



Brief Biopic of Geoff Reiss M.Phil, B.Sc., FAPM,

Summary: A very accomplished and entertaining speaker; a world expert on project and programme management

Accreditation: Geoff Reiss has focussed throughout his 30 year career on project and programme management.

He is a Fellow of the Association for Project Management and Chairman of ProgM, the Association for Project Management/British Computer Society Specific Interest Group in Programme Management.

Geoff Reiss has presented at several Serco workshops and contributed valuable insights on the world of Project & Programme Management. His wealth of experience and deep knowledge of these professional environments - combined with his Yorkshire humour, have made our sessions memorable, fun and insightful.

Colin Bartle-Tubbs, Director, Serco Group

He has a master's degree in project management. Reiss sat on UK government's review panels and has worked with a wide range of major organisation to improve their ability to deliver projects successfully including Lloyds of London; Serco, Standard Chartered, Fortis and Barclays Banks and CitiCorp; British Aerospace; Barco, Panasonic and many, many others.

He has conceived, designed, developed and marketing four significant software products.

He has written four books: **Project Management Demystified** (2 editions, 15 reprints) and **Programme Management Demystified** have become two of Britain's best selling books in their topics. **One Project Too Many**, jointly authored with Geof Leigh, was published in August 2004. He led the six man author team for **The Gower Handbook of Programme Management**.

Geoff Reiss has a fund of anecdotes and experiences that have entertained and enlightened our audiences over the years. He is undoubtedly one of the thought-leaders on project management in the UK with a string of articles and books to his credit. He pioneered project control and information software in the UK and is still setting the pace of change with ideas for new and even more sophisticated tools.

Ken Lane, Editor, Project Manager Today

He is an accomplished and practiced speaker on matters relating to business change, successful projects, IT/MIS and software development. He has a special interest in great projects from the past.

He has the ability to cut through to the quick of these matters and to highlight what really counts.

He can be serious and highly professional. He can also be very entertaining and irreverent.

Some Previous Presentations

Could we do it today?

This talk looks at Great Projects from The Past and the leaders behind them.

Great Wall, Suez Canal, Crystal Palace, Everest, Manhattan, Mulberry Harbours, Moon Landing.....

Great Leaders, Great Project Managers

Could We Do It Today?

Would We Do It Today?

Style: Light, Educational, Illustrated

Suitable For: A Wide Ranging Audience with an interest in projects

Seven Steps to Project Success

A down to earth guide to succeeding where so many fail

Make sure you all know what you are trying to do

List the jobs that need to be done.

Try to figure out when they need to be done.

Give each job to someone to care for

Keep a check on how it pans out.

Don't change names or numbers

Tie up the loose ends

Style: Light, entertaining, instructional

Suitable for: Everyone involved in projects of any kind

Geoff Reiss has been a keynote speaker at a number of PMG seminars and other events. His ability to simplify complex ideas by drilling down to the nub of the matter has always won friends amongst our delegates.

Heath Gray, Director of Marketing, the Program Management Group plc.

Programme Management Best Practice

A serious overview of this topic vital to many organisations

Introduction & Definitions

Understanding project management, programme management and Project Portfolio Management

UK government activities/world interest and developments

Four Very Common Problems:

Organisation

Programme Selection

Governance

Program Office/Centres of Excellence

Sources of Further Information

Style: Formal, Instructional, Illustrated

Suitable for: Experienced Project Managers, Directors and Senior Managers

Project Portfolio Management

An introduction to the emerging techniques for well governed project selection

Project Selection and Prioritisation

Normal Practice for Project Birthing

Research, Developments and UK government's involvement

The Project Portfolio Management process

Sources of information

Style: Formal Instructional Illustrated

Geoff Reiss has always attracted a large audience to his presentations and the feedback from delegates has always been very favourable. He combines expert knowledge of his topics with the ability to enthral an audience.

Richard White, Managing Director, Management Events Limited

Suitable for: Programme Managers, Directors and Senior Managers

Some previous speaking engagements:

- BppM project and programme management conference, NEC, 2006
- Surviving One Project Too Many – series of seminars – London 2005 - 06
- Series of Project and Programme events, Johannesburg 2006.
- Programme management best Practice – series of seminars 2004 -06
- Serco project management events, 2005 – 2006
- IOSH project management event, Doncaster 2005
- London Borough of Hillingdon project management event 2005
- Series of master classes, Institute of Directors, 2005
- Project Management Conference, Lisbon 2005
- Programme management event, APM Newcastle, 2005
- British Computer Society, Covent Garden, London 2005
- PMOZ, Melbourne 2004
- PMI (UK) London, Bath and Leeds 2004
- PMI Sweden events Stockholm, 2004 and 2005.
- Major Projects Association, conference 2005
- Project Challenge conference, London & Birmingham 2004 & 2005
- APM South West guest speaker 2004
- Gartner Project Portfolio Event, Spain 2004
- Chairman, One day Programme Management conference British Computer Society/Programme Management Special Interest Group, London 2004
- International project management event Milan 2003
- Programme Management 3 part series, *Project* magazine, 2003
- Chairman, One day Programme Management conference British Computer Society/Programme Management Special Interest Group, London 2003
- PMI Europe 2002 Cannes, France
- Managing Major Software Development Projects, London, 2002
- World Project Management Week, Hong Kong, 2002
- Business Change IS Programme Management, London
- Web Enabled Project Management, London 2001
- Project Management 96, 97 and 99 and Softworld 2000, London and Birmingham.
- National Project Management Exhibition and Conference 96 and 98 (UK) International Symposium on Project Management (Paris '96)
- Programme Management Series, Unicom, London, 1999-2001
- Project Management United Nations event, Kiev in 1996.
- Unicom, Hawksmere, Marcus Events Conferences 1998 - 2001 on project and programme management.
- And many other events as both speaker and chairman

In the war against post-prandial fatigue, Geoff Reiss is the ultimate weapon! From the first word, he commands full attention and gets the "heads up" from his audience. A witty and dynamic presenter, the skills that distinguish his work are communicating serious messages in a highly entertaining way and the ability to bring a theme alive to a varied audience. Geoff has presented for Kildrummy on various occasions, always with the same excellent results

Lynn Lyle, Marketing Communications, Kildrummy