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ANNIVERSARY



Throughout the years, PMI SCC has been committed to promoting the project management profession in the Southern Caribbean region. We provide our members with opportunities for professional development, networking, and knowledge sharing.

Over the past 25 years, PMI SCC has organized countless events, workshops, and seminars to help project managers enhance their skills and stay up-to-date with industry trends. We have also worked closely with local businesses, government agencies, and educational institutions to promote the importance of project management in achieving strategic objectives.

As we celebrate this milestone anniversary, we look forward to continuing to serve our members and the project management community in the Southern Caribbean. We are grateful for the support of our members, volunteers, sponsors, and partners who have helped us reach this significant milestone.

Thank you for being a part of the PMI SCC journey, and here's to the next 25 years of promoting excellence in project management in the Southern Caribbean region!

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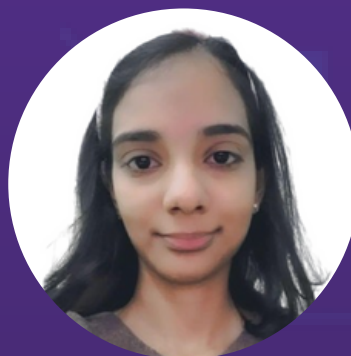
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Mental Health Tips



Here are three (3) tips in which Project Managers can use to play a supportive role in helping their team members manage their mental health:

- 1. Familiarize yourself with the organization's policies:** Take the time to understand the organization's policies and resources related to mental health, such as mental health training for managers, employee assistance hotlines, and available health benefits. This will help you recommend resources to your team members and provide them with the support they need.
- 2. Develop psychological safety:** Create a safe and trusting environment where team members feel comfortable discussing their mental health concerns. This can be achieved by developing trust and relationships through regular one-on-one meetings, open communication, and a willingness to listen.
- 3. Consider mental health during lessons learned:** During lessons learned exercises, take into account the impact of project schedules and deadlines on team members' mental health. Consider ways to reduce stress and make project work more rewarding, such as providing flexible deadlines or encouraging work-life balance.

By following these best practices, you can create a supportive environment that encourages team members to prioritize their mental well-being.

VOLUNTEER OFFICE MESSAGE

Join Our 2023-2025 Volunteer Cycle:

Empower, Engage, and Excel



Dear Members,

We are thrilled to announce the commencement of our 2024-2025 volunteer cycle and invite each one of you to take part in this enriching experience. As project managers and enthusiasts, our unique skills in leadership, organization, and execution have the power to significantly contribute to national development. This is your opportunity to not only give back to the community but also enhance your professional network within the vibrant sphere of project management.

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering is a cornerstone of growth, both personally and professionally. It allows you to apply your project management skills in new, challenging environments while making a tangible difference in our communities. It's also a fantastic way to meet and collaborate with peers who share your passion and drive for excellence.

What Can You Expect?

Our volunteer projects range from local community initiatives to larger, national development programs. Each project is designed to leverage our collective skills to the fullest, ensuring that we not only contribute effectively but also learn and grow from each experience. Whether you are looking to lead a team, strategize project rollouts, or simply contribute your time and skills, there is a place for you.

Networking and Professional Development

Volunteering with the PMISCC is a chance to expand your professional network. Engage with other project management professionals, learn from their experiences, and share your knowledge. Our activities also include regular meetups and volunteer networking sessions that are perfect for networking and personal growth.



Warm regards,
Anasa London
VP Special Events & Volunteerism

How to Get Involved

To join our volunteer cycle, please visit our website and follow the steps for volunteering with us. We have various roles and projects, and you can select the ones that align with your interests and schedule. If you have ideas or projects that can benefit from project management expertise, we encourage you to bring these to our attention as well.

We are excited to see how your contribution will help shape our community and drive national development. This is more than just volunteer work; it's a chance to lead, learn, and connect. Let's work together to make a significant impact while advancing our skills and careers in project management.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence and community service. We look forward to an incredible two years of teamwork, learning, and success.

Volunteer Opportunities



VOLUNTEER OFFICE

volunteer@pmiscc.org



Volunteer Positions:

1. Community Outreach Project Monitors
2. Community Outreach Project Leads
3. Community Outreach Project Members
4. Membership Engagement Specialist
5. Deputy VP Compliance
6. Secretary - VP Strategic Alliances
7. Graphic Designer - VP Publications
8. Publications Content Creator



How to Apply:

- Visit www.volunteer.pmi.org.
- Navigate to “Find an Opportunity” tab
- Under “Chapter/PMI Global” select “Southern Caribbean Chapter”

Nurturing Partnerships:

A Quarterly Report on PMISCC's Strategic Alliances

Greetings, chapter members. I'm Warren Anderson, the Vice President of Strategic Alliances. I'm delighted to share some of our notable achievements and plans. This is also an opportunity to extend the call for support in achieving our mission, while expressing gratitude to those who have been instrumental in our successes. If you're curious about the impactful work we do for our strategic alliances, please read on.



At the Project Management Institute Southern Caribbean Chapter (PMISCC), partnerships are meant to enhance the delivery of our core services, which include our staple events and programmes and the delivery of membership benefits. Prime examples include our biennial conference, volunteer outreach programme, and job opportunities for members. Since taking office, the endeavour has been about understanding the needs of the chapter and converting that into solid plans that continue to build on our foundation and reflect PMI's strategy.

