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Masterful Leader – Facilitation Skills

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A Facilitator: Someone who helps a group meet their goals*

One of the most important sets of skills for leaders are facilitation skills. These are the "process" skills we use to guide and direct groups of people through meetings, planning sessions, and training. #

* Merriam-Webster Dictionary

How to Lead Work Teams, Facilitation Skills, Fran Rees Jossey-Bass/Pfeiffer 2001



Agenda

Facilitation Skills

- Building a Team
 - >Working with Teams
 - >Understanding Team Dynamics
 - Planning meetings for actions

Building a Team

- Get to know the people on your team
 strengths
 - ✓ weaknesses
- Assign roles according to strengths and weaknesses
- Be clear on timeline, agenda and expected outcomes
- Create the Culture to address issues early
- When creating a team be diverse <u>and</u> inclusive



"We need to focus on diversity. Your goal is to hire people who all look different, but think just like me."

Leading Teams

Leading teams can be challenging and rewarding

Challenges Diverse Perspectives Different Personalities Varying Motivators Benefits Through Review of all Areas Shared Experiences & Knowledge Self Motivating Team

Know what the Team needs

- ✓ Support
- ✓ Trust
- ✓ Clarity
- \checkmark Take down the road blocks

Team Dynamics

Team dynamics are the unconscious, psychological forces that influence the direction of a **team**'s behavior and performance.

Strong team dynamics Team members trust each other Hold each other accountable Poor team dynamics Peoples behavior disrupts work Poor decision making

What can leaders do to improve team Dynamics?

- Know your team
- Define roles and responsibilities early
- Address problems/issues quickly

Meeting for Action

A facilitator has the most leverage on a meeting's success before a single person walks into the room

- Prior planning Set objectives/expectations prior to the meeting
- Know your role & let others know your role
- Know your audience what are the needs/expectations of the meeting attendees
- Know your team & ensure the team knows their roles in the meeting
- Stay on time Keep the meeting on track and on objectives



Knowledge Check

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Which of these is a benefit for having a diverse team?

- A. Thorough review of all areas
- B. Someone to blame if things go wrong
- C. Limited perspectives
- D. The opportunity to make people work harder



Which of these is a way to get to know your team

- A. Make assumptions, you have been leading people for long enough
- B. Ask for feedback from other people
- C. Send a survey to the team members asking for information
- D. Have a one on one discussion with each team member



 Having a plan in place to address team problems disagreements can improve team dynamics.

»True

»False



 There is no need to let people know your role in a meeting, you are the leader they know what to expect.

»True

»False



Which of the following is not a preferred method for assigning tasks to team members

- A. Strengths and Weaknesses
- B. Ability and Skills
- C. Preferences and Requests
- D. They missed a meeting so they get the left over tasks



Resources

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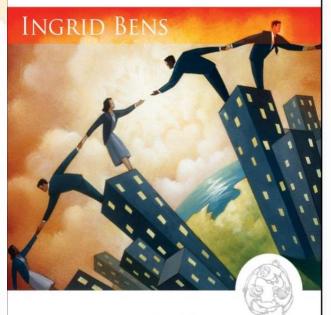
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