2 hours per month, this is a manageable and rewarding way to grow your network and knowledge.

MAIN FOCUS AREAS



Project Management – emphasizing PM skills, emerging trends, and strategies required to become a more effective and thriving project manager.



Career Development – attention to how you plan for the next steps in your PM career.



Leadership – enhancing leadership skills in areas such as holding a high-stake conversation, developing influencing skills and establishing trust-based relationships.

NOTE: This program is not meant to prepare you for a PMP or other PMI exams, provide you with academic tutoring or certification, or find you a job or job referral. However, Mentors may share knowledge on those topics and provide references according to their discretions.

BENEFITS TO MENTORS



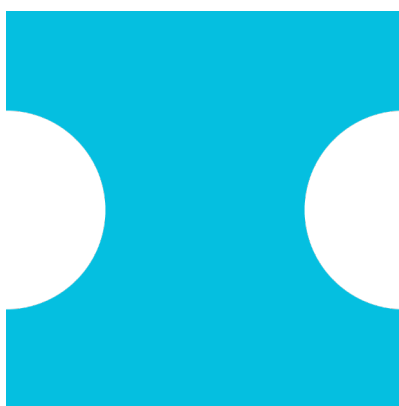
- **Earning PDU's** – Mentors earn PDU's through the 'Giving back' shared knowledge category and collect 1 PDU per one hour volunteered (max 24 PDU's).
- **Giving back** – contribute to the PMI community by leveraging years of experience, knowledge and wisdom to help Mentees succeed.
- **Developing interpersonal competencies** – enhance leadership, teaching and coaching skills which encourages you to become a more reflective practitioner.
- **Insights** – gain new insights from your interactions with Mentees.

BENEFITS TO MENTEES



- **Skills Development** – learning from the expertise, experience and wisdom of seasoned professionals.





- **Networking** – gain access to important career contacts and building a valuable network.
- **Earning PDU's** – earn PDU's in the 'Education', informal learning category.
- **Problem-solving** – a Mentor can be a sounding board for situations or problems you are unsure of the solutions too.
- **Direction** – consider future direction and goals for career path development.

takes is an hour of practical advice to solve a challenge!

Mentors: Are you a seasoned professional with a passion for helping others? Apply to be a Mentor and share your expertise while earning PDUs. It only takes 15 minutes to complete the application – and the benefits are priceless.

The match-making process is set for September 2024, where we'll pair Mentors and Mentees based on shared interests and goals, providing a unique platform for networking and professional growth

Don't miss out on this opportunity to grow and give back to the Project Management community!

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline: September 10th, 2024

Program Timeline:

First intake: September 2024 – January 2025

Second intake: February – June 2025

[APPLY NOW!!](#)

APPLICATION PROCESS

Mentor and Mentee applicants are required to complete the online application forms:

Once the application process has closed, all applicants will be informed of the Kick-off meeting dates.



REQUIREMENTS FOR MENTORS AND MENTEES

Mentees: If you're in a Project Management role or studying Project Management, this is your chance to gain invaluable guidance. Think of how this mentorship could open new doors for your career or education. Sometimes, all it

PRT and Webinars



Embark on a journey of innovation with us!

Get ready for an exciting return to our webinar series featuring captivating topics as summer winds down. Don't miss out!

VIRTUOUS LEADERSHIP AS PERSONAL AND CORPORATE EXCELLENCE

This session offers specific insights into individual change and personal leadership development combined with some practical hints for leading other people. The focus of the session will be the human person and their starting premise that, to be a sustainably excellent manager, one has to be first an excellent individual: to achieve personal excellence, one has to know first what a human being is, what a human being needs, and what a human being aims to. Understanding these questions will help find answers related to the meaning of, and motivation for, work and personal development.

About the Speaker



Santi Martínez holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Helsinki and an MBA from the Helsinki School of Economics. Since 2009, he has served as the Executive Director of Inter-Cultur, a Finland-based NGO. In addition to this role, he is a Visiting Professor teaching on Leadership, Business Ethics, and Corporate Social Responsibility in universities and business schools in Finland, Kenya, and Spain. Santi is a seasoned speaker on leadership and coaching, focusing on themes related to virtuous leadership, excellence, and sustainability. Santi loves hiking in Finnish Lapland, which he does every Autumn.

