

Darren Jacob

Associate Consultant

Darren is extremely proficient in the management of large complex programmes and projects, and is clearly capable of balancing the priorities of different client and stakeholder groups. As an ex-Main Board director at Capita Symonds, is not fazed by dealing with clients' business programmes at the highest level. He holds an MSc, is energetic and has excellent communication skills. He is well established as a Project Leader having successfully delivered a string of major projects.



Career Outline

Darren recently became an independent consultant, having previously worked at multidisciplinary property consultancy company, Capita Symonds. There he shared his project management responsibilities with leading a fast growing Management Division, having a team of over 300 people and annual turnover of £32m.

The business delivered a full spectrum of management services to both the public and private sector. One of the largest parts of the division was an Education team which delivered projects on the *Academies* and *Building Schools for the Future (BSF)* programmes as well as the OPM framework.

Darren has extensive experience of working with a wide range of clients to deliver high-value projects in both the public and private sectors.

Work Assignments

Darren is able to combine his business acumen with excellent people skills to consistently deliver results. His experience spans the full range of programme and project management disciplines, including:

- Directing major projects.
- Delivering hands-on programme and project management, including design management, programming, risk management and procurement.
- Providing project leadership to rescue problem projects and instil successful practices.
- Improving programme and project management practices.
- Developing strategy documents for development projects.
- Providing consultancy services in programme and project management.

Qualifications and Affiliations

Darren has an MSc in Management (with Distinction) from Kingston University, specialising the Effective Management of Consultancy Resource.

He has a structural engineering background having worked in practice for seven years. He is a proficient planner – skills he adopted from three years working within the food manufacturing industry.