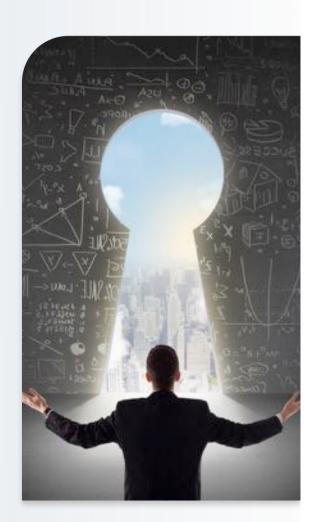
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Marketing The PMO: Unlock the potential

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PMOs feel misunderstood and undervalued

"Please help me be less under valued!"

PM0 Benchmark Report 2016 "I've inherited a failing and under-resourced PMO."

"In many companies PMO is underrated and staffed with unqualified people."

"Experience is bought in using interims as opposed to home grown." "My organisation doesn't support development, although they want the PMO to be professional!"



Agenda

Why PMO's need a marketing plan

- Building relationships is key to PMO success
- 'Communication' isn't working
- Doing the day job isn't enough, either





How we can use marketing to change perceptions:

- 5 elements that influence perceptions
- Learning from marketers
- Creating a PMO Marketing plan





Next steps

- Conclusions
- Challenge your assumptions
- If you do just one thing ...



Why PMO's need a marketing plan...



Relationships are essential for PMO's to deliver the changes and insight needed by the organisation

 PMO performance, the ability to lead change, provide valued input and innovate, depends on stakeholder understanding, respect & trust



Understanding of PMO's mission



Support of upper management



Recognition of PMO's expertise



Collaboration with other participants

Source: Prof Monique Aubry

"You have to have relationships big enough to get the job done"

Steve Radcliffe 'Leadership Plain & Simple'





Communicate, communicate, communicate? Catch22: Perceptions stop your message getting through

- Information is ignored:
 - Wrong sign-posts eg. misleading email title
 - Mood, timing, urgency eg. other priorities
 - Prior experience eg. direct or by association
- Information will be interpreted differently:
 - Jargon eg. finance meaning of "portfolio"
 - Language eg. English as second language
 - Context eg. other initiatives in progress
- Information is overlooked:
 - Filtering eg. assumptions they know it already
 - Blind spot eg. not expecting to see it
 - Task focus eg. focused on what they're doing





Just focus on doing our jobs? The challenge of the invisible PMO:

- The real value delivered by the PMO is often invisible
 - Improvements and efficiencies are reported, PMO contribution is often hidden
 - Executives have limited direct experience
 - People see a delay, not what PMO needs to do to meet needs
 - Other parts of the business may not be engaged at all

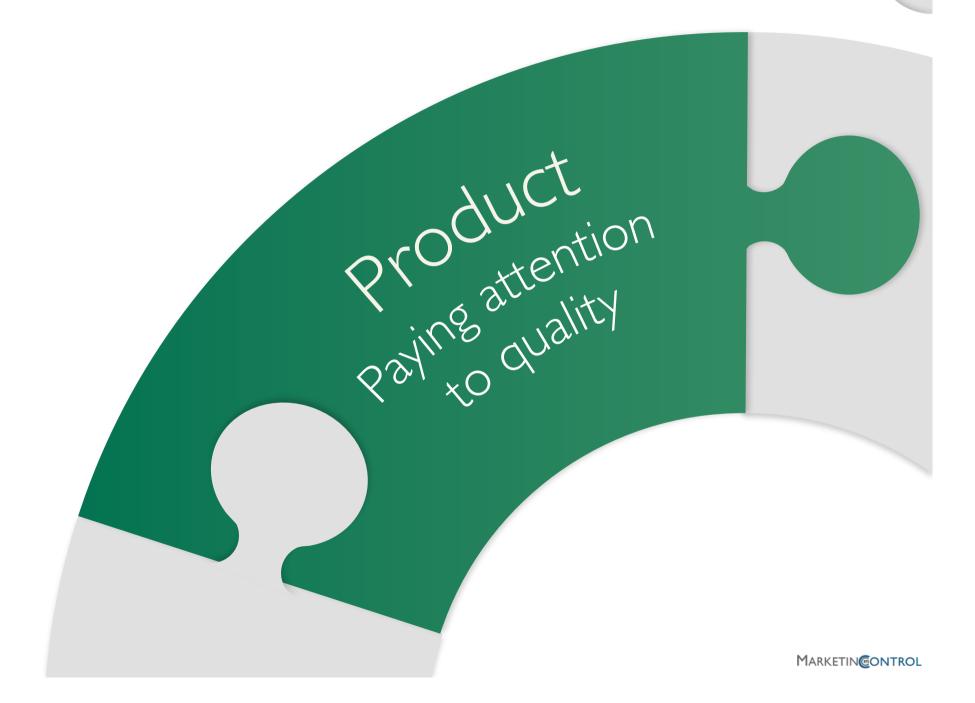
"PMO do a great job but don't get enough credit" "IT in our business is seen as a roadblock, as slow and bureaucratic"



