

The Story: ONLIVE PRINCE2®



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Christine Wilkinson, HR consultant

Christine is a mathematics and statistics graduate with over 10 years' reward experience (a specialism within Human Resources). She began working as a freelancer in April 2016, providing reward consulting and project management services to clients. Since this time, she has had two major assignments within a financial services organisation. Christine's background includes 7.5 years working for a leading international consultancy firm where she gained experience of private sector projects of varying size from relatively small job evaluation and market benchmarking reviews through to participating in the large-scale projects of client companies (some of which were major transformation initiatives). Christine had already been living certain client projects the PRINCE2® way, for example populating the risk register and issue log. Anyone familiar with the language of PRINCE2® will tell you that the managing of issue and risk registers is a very important part of PRINCE2® project delivery.

Christine tells SPOCE that this is one of the major benefits of studying PRINCE2®. That she can identify how some of the PRINCE2® toolkit is used and speak the universal language of the approach.

So how did Christine hear about SPOCE and what are the reasons that she chose to study PRINCE2®?

“I had been thinking about additional study for some time and knew that an approach which tackled project management would be a great benefit to me in my assignments, as well as being a helpful CV enhancer. I happened to see a post from SPOCE on Facebook which led me to explore the SPOCE website and find out more about the various PRINCE2® courses on offer. PRINCE2® was the route to accreditation that I planned to take and, as I had some well needed time off, this was a good opportunity to do some studying. I wanted an interactive learning experience so I chose the SPOCE ONLIVE Virtual Classroom rather than taking the e-Learning study route. The SPOCE Virtual Classroom also meant that I didn't need to commute to a training centre and it seemed to have the right mix of flexibility and support

I chose PRINCE2® as it is a well-regarded and well recognised methodology. I wanted to be able to demonstrate my competence in the project management discipline with an externally recognised qualification. The combination of the great price for the ONLIVE course and the reputation of PRINCE2® led me to sign up.”

So, what exactly is SPOCE ONLIVE and who does this learning option suit?

SPOCE ONLIVE Virtual Classroom training is the perfect learning option for people who want the flexibility of being able to study from work or home but want something a little bit more structured and supportive. Like e-Learning, delegates can log in remotely from almost any device. They can access and download a range of support materials. But, in addition to this, SPOCE Virtual Classroom retains the human element of learning because the sessions are actually broadcast live by SPOCE expert trainers.

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“There was an element of humour and discussion similar to a classroom setting and I found myself motivated by this.

The technology also enabled the teaching style to be very visual, as it would be in a classroom setting. The trainer would mark up diagrams on a whiteboard which often made it easier to follow what was being said and I believe this helped to make it more interesting for participants. In addition, pop up boxes with quizzes/polls were used at various points during the session. Through chat boxes, participants were able to raise questions and also discuss work related scenarios with the trainer, tapping into their expertise.

Another feature I love is the fact that you can access the recordings of any of the sessions that you purchase. So, if you do happen to miss anything that’s said during a session and want a refresh, or if commitments mean that you cannot attend for a day, you could log in at a later date and watch the recording. I remember re-watching the ‘Quality’ section of the course to aid my revision.”

And what about the other features of PRINCE2® ONLIVE?

The training itself?

“I was extremely happy with the standard of training I received. The layout of the sessions was well organised and easy to follow. The structure of the sessions themselves was also very good and the trainer constantly referred to and reinforced the important points. The trainers were effective and also good humoured. The classroom and revision materials were of a good standard and we received helpful exam technique tips for both Foundation and Practitioner (I signed up for Practitioner a month later). I particularly liked the online exam simulation for the Foundation level and the availability of practice papers for both levels

I took the exams in person at the London exam centre as I didn’t want to have any distractions at home (doorbell, neighbours etc). The results came through in a week to ten days and I was delighted to pass.”:

The technical capability

“There were no significant hitches and the technology was incredibly easy to use. Logging in wasn’t a problem and the trainer walked us through how to use the interface at the very beginning. It’s very user friendly. You can adjust the size of the boxes on the screen and simply type a question or comment into the chat box as required.”

The resources

“They were great. From the pre-course study and exam simulation through to the presentation slides and downloadable courseware that is provided.”

What’s next for Christine then...

“For the moment, I am pleased to have added this qualification to my CV and hope it will help me secure my next assignment. I also have some great reference materials now such as the PRINCE2® manual. Working in the area of Human Resources, I would love to study Change Management at some point in the near future.”

And would you recommend SPOCE ONLIVE PRINCE2®?

Absolutely! I would give this 10/10!

About SPOCE

SPOCE are the flagship training company for PRINCE2® and have been delivering this accredited courses like PRINCE2® for 25 years. They are a global leader in delivering best practice training for project programme and risk management, offering a wide range of courses which can be tailored to suit any form of training need. For example, public classroom courses, e-Learning and now are one of the first in the industry to offer the ground-breaking virtual classroom training.

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