



## 54 Degrees Project Training Kirklees Council



### *Delivering Training Around Client Needs*

#### **Project Client**

Kirklees Council has had its own internal project management methodology since 2004. The approach is based on PRINCE2, but allows for a more flexible approach when handling small to medium sized projects.

The Council contacted Sarah Wilson when its internal project management trainer was approaching retirement. They wanted someone local who had the same ethos as them when it came to project delivery - whilst following a framework gives you control and stability, a degree of flexibility is vital when working in the challenging public sector.

Sarah is delivering successful training courses based around the specific needs and requirements of the Council and its delegates.



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#### **Project Aim**

The two-day course is the foundation of project management training at Kirklees Council and offers skills and support to a wide range of delegates, from those completely new to project management to individuals who have been doing it informally, but need a more formal approach or just a confidence boost.

It became evident however that there was also a need for training for the many business support staff who are not project managers, but support the project managers and the project teams. So a new one-day course was created to accommodate that need. Sarah has been running this new course successfully now for over 12 months and it is highly valued by those who attend.

Projects ranged from IT systems implementation for Fostering and Adoption to service and contract reviews around support for people with Alcohol and Drug issues; research into Public Health and the Care Act, communications and education around new Personal Budgets for people on benefits, as well as building projects for Libraries, Museums and Schools.

There are many highly complex transformational projects and programmes going on in all Local Authorities, and the challenges of project management never get any easier with the increased need to deliver more with less resources. An individual who can offer professional and confident support to the whole project team, using the framework for project management, will be a highly valued member of the team.

#### **Project Results**

98% of delegates trained agreed or strongly agreed that the one-day course was useful to them.

*"Sarah's support in creating and delivering high quality project management workshops has been both valued and appreciated. Feedback from attendees on her workshops is very positive reflecting respect for her obvious technical expertise and approachable delivery style. On a personal basis I have particularly appreciated Sarah's enthusiasm to understand the Council context and the creative flexible solutions she offers to overcome operational obstacles."*

David Sharples, Kirklees Council

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