

Paula Dempsey - Bio

Childhood and Education

I grew up in Portstewart, Northern Ireland and left to study at Lancaster University and ESCP Business School in Paris. I have a BA in French and Management. I never considered engineering as a career path so working at SE is a happy accident. I spent my school holidays serving customers in my parents' Euronics store, honing my CRM and claims management skills, which probably set me up well for my job in PM.

Career Highlights

The opportunity to travel and experience other organisations and cultures as part of day-to-day life has been fantastic. Working abroad and speaking a different language is a humbling experience and taught me to have empathy with non-native English speakers. As well as working in France I spent a lot of time in ZhuZhou in China, and I was also seconded to Houston in 2016. These experiences helped me understand & respect cultural differences.

Career History

I started my career at Alcatel in Paris, before joining Siemens on the graduate scheme.

I loved the variety and pace of Project Management, and from there I worked in various customer-facing PM roles in Service and New Units. I'm a chartered Project Manager and have been Head of Distributed Projects for the UK&I since 2018, with a one-year secondment as Head of Quality in 2021. In July I start a new role as Head of New Unit Projects for SGT.

Family Life

I live in Lincoln with my two children (Ronan, 3 and Tara, 6), my husband Malachy and our cocker spaniel. We go back to Ireland as much as we can to see family.

