

Case Study

Janet, Brenda and Ivy take on PRINCE2

Scottish Borders Council regularly holds in-house training in PRINCE2. It is demanding stuff, with 20 hours of pre-course reading required, followed by an intensive two and a half days in the classroom before sitting a one hour exam.

A considerable degree of commitment is required from all candidates.

The team responsible for organising and administering the PRINCE2 Foundation training modified the approach recently to ensure that it met the requirements of a colleague, social worker Janet Shearer who is blind.

The course is based on a 450 page manual, backed up by an array of training notes from the course provider, Carnegie. These were provided electronically by APM, the course accreditation body and Carnegie, respectively, allowing Janet to carry out the pre course reading using specialist equipment.

Janet, her helper Brenda and her guide dog Ivy quickly became immersed in the training during the course itself.

The training is instructor led and is highly visual, based mainly on slides and group exercises. Trainer Guy Douglas adapted his approach, relying less on the visuals and ensuring that the appropriate level of information was conveyed to Janet and the rest of the class.

With Brenda scribing and a time extension of half an hour, Janet sailed through the exam. As did the other 11 candidates on the course.

Janet is now getting ready to tackle the three hour Practitioner exam. This needs a bit more preparation on all sides due to the more complex nature of this part of the course. With a further time extension and the facility to print the exam in Braille, Janet will be well equipped to achieve further success at this level.

Good luck to the candidates.

