New Manager Program

Participant Workbook
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## Turning Values into Mindsets You Can Practice

### Instructions

Now that you’ve identified your own most important values, consider the following:

- Which value(s) currently influence the mindset with which you manage your team?
- Are there others on your list that you can intentionally practice as a mindset?
  - What might this look like in action?
- In your role as a manager, when are your values challenged?

Please use the table below to reflect and jot down your ideas:

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Emotional Intelligence: Cultivating Empathy & Compassion

**How can I cultivate compassion?**

- Ask how you can help, don't assume you know what's wanted
- Look for commonalities with your directs
- Encourage cooperation instead of competition in your team
- Cultivate a genuine curiosity about the individuals on your team
- Lead by example—treating others with compassion is contagious!
- Be mindful of boundaries—avoid being an emotional sponge

**Why cultivate compassion?**

- Too much empathy can cause stress & burnout for the empathizer
- Same brain regions are activated in the person suffering & empathizing
- VS. compassion, which instead produces feelings of concern, warmth, and motivation to help the other person
- Compassion training can lower stress hormones, boost immunity, and may even reduce your risk of heart disease

Ask yourself:

Who in my life do I most need to develop more empathy towards? How might I demonstrate compassion towards them?

Turn to a partner and discuss:

What could you do to **increase empathy & compassion** towards those you work with? (e.g. your directs, your manager, clients, or your peer colleagues?)

“So compassion is empathy in action. It is based on a wholesome desire to connect with others and to meet their needs. The best way to understand what compassion is, however, is to see how it actually leads, in practice, to renewal of both leaders and those around them, and ultimately to sustainable resonance and results”

— Resonant Leadership by Richard Boyatziz & Annie McKee, p. 180
Triggers Activity with Trios

Instructions
Think back to a situation at work when you experienced high stress, and/or negative emotion — to the extent that your ability to perform was compromised.

Jot down
● What were you experiencing? Were there any physiological signs?
● Could you pinpoint what triggered you [at the time]?
● What did you try to do? How did it go?

In your trios, take ~ 2 mins each to share your experiences

Four Types of Reappraisal

**Reinterpreting**
“How can I take the threat away from this situation?”

Coaching Questions:

**Normalizing**
“It’s OK because others feel this way too”

Coaching Questions:

**Reordering**
“I’m going to think about the value I’m putting on this”

Coaching Questions:

**Repositioning**
“I’m going to consider this from another perspective”

Coaching Questions:

“When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change.”
— Max Planck (1858-1947)
How to Manage Your Former Peers

Amy Gallo, December 19, 2012 Harvard Business Review


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Navigating Your Manager Transition

1. **(On your own) Are you managing any former peers in your new role?**

   *(The following questions can be answered even if you are not currently managing former peers)*
   
   a. How effective have you been so far in handling the transition?
   
   b. What has been the most challenging? How might you overcome these obstacles?
   
   c. What, if anything, might you do differently moving forward?
   
   d. Who can you go to for coaching or support during this transition?

2. **(In your trio) Share the circumstances around the transition into your new manager role.**

   *Discussion questions:*
   
   a. Did anyone receive some good advice surrounding the transition?
   
   b. In what ways has your manager been supportive? How could you ask/influence him or her for further support, if necessary? (Or, someone else?)
   
   c. Does anyone have notable stories about managing former peers (i.e. addressing competitors, experimenting with your new persona)?
   
   d. Did the HBR article resonate with you? Why or why not, specifically?
   
   e. What have you gained or found rewarding in the transition to your new role?
### Coaching Skills and GROW Model

1. Be fully **present** for and **focused** on the coachee
2. Be aware of your own **mindset** and that of the coachee
3. Practice **empathic listening** *(aka active or reflective listening)*
4. Ask **open-ended questions** to facilitate coachee’s own insight

#### Stage 1–GOAL
- Help coachee articulate a specific meaningful goal, including what success would look like. It’s rare to uncover the most meaningful / impactful goal in the first telling. It is the coach’s job to delve more deeply to clarify the goal further.

#### Stage 2–REALITY
- Help coachee articulate the “here and now” so s/he can map the journey to the goal. Watch for trying to gather too much data; as coach you only need to understand general dynamics, how coachee interprets the situation, and the impact on him/her. Provide objectivity and invite coachee to see the situation from different angles.