In 2024, some key aims include the renewal of our 7 MOUs while expanding partnerships in academia, the public sector, the private sector, and NGOs throughout the region. We also seek to contribute to a mentorship programme built around member clusters in your organizations. So far, in working with fellow board members and their offices, we've engaged entities like the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Youth and National Development, and the Trinidad and Tobago Coalition of Services Industries. Representation at industry events has been a priority, allowing for staying abreast of the latest trends and developments while promoting the project management community.

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Whether it was the Cropper Foundation Ignite CSO Launch or the CCGI Online Events, we seized every chance to connect and collaborate with like-minded professionals to benefit the chapter. Apart from the administrative tasks and strategic planning required to develop this office, outreach to job recruitment agencies and organizations with Project Management job opportunities occurred to expand the options for our members.

We're excited about the opportunities as we look ahead to the second quarter. Our MOUs will be centred around ongoing, current activities and jump off the paper to offer real mutual value. We also want to grow our partnerships with our members throughout the region by understanding the needs and resources of our Membership. Virtual Meet and greets by Country, further volunteer onboarding, policy development, and establishing university clubs are just a few items on our agenda. These activities not only strengthen our network but also contribute to the growth and sustainability of our organization.

In closing, I thank fellow board members for their unwavering support. Your contributions, particularly those of our President, Janelle Kowlessar, our vice president of Special Events and Volunteerism, Anasa London, our vice president of Education, Ava Cunningham, and our vice president of Membership, Lavaughn Selvon have been invaluable. I also acknowledge the dedication of the new Office of Strategic Alliances officers, Ms. Shantal Deonarine and Mr. Stephen Robin. With them on board, we now have a strong team that can further our progress across all areas.

Nurturing Partnerships:

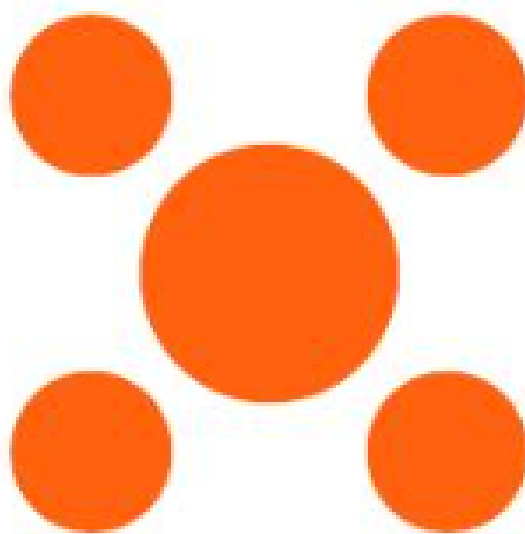
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As we embark on the next phase of our journey, we invite individuals who share our vision of greater regional representation to join us in our endeavours. Your potential collaboration is crucial to our success. You can also look out for periodic updates from this office. Together, let's continue to nurture partnerships, drive innovation, and advance the field of project management. If you want to learn more, please send an email to strategicaliances@pmiscc.org. Office roles for strategic alliances are still available, and we value your unique contributions.

Written By:

Warren Anderson

VP Strategic Alliances



Members Exclusive

PMI INFINITY is the project manager's AI-powered co-pilot, leveraging sources generated and vetted by the PMI global community of professionals—and created to enable project managers to not only learn more, but to DO more.



PMI's AI-powered assistant for project professionals
is now available exclusively for members of PMI.

Click [here](#) to learn more!

Responsible Use of AI in Project Management

Artificial intelligence (AI) can be a powerful tool when used effectively in project management. It can help refine plans, identify potential gaps, and suggest innovative solutions. However, it's essential to use AI in conjunction with human input and feedback from stakeholders, rather than relying solely on technology. To achieve this balance, the "PREPARE" framework can guide responsible AI adoption in project management.

P.R.E.P.A.R.E. For the Responsible Use of AI in PM

Protect – protect your data with anonymization

Revisions – ask for improvements

Exclusions – ask what might be missing

Problems – look for errors and problems

Assessments – identify risks, both threats & opportunities

Resources – find supporting tools and techniques

Explore – investigate industry trends and developments

By following PREPARE, teams can ensure that their AI-powered tools are designed and used in collaboration with stakeholders, leading to better outcomes and more effective project management.

Griffiths, Mark. "Hold Your Horses: PREPARE for Responsible AI Use in Project Management." ProjectManagement.com, 24 Apr. 2024, www.projectmanagement.com/articles/962021/hold-your-horses--prepare-for-responsible-ai-use-in-project-management.

You're Invited!

PMI Project Management Institute. Southern Caribbean

25 Years OF EXCELLENCE

YOU'RE INVITED to the ultimate outdoor cookout

Project Managers Can Cook!

One of the many events that commemorates our 25th Anniversary as a PMI Chapter

La Vega Estate
Gran Couva

Sat 13 July
9am - 5pm

Scan the QR code to register your team!!
and get more details

PMISCC invites you to our ultimate outdoor cookout at the La Vega Estate on July 13th, 2024.

Registration

Scan the QR code or click [here](#) to register your team by the 14th of June, 2024.

Cost

Members are free!

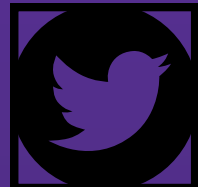
Non-Members pay \$100.00 at the door

Don't miss out on this exciting event. We hope to see you there!! ✨



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