PMO Marketing: changing perceptions...









From ridicule...

... to respect





Pay attention to quality Find the problems and fix them

Weaknesses

"No consistent person throughout the project"

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- It's hard to know who to go to
- Can spend too long on analysis when we juts need to get on with it – can feel waterfall
- BA's should be more involved throughout the project
- Hand-offs create delays
- We don't hold developers to deadlines
- Want more dedicated product ownership – someone who can live and breath a product
- Confusion over the scrum roles between Dev and PMO

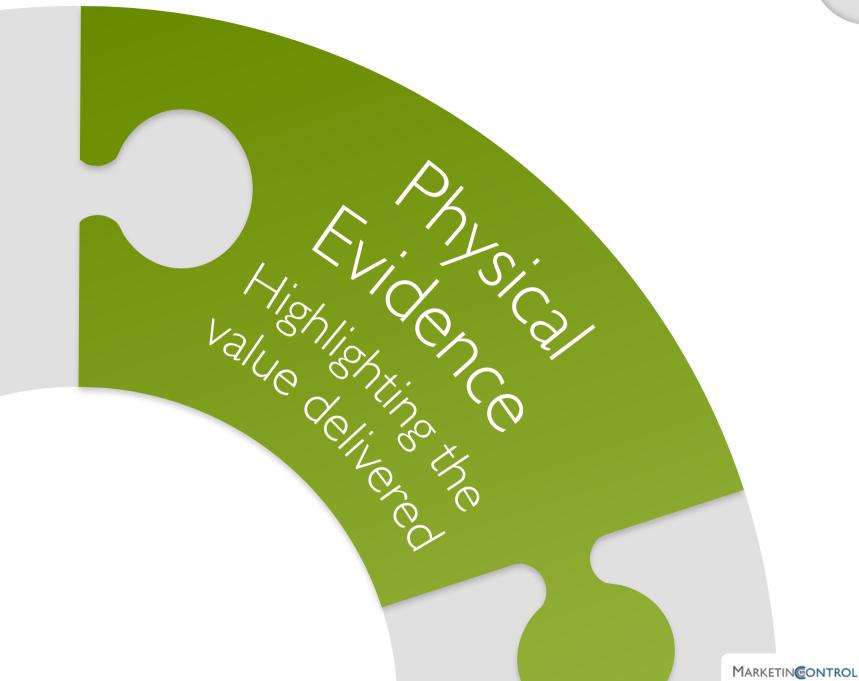
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Source: Sophie Coady, IG Group