#### Stage 3–OPTIONS
- Help coachee brainstorm a list of potential actions to move toward goal. Go for **quantity** rather than **quality** of ideas; quality eval comes later. Encourage creativity and brainstorm ALL potential ways to achieve goal before deciding on actions. Offer your ideas **after** coachee exhausts his/hers. Attribute equal weight to all ideas.

#### Stage 4–WILL
- Help coachee determine specific action plan s/he “owns” and follows to achieve the goal. This stage is about forward momentum and converting the discussion to a decision. Allow coachee to select relevant actions and decide how they want to be accountable.

#### SAMPLE QUESTIONS

| What do you want, desire, or need to overcome? | Where are you now with this topic? What makes you think that? What would your peers say about it? What obstacles are currently in the way of your success? What resources do you need to achieve your goal? | If your biggest obstacle wasn't there, what would you do? If you had endless resources, what would you do? What would your best friend, manager, or peer want or do in this situation? What can you do right now to further develop skills that would be useful in reaching your goal? What have helpful mentors done that has helped you progress? | What will you do? On a scale of 1-10, how committed are you to doing this? (If 6 or below, ask what would bring them to an 8-10.) What obstacles could arise? How will you overcome them? When will you start? How will you and I know it’s been achieved or completed? Who will you ask for feedback after you’ve taken action? What advocacy would help? How can I provide more support towards your development? |

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*Focused attention on coaching is more important than the time spent. What matters most is listening so the other person feels heard. Eliminate distractions and cultivate a sense of presence in the moment.*

Coaching practice in trios

**Practice** *(12 mins per round)*

- Choose COACH, COACHEE and OBSERVER roles
  - COACH: Coach the COACHEE
  - OBSERVER: Watch and take notes
- When time is up, debrief. Then, switch roles.

**Debrief** *(3 mins per round)*

- Debrief roles:
  - OBSERVER: share your observations and feedback
  - COACHEE: share feedback including biggest strength and biggest development area for this Coach
  - COACH: write down what you learned - what do you want to remember from this session?

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Write down the two most impactful pieces of feedback you've given to a member of your team in the last month (or longer if necessary).

How did you deliver this feedback?
Preparing for a Feedback Conversation

Instructions: Think of a direct report (or someone else) that you have feedback you would like to deliver to them and then answer the following questions:

1. What is your intention in sharing this feedback with them?

2. What would be a successful outcome of this feedback conversation?

3. What was the SITUATION?

4. What was the BEHAVIOR (what did the person do)?

5. What was the IMPACT of the behavior on you and/or others?

6. What data do you have to support what you will say?

7. If you are emotionally charged about the feedback, how can you personally prepare for the conversation? What words can you use to start the conversation? Where and when will you have the conversation?

8. How might they react or respond to this feedback? How will you prepare for this?

“The bugle blast of evaluation can drown out the quieter melodies of [advice] and appreciation. The evaluation conversation needs to take place first...We can’t focus on how to improve until we know where we stand (44).”

— Thanks for the Feedback by Douglas Stone & Sheila Heen (2014)
Try it in Trios: Using SBI

On your own:
- **Reflect & prepare** using questions in workbook (5-10 mins)

In **NEW** trios, take turns playing the roles of **Manager, Direct, and Observer**:
- **Manager Explain** context to trio members (2 mins)
- **Manager & Direct Practice** feedback conversation (5 mins)
- **Observer & Direct Give** at least 1 suggestion or observation (2 mins)
- **Manager & Direct Practice** the feedback conversation *again* (5 mins)
- **ALL Debrief** and provide meta-feedback (5 mins)

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*then discuss & clarify, create options, agree on next steps*
## Decision Making Styles

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Overcome Bias with Reappraisal

Cognitive & Emotional Attitudes That Impede

“I’ve got to push my point harder, they don’t get it.”

“What I see is how it is.”

“I’m confident I know what’s best (and they don’t).”

“I know that I’m right and it’s my job to convince them.”

“They are only interested in what’s in it for them.”

“I’m getting angry and it’s their fault.”

“If they can’t understand what I’m telling them, then they’ll need to figure it out for themselves.”

Collaborative Mindset Know and Feel to Overcome

“I need to slow down my reactive responses.”

“What I see is one perspective.”

“Those who differ see something I may have missed.”

“I’m willing to suspend my agenda so I can better listen to other’s views.”

