The Projecting Success Team is combating an endemic inability to change and learn from mistakes in the delivery of projects.

After a 3-year extensive research where the team reviewed up to 20,000 lessons, they founded the London Project Data Analytics meetup to tackle the project management learning process, building the meetup community to over 4500 members. Through the community, they have created a mass of people willing to share data, they provide thought leadership through monthly events, and deliver webinars, hackathons, conference talks and training to inspire people to think differently about lessons learned. Their work is transforming an entire profession, moving beyond the knowledge management function into analysing the interconnected datasets of project delivery, enabling organisations to benchmark and predict likely project flaws.

Their work is an admirable initiative, providing a substantial evidence-based approach to challenging practice, and proposing a new combined approach of data, community-based learning and reflection both within and across organisations. The methods used have been integrated to increase scalability across a profession.

“Martin has shown us how to leverage all available project delivery data...the next project should be the best, drawing on all previous data, not just sanitised ‘lessons learnt’ statements. Martin’s efforts to build a movement mean he now has a 3000-4000-strong community working towards this same end.”

– Gareth Parkes, Company Knowledge Manager, Sir Robert McAlpine