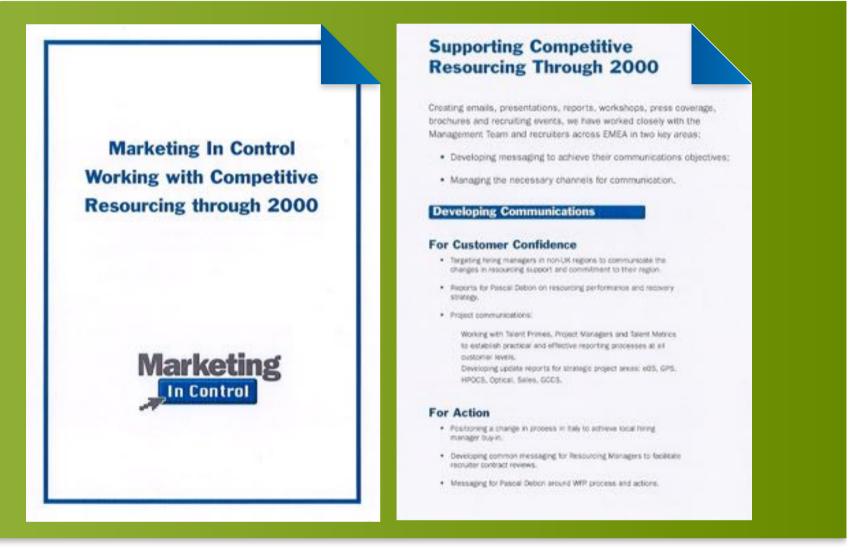


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Highlight the value delivered Ensure stakeholders are aware of PMO impact







... to "tell me more"

£150 cash perk 'not enough' to make people switch banks

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Partial switch option



Pay attention to perceived costs Help people focus on the gains

Gain:

- Cost savings
- Capacity
- Quality
- Better decisions
- Lower risk
- Flexibility
- Stakeholder consensus
- Reputation

Inertia RISK:

- Do nothing
- Do it myself
- Alternatives?
- Good enough = good enough!

Pain:

- Time, resources
- Reduced capacity
- Investment
- Risk of project failure
- Disruption, rework
- Added scrutiny
- Reputation

Gain/pain ratio

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Based on the Gain/Pain ratio by Michael J Skok http://mjskok.com/



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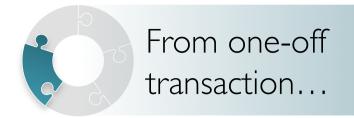


Demonstrate credibility and capability: Provide evidence that you can deliver

- Walking the talk being role models
- Ensuring skills & behaviours reflect PMO promise
- Managing stakeholder expectations about PMO role
- Avoiding 'coffee stains'



Process Solving Stakeholders' problems



... to trusted enabler



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Pay quickly and more securely with just an email

address and password or mobile number and PIN.

No need to re-enter your card and delivery details every time you check out.

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Solve stakeholders' problems: Use PMO capabilities to help get things done

Simplify the customer journey:





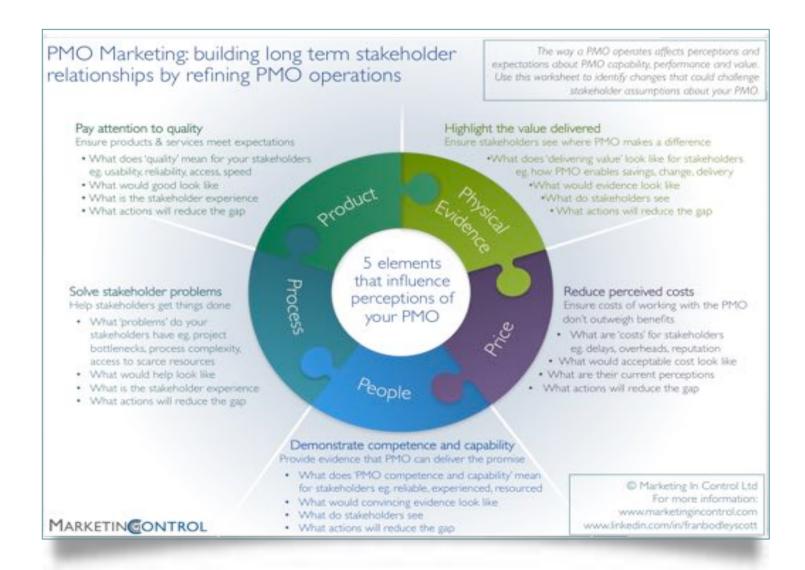
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Summary

- PMO Marketing:
 - building relationships to get the job done
 - supported by communications, not driven by communications
- 5P's framework
 - Building relationships by influencing perceptions
 - 5 elements that influence perceptions
 - Focus on refining how the PMO operates
- Developing your PMO Marketing Plan
 - Identify the relationships important to your PMO
 - Challenge assumptions about your PMO operations
 - Identify actions to reduce the gap

PMO Marketing handout: Challenge assumptions, start changing perceptions





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