

# Agenda

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## 09.00 Registration, refreshments and networking

### 09.30 Keynote Speech

Alan Morris –Sector Lead for Local Government and Criminal Justice, Wales Audit Office

### 09.40 Showcase plenary sessions:

#### **Major Projects Authority: Who they are and what they do**

##### **Major Projects Authority, Tony Whitehead**

For a long time now, successive governments have grappled with delivering billions of pounds worth of projects and programmes. Results have varied (think Olympic Park, but also think Scottish Parliament building, or any number of IT-related programmes). Recognising this problem, the Major Projects Authority (MPA) was launched in 2011 with a strong and direct mandate from the Prime Minister to improve independent project oversight, ensure that civil servants have the right project leadership skills to successfully deliver and, importantly, provide the public with the confidence that money is being spent wisely. The MPA's Tony Whitehead will explain all.

#### **It's all about people...: project challenges and some personal reflections**

##### **Welsh Government, Richard Wilson**

What makes a project succeed? In this plenary session Richard will examine what makes a good leader right from the beginning of a project. He will examine key elements of a successful project, including organisational culture and staff engagement.

### 10.20 A choice of attending two of the following workshops:

#### **Behaviours that lead to off-track projects becoming disasters**

##### **Major Projects Authority, Tony Whitehead**

How does an off-track project turn into a full scale disaster? In this workshop Tony will share his knowledge from twenty five years of project delivery to enable attendees to identify behaviours that result in projects going bad. Tony will share examples of where disasters could have been avoided.

#### **Projects fit for purpose: delivering more with less in the public sector**

##### **Project Management Institute, Mike Blakeney**

London Economics was commissioned by the Project Management Institute to identify success factors in public sector project and programme management in the United Kingdom. In this workshop attendees will hear about the Project Management Institute's report on what works in project management.

#### **What makes a project work?**

##### **Wrexham County Borough Council, Louise Payne**

In this workshop Louise Payne will share how Wrexham County Borough Council have evaluated projects to identify the important elements that have ultimately led to their success or failure.

### 11.20 A second chance to attend one of the above workshops

### 12.20 Showcase plenary session

## **Being Human**

### **Government of Nova Scotia, Ray MacNeil**

The focus of this session is on the human aspects of project and programme management – the behaviours, leadership and relationships that are developed. Here attendees will learn about the work being done in Nova Scotia on complexity and how this has touched project and programme management. Attendees will develop an awareness of ordered and un-ordered systems, and how this might influence how projects and programmes are delivered in Wales.

**12.40 Delegates 'Call to Action' – plenary session**

**13.00 Buffet and Networking**