How to combine PRINCE2 with Agile and get the best of both worlds

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Introductions

- Managing Director of agileKRC
- agileKRC is a pioneering company at the forefront of agile thinking
- Specialising in all things agile (PRINCE2 Agile, Scrum, Kanban, Lean Startup, DSDM, AgilePM, everything!)
- Training, Consultancy, Coaching and People
- Lead author for the NEW PRINCE2 Agile product from AXELOS
- 20 years of experience with agile
- Detailed knowledge of PRINCE2 with agile and the DSDM Framework
- IAF Accredited / APMG Certified Facilitator
- Author of ‘Agile Project Management’ (TSO)
- Voted ‘Most Valuable Agile Player’ UK Agile Awards.
The latest news on PRINCE2 Agile?

- Launched June 24\textsuperscript{th} 2015
- Many ATOs are up and running
- Course lasts 3 days
- Exam is 2½ hours and is ‘challenging’
- Manual is 340 pages
- LinkedIn Groups established.

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The drivers and the audience for PRINCE2 Agile

- Demand from Practitioners
- Agile is everywhere
- A lot of agile is now in a project context
  ...and each context may be very different

- Basic agile?
- Mature agile?
- No agile!

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Do we really need it?

- PRINCE2 Agile isn’t a new form of tax!
- Not everyone likes change
- Not everyone likes something new
- Isn't responding to change inherently agile?
- Are different viewpoints good?
- Doesn’t competition help the customer?
PRINCE2 Advantages

- International standard for Project Management
- Globally it is the most practiced method
- 1 million exams taken in PRINCE2
- 21 languages; 120 Countries
- Focuses on Governance, Direction and Management
- Emphasising control (Manage by Exception)
- Any project anywhere
- Already agile enabled!
- Tailorable.
PRINCE2 Disadvantages

• There are none!
• ...if used in the right way at the right time
• Perceived by some as ‘traditional’ but that isn’t fair
• The guidance says the complete opposite!
Beware prejudice!
Three reasons for the prejudice

• You are blissfully ignorant
• You are stupid
• You have something to gain from perpetuating the myths.
Agile Advantages

- State of the art
- On time
- Protects quality
- Small batches
- Responsive
- Fast feedback
- Already contains governance
- ...but this isn’t just an IT thing.

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Agile Disadvantages

- Nobody knows exactly what it is!
- Some BAU concepts don’t cross over to projects easily
- People think it is ‘binary’ or ‘all in’
- Self-organisation can be overplayed
- It is more than a mind-set.
The basics of PRINCE2 Agile

Myth-busting or stating the obvious?

- PRINCE2 is already enabled for agile
- PRINCE2 is not a ‘traditional’ PM approach
- PRINCE2 Agile is for any project not just IT projects
- ‘IT only’ frameworks are mentioned but not extensively
- Agile is not just Scrum
- Scrum and Kanban are the most popular
- PRINCE2 Agile sees ‘agile’ as a family of behaviours, frameworks, concepts and techniques
- Agile is not a binary condition.
What is in PRINCE2 Agile?
PRINCE2 Agile behaviours

- Transparency
- Exploration
- Self-organization
- Rich communication
- Collaboration
AgilePM - where does it fit?

- It doesn’t!
- A very common question
- Pre-2009 - DSDM plugged the gaps in PRINCE2
- 2009 onwards - there are no gaps to plug
- The choice depends on your situation
- The same applies to similar approaches (e.g. PMI).

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No more triangles?
How about a Hexagon?
Is PRINCE2 Agile a challenge?

Yes!
If the answer is easy...
...then so is the question.

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Blending PRINCE2 with agile
The perfect marriage?

Agility, Governance and Control
PRINCE2 Agile:

Any questions?

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