



How to Start a Discussion on Project Management

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Here are some ideas on how to start a discussion about project management. A great way to start a conversation is to share something that you just learned. For instance, if you attended my course on Project Management Foundations you would be introduced to the definition of project:

“A temporary endeavor with a beginning and an end that produces a unique product service or result.”

You can start your discussion by sharing this definition and asking your colleagues:

- Based on this definition what are you working on that would be considered a project? And provide them with examples of the projects that you are working on based on this definition.
- Are we effectively identifying projects so that we can apply project management practices?

Additional questions that can be used to kick-off a discussion can include:

- Learning project management skills has been identified as one of the Top 5 skill sets for the future of work. What do you think about establishing standard project management practices for our team/business unit/organization?
- Are you familiar with the benefits of having a structured project management process? There are benefits to individuals as well as organizations!
- What could we be doing to standardize our project management practices so that we can raise our level of success?
- As a Manager/Director/Leader, what are your expectations for project success? What does success look like to you? Does the team have what they need to meet those expectations?
- What is the first step you would take when a new project lands on your desk? Would your first step be the same as someone on another team, business unit, department, or division?
- What can we do in our organization to make sure that people clearly understand their roles and responsibilities on a project and how they are contributing to the overall goals of the organization?
- How can we make sure that project team members have a good understanding of how the project will unfold, when their contributions will be required and what they are being asked to do?

- What type of project management training have we provided to our staff so that everyone has the same understanding of project terminology, roles & responsibilities and how projects unfold? So that everyone is successful!

I would encourage you to view, download and share some of the project management resources that I provide for free on my website: <https://mbiconsults.com/free-resources>

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