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PRINCE2 Agile®

Over the years I've seen many discussions on whether PRINCE2 or Agile is the best project management method to use. For me it's a question of "how can I use them together?" I wouldn't take my car to the garage and take away all the

mechanics tools except the hammer!

Axelos has recently lifted all the pre-requisites for qualification in PRINCE2 Agile so you do not need any previous exam passes to become qualified. Now anyone can see how to have the best of both.



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Next Events

7th September – Challenge of Egypt simulation in Malta

10th September – PRINCE2 foundation, practitioner and Challenge of Egypt in Milton Keynes

24th September – ITIL Foundation in London

4th October – Elevate your Referrals in Northampton

8th October – PRINCE2 foundation, practitioner and Challenge of Egypt in Milton Keynes

19th October – Elevate your Referrals in Northampton

For details please contact bookings@qrbmc.com



Principles of pyramid building

Is PRINCE2 older than we think?

Senior consultant Russell Parker looks at whether the ancient Egyptians were not just ahead of their time with construction. They may have also been forming the ideas for future management thinking



Can we justify this?

In the 21st century there is no doubt that the pyramids at Giza attract many tourists and their money. Oddly enough one criteria of the pyramids was that they had to last indefinitely. The Pharaoh wanted his body protected for all time. Also he believed he would need various items and treasures with him to help on his journey through the afterlife. Though it couldn't be built at any cost, there had to be a budget to pay for the stones, workers and suppliers. Also any unexpected issues that arose would need money. The foundations of what we call a Business Case today.

Learning process

With any look back at ancient history a fair amount

of speculation exists as to why things happened in a particular order. For me, nothing says "THE TREASURE IS HERE" more than a whacking great pyramid. If you look at pyramid design over the years you can see how harder and harder challenges for tomb robbers were built in. Eventually the Pharaohs started on tombs hidden away in the valley of the kings where even today there are still undiscovered tombs.

Roles

Building works were vast sites with many hundreds of workers, managers and suppliers. It was important that everyone knew what to do. Otherwise we could possibly be looking at something today that still needs finishing.

What to build

Primarily the pyramid was built to protect the Pharaoh's body and spirit. It was believed that he would have to travel through the afterlife and anything in his tomb would help on his journey. Any pyramid then can be seen to have designs in mind to satisfy these product quality criteria.

PRINCE2 has had its day

With just this glimpse into some of the ideas behind pyramid building you can see links to some of the PRINCE2 principles of today. It's a framework built on experience and works well with other frameworks on all sizes of project.

Far from being outdated it has 5000 years of development behind it.

Russell