

Day 1

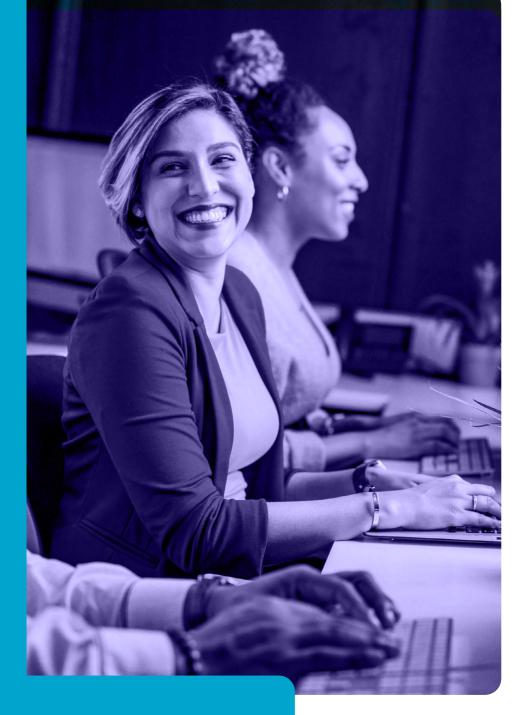
## Leadership Essentials

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Setting Up for Success



## Programme journey

Leadership Excellence Programme

Leadership Essentials References Programme

Increasing your Psychological Safety

Creating Psychological Safety

Conversations

Managing and Influencing Change Stateholders

Leading Change Stateholders

# Get on the balcony



**Activity: Ground rules** 

In small groups:

- Discuss some ground rules designed to help us get the best out of our time together
- · Capture those on a flip chart
- · Prepare to feedback



## Key areas of focus

- Clarification
- Communication
- · Fostering acceptance of change

# Clarify - raising awareness

- · Improved Productivity
- Reduced Errors
- Enhanced Collaboration
- · Increased Motivation
- · Better Decision-Making

## Communicateshared understanding

- Building trust
- Aligning goals
- · Resolving conflicts
- · Encouraging innovation
- Providing feedback
- · Boosting morale

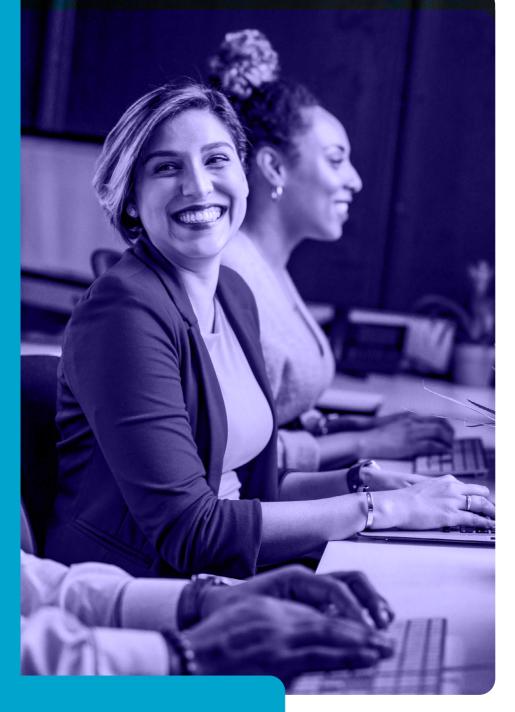


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Building a Great Culture



## Session outcomes

- · Self-assess your own strengths, vulnerabilities and triggers as a leader
- · Identify the characteristics of effective leaders
- · Identify our reactive tendencies and the impact of these on our teams
- Use the TEA model to identify the connection between thoughts, behaviour and actions
- Use the TEA model to identify other thoughts and responses to situations we can choose when in a reactive state

Activity: Leadership and you

In pairs

#### Discuss your pre-work

- What are you great at?
- Where are your vulnerabilities?
- What triggers you and can take you off course?
- What does great leadership look like in someone you admire, that you'd like to emulate?



Activity: Who influenced you?
Individually:

Who has had the most significant impact on your life?

Why?

What elements of that influence do you see in yourself?

Discuss with partner

### Great leadership traits

- Approachable
- · Leads by example
- · Spots the achievements
- Creates psychologically safe environment
- · Appropriately vulnerable
- Appropriate levels of challenge and support
- Has a vision

### Great leadership traits

- Knowledge to know how to support someone to develop and achieve
- Self-awareness
- Empathy
- · Communicates effectively
- · Positive mindset
- · Coaching approach
- · Allows people to make mistakes







Activity: Reflection
Individually:

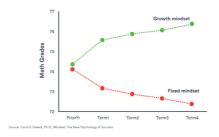
Thinking about the last discussion

Which characteristics are strengths for you?

Which might you need to develop?

Capture some notes

#### Mindset



## Choosing the right one

Reactive Mindset



#### **Reactive Mindset**

Feel threatened

Focus on self-protection or self-promotion

See mistakes as failure

Avoid feedback

Take things personally and get defensive

Don't listen well

Get aggressive

Use accusations, blame or complain a lot

Overly critical and judgmental

Withdraw effort or withhold information

Become rigid and inflexible

Behaviour is impulsive or reactive

Seek to win at any cost

Treat conflict as a battle

Create silos or win-lose relationships

#### **Learning Mindset**

Feel curious

Focus on learning and improvement

See mistakes as vital to learning

Seek feedback and value it

Stay balanced and composed

Seek to understand

Talk calmly and respectfully

Take accountability and seek solutions

Show empathy and value differences

Show initiative and share information

Stay open-minded and adaptable

Behaviour is responsive or creative

Seek to achieve a shared vision

Challenge constructively

Create collaborative, win-win relationships

Activity: Mindset audit

#### In pairs

- Describe when you were in a Reactive Mindset
  - What behaviours do you recognise?
- Describe when you maintained a Learning
   Mindset
  - What behaviours do you recognise?
- What helped you maintain a Learning Mindset under pressure?



# Stimulus response



## TEA model

Thinking

Actions

Emotions

**Activity: TEA model** 

Individually

- Think about a challenging situation or conversation that you have experienced
- Use the TEA model to explore your **Thoughts**, **Emotions and Actions** related to this experience
- · How did you respond or react?
- Would you choose to do anything any different?



Activity: Reflection
Individually:

Reflect on today's session

What are the key learning points for you?

What areas of your leadership do you need to work on?

What one thing are you going to choose first?













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