

Project Interdependency Events

What is a Project Interdependency Event?

A Project Interdependency Event is required only occasionally - when two or more major projects have high levels of interdependency, overlap or potential duplication. The consequences of failure are high and therefore these events are only for the most important of projects.

How we approach these events

Each event is different depending on the nature and history of the projects concerned. However the structure is always:

- (1) Planning meeting(s) with the Champions and Project Leaders
- (2) Diagnostic 1-1s with key individuals
- (3) Facilitation of a 2 day event (typically late morning to lunchtime)
- (4) Review letter
- (5) Review meetings with the Champions and Project Leaders

Typical contents of the event

- (1) Brief in the results of the diagnostic 1-1s
- (2) Ensure everyone has a good understanding of the other projects/work streams
- (3) Identify overlaps and interdependencies
- (4) Compare timescales
- (5) Get any other pertinent details out on the table (by table we mean wall obviously)
- (6) Agree a way forward and next steps

Do not be tempted to use your internal Facilitators for these events

If you have UIMPROVE Facilitators in your organisation, note that the Facilitator Development Programme does not include training in this unusual and complex assignment. As the stakes are usually high, we recommend facilitation by ourselves.