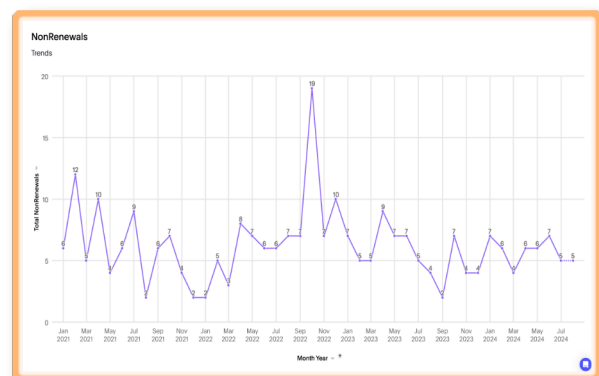
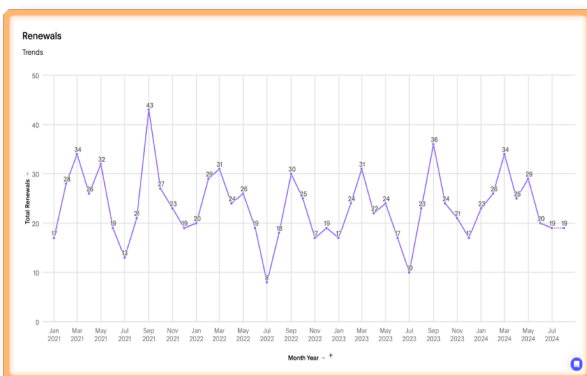
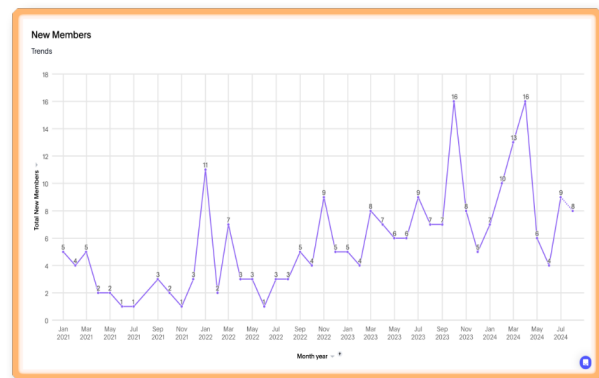


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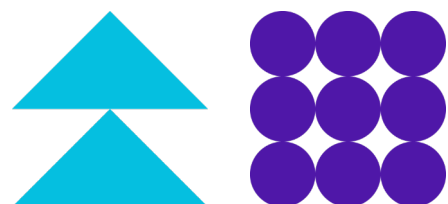
June – July, 2024

Our Chapter continues to grow. We have more engaging volunteers and members and we keep doing our best to deliver quality content to you. We ended July with **407 members**. Renewals and non-renewals kept same rate, new members showed large drop during summer holiday, but Chapter Members kept growing. We want to thank all our community for supporting Chapter Activities.



We have very engaged volunteers, both in the board and members. They work hard to create content and connect our members promoting different activities to promote project management profession. Are you interested to help the Chapter? Bring your ideas!

We are here to serve **YOU!**



Welcome New Members!



JUN 2024-JUL 2024

Amol Joshi
Aninda Bhowmik
Francesco Enrique Romero
Hasan Huseyin Demiroz
Himanshu Kumar
Kashif Qamar Malik
Katri Tolonen
Max Aarts
Priit Kongo
Priscila Lima
Saad Jamil
Sanna Kallankari
Ville Makilaine



Congratulations for Your PMI Certification!

AH-MC - Kidman Yan Zhang
PfMP - Abhishek Srivastava
PMP - Diwakar Gupta
PMP - Matts Finnholm
PMP - Teemu Juutilainen
Outi
Nyström



Contact Us!



Do you have questions or want to be in touch with our chapter? You can reach us out to know about events, volunteering, activities, sponsorship and partnership, publish an article in our newsletter, contribute with our community or any other inquire. Either scan the code or click on it and you will be redirected to our form.



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