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1. Brief description of Event (50-100 words): PRINCE2 is a process based method for effective project management and is used extensively in both the public and private sector. It provides a common and controlled approach to project planning and management.

I am currently managing a large (£1.5 million pound) ESRC investment at the University of St Andrews and needed to update my project management knowledge and skills to enable me to work to the best of my ability on this project.

2. What were the benefits of attending and what did you gain from the experience in terms of transferable skills and knowledge.

The main benefit of attending was to refresh my memory with regards to the PRINCE2 method for project management so that I can apply this to the project I am managing at the University of St Andrews.

I learnt a lot over the three days including how to plan projects, the need to produce and provide regular reporting, effective assessment and management of risk on a project and putting into place process and protocols to manage stages within projects effectively.

3. What actions will you be taking as a result of attending or by making new networking contacts.

I will be applying the PRINCE2 principles, themes and processes to the projects that I am working on.

I will also be improving the ways and methods for reporting on progress for the project and recording lessons from the work I am doing for future projects.

4. Can you share any additional resources produced in connection with the event (e.g. feedback from participants, training resources, website links, and additional materials).

The link to the course is at https://www.qa.com/training-courses/project-and-programme-management-training/prince2-training. You also need to study and read the PRINCE2 book before you attend the course. This is available to purchase at https://www.amazon.co.uk/Managing-Successful-Projects-PRINCE2-AXELOS-ebook/dp/B0728YH793/ref=sr_1_6?ie=UTF8&qid=1507045169&sr=8-6&keywords=prince2+book.

5. Tips/experience learned from the event

You need to put a lot of reading in before you attend the course and there is some homework to do during the course as well.
I would advise anyone to try and do some past papers as the practitioner exam paper is difficult and there are around 70 questions to complete in two and a half hours.

6. Any additional comments or information regarding the event
None.