

## D2 Rail appoints Head of Programme Management to accelerate growth

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Bespoke programme management solutions provider for mainline and mass transit rail, **D2 Rail**, has appointed Troy Lancaster as its Head of Programme Management.

The appointment comes as the company celebrates its 10th anniversary – set up by David Diesbergen and now employing 50 experienced staff and predicted to turnover £4.75 million this year.

“I am absolutely thrilled to be joining D2 Infrastructure,” said Troy, who has joined from Amey Consulting, where he was Technical Director in Programme and Project Management.

“D2 have a solid reputation and a proven history of being innovative, client-focus and delivering the best service possible. D2 are on a rapid growth trajectory, and I am very excited to be leading this from a programme and project management perspective.”

As the Head of Programme Management, he will be accountable for providing both technical and business leadership to D2’s programme and project management capability and offering across all sectors.

“As a Fellow and a Chartered Project Professional, I have over 15 years’ experience delivering a diverse set of complex multidisciplinary projects from concept to delivery,” he said.

“This has been in multiple sectors across client, contractor and consultancy organisations.

“Key projects include the £60 million Market Harborough Line Speed & Station Improvement project which won the National Rail Awards in 2020; and the £3 billion Transpennine Route Upgrade programme where I was the Project Lead accountable for leading five different organisations in an Alliance setting to deliver the first £370 million sub-programme of works.

“In addition to practical experience, I have a strong theoretical background from my master’s degree in programme and project management where, in 2019, I won both the university department prize and the Association for Project Management (APM) Award for the best post-graduate MSc of the year.”

“I intend to use my experience and knowledge to build on D2’s existing offering so that it can now provide programme and project management services to clients and the supply chain across multiple sectors.”

Troy aims to ensure D2 Rail builds, attracts and retains talent, while becoming Corporately Accredited with the APM by the Summer of 2022.

He will also develop D2’s offering in the following areas:

- Programme and project management consultancy services in the form of:
  - o Independent maturity assessments of a business’s programme and project management capability. The assessments will include identifying any gaps in capability and recommendations as to how they can be improved.
  - o Support to businesses in addressing any gaps and/or developing their own in-house project management capability including aligning this to industry best practice and Corporate Accreditation with the APM
  - o Support in the form of setting up the governance, structure and processes to deliver major programmes of works such as Alliancing
- Direct programme and project management support in terms of providing highly competent and motivated project managers to either support or lead specific projects and/or work packages both for clients and the supply chain

He added: “By 2023 it is my aspiration that D2 will be able to provide the Programme/Project Management Office capability to clients to manage all aspects of the design, build and hand-back of complex multidisciplinary programmes and projects.

“To achieve the above I aim to continue to build direct in-house capability as well as partnering with other organisations in either a support or lead role.

“Now that the worst of the pandemic is behind us there is a huge need to invest in the economy. With the devolution of budgets down to regional areas in all types of sectors there is the absolute need for programmes and projects to be delivered efficiently.

“D2 now has this capability and I am really excited to be able to offer this service to both client-based organisations as well as the wider supply chain.”

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