# APM North East announces Project Management Challenge Finals Night

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**The Association for Project Management's (APM) North East Regional Network has unveiled the finalists for its inaugural Project Management Challenge competition. Since November, teams and mentors from across the region have been diligently working on conceptualising, planning, and delivering projects, gaining valuable hands-on experience in the process.**

The competition is open to organisations across all sectors with graduate, apprentice, or early-career staff with project management responsibilities, as well as higher education institutions with students enrolled in project management-related courses.

Oluwadamilola Oyelude, Team Project Manager for Project for Good, a team representing Teesside University, commented on the experience: "Participating in the APM Project Management Challenge has been an incredible journey filled with excitement, collaboration, and personal growth. From the strategic planning phase to the final report submission, I've cherished every moment of tackling challenges alongside my teammates and am immensely proud of what we've accomplished together."

Jack Moon, Group Project Manager from Nexus Rail and mentor to the organisation's team, shared the benefits of participating: "I have personally enjoyed overseeing the project and it has been great to watch Neve, Sam and Steph who are young PM's at the start of their career plan and lead on this project which will provide real benefits to a local trust who needed the help and wouldn't have been able to afford for these works to take place otherwise. It has also been beneficial for Nexus internally bringing different departments together utilising their volunteering days."

A dedicated panel of judges reviewed and scored submissions from across the competition. Three teams

have been shortlisted and will compete in the prestigious finals night on 14th May at the Copthorne Hotel in Newcastle. The finalists are:

- Team Nexus, Nexus Rail
- Catalyst 4 Change, Northumbria University at Newcastle
- Project for Good, Teesside University's School of Computing, Engineering & Digital Technologies

The finals event will provide an opportunity for project professionals and aspiring project managers to network. Each finalist team will deliver a presentation exploring their project's goals and the learnings gained throughout the delivery process.

The session will conclude with final reflections from the judges, and the winning team will be announced after the scores are compiled.

**Book your place to hear about the teams' achievements and celebrate their success!**