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Helping organizations manage better

Pat Buckna established Maryhill Consulting in 1990 partly out of his frustration in not being able to find useful local technical and project management training.



Following his success as a project manager at Expo 86 in Vancouver, Pat completed an Accelerated Computer Systems Management Diploma at Capilano College, then worked as a systems analyst for the Port of Vancouver. He established Maryhill Consulting as a training and software development company and soon found himself in demand because of his project management knowledge and skills and his ability to develop practical and cost-effective solutions for clients wanting to improve their project management practices and processes.

In 1995, Pat became a Microsoft Certified Trainer and Project Specialist; in 2003 he completed a diploma in Creative Writing from Simon Fraser University and has recently become an Apple Certified Professional. For the past five years he has taught at UBC in the PMI-certified Project Management Certificate program, as well as the Software Engineering, Network Security and System Professional (NSSP) and International Infotech (IIT) programs. Pat's fifteen years experience developing and delivering custom project management seminars and curriculum for a variety of clients and his advanced knowledge of Microsoft Project, allows him to offer not only tool training, but provide expert guidance on how best to plan and roll-out new or changed project management practices at both the departmental and enterprise levels.

Maryhill Consulting clients range from small non-profit agencies to large public and privately-held corporations in a number of sectors including health, public service, utilities, retail, engineering, education, biotechnology, and software development. Services offered include creation, tailoring and staffing project management offices (PMOs), coaching and mentoring project managers and team members, streamlining project management best practices and developing custom database solutions, as well as technical writing, methodology consultation and software audits and evaluations.

Selected Clients

- Justice Institute of BC
- ICBC
- GVRD
- BC Children's Hospital
- Recycling Council of BC
- Chancery Software Ltd.
- VanCity Credit Union
- Architectura Ltd
- B.C. Hydro
- ICOS Ltd.
- 360 networks inc.
- Future Shop
- Overwitea Food Group
- ISM BC
- BCAA / CAA / AAA
- Polar Bear Training (PBSC)
- DMR Consulting
- EDGE Consulting
- Mennonite Central Committee of BC
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of BC