“I need to consider the unintended impact I may be having on others.”

“I’m seeking to validate my own thinking as well as others.”

“Our purpose is to make the best informed decision for the company.”

- State views directly, while open to influence
- Be explicit about your reasoning, interests, concerns & conclusions
- Offer examples
- Make points one at a time

- Test your understanding
- Solicit a range of ideas
- Explore others’ reasoning, concerns and interest
- Encourage challenge, questions and feedback

Advocacy

Inquiry

Summary

- Synthesize the others’ views in your own words
- Test your understanding of the others’ concerns
- Capture their full meaning; express their situation
## Decision Making Framework

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| **What** | What are you solving for and are the objectives clear to everyone? | • Address root causes, not situational fixes  
• Establish priorities for what to tackle (and what's out of scope)  
• Anticipate outcomes by defining success criteria at the onset  
• Consider ways to simplify or tweak existing structures and look for solutions that scale |
| **Why** | What's at stake (if you do it or don't do it) and why is it important? | • Does it solve a business need and/or good for the company longer term?  
• Is this a good use of time?  
• Does this fit in with other current priorities? |
| **Who** | Is everyone clear who the decision maker is? | • Default to open: listen and ask questions  
• Be generous with providing context—it’ll enable others to do their jobs better  
• Give people the benefit of the doubt and assume positive intent |
| **How** | How will the decision be made? (e.g., consensus driven; how will data be used) | • Define your exception criteria (which should rarely apply)  
• Make tradeoffs explicit  
• Help scale good judgment by communicating the rationale for the decision after it is made |
| **When** | When can people expect a decision? | • Be transparent about what decision was made and how it will be communicated  
• If elements of the decision making process change or are delayed, communicate that to all stakeholders |
Clarifying Roles, Responsibilities and Decision Making:

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Add Clarity to Decisions with RACI
Action Planning

1. In what area would you like to grow as a manager over the next 6-12 months?

2. What strengths do you already possess in this area?

3. What do you need to focus on, develop or get better at?

4. What are 1-2 activities and/or resources that would help you develop most in this area?

5. What's a good next step to get this going?
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### Values-Based Leadership

**Instructions**

First, go through this list and circle the personal values that resonate most with you. Next, narrow the list down to 10 or fewer. Finally, rank and number your personal list in order of importance to you.

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"As I tell my students, becoming the best kind of leader isn’t about emulating a role model or a historic figure. Rather, your leadership must be rooted in who you are and what matters most to you. When you truly know yourself and what you stand for, it is much easier to know what to do in any situation. It always comes down to doing the right thing and doing the best you can."

-Harry M. Jansen Kraemer Jr., Kellogg School of Management
Values-Based Leadership Reflection Questions

Below are some questions that may help you differentiate values that simply resonate with you from those that you truly live and breathe, as well as how you might adjust them, given certain circumstances. Reflecting on these questions and the top 10 values should help you rank them and ideally narrow down your top 3.

● What are your top 3? Briefly describe what they mean to you— we will revisit in class.

● If you awoke tomorrow morning with enough money to retire very comfortably, would you continue to live these values?

● Would you want to hold these values, even if they became a disadvantage or you could be penalized for them?

● Do other people you work with know what you value? How do they know?

● Are there any gaps between what you say you value and what you do (how you act)? If so, how do you account for this gap? When does it occur?

“Personal leadership is the process of keeping your vision and values before you and aligning your life to be congruent with them. -Steven Covey
## Your Role as a People Manager

Being a good manager means helping your team achieve its results. It also means rolling up your sleeves and getting the work done on an individual level.

With a **check mark** (✔) indicate the areas/behaviors in the table below that you feel like you’re already doing well in. Then, **circle** the areas/behaviors that you could focus more on in your development as a manager.

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<td><strong>Deliver a shared vision and encourage the team to achieve that vision.</strong></td>
<td>Assist team members in setting and meeting their individual development goals, improving performance, and leveraging skills.</td>
<td>Remove roadblocks, build the team's credibility, and positively represent the team to others at the company.</td>
<td>Help the team as a whole be more productive than they would be working individually.</td>
<td>There are tactical things at times that managers need to do.</td>
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### Behaviors

- **Lead**
  - Develop and communicate a shared vision, strategy, and priorities with input from the entire team.
  - Ensure the team’s work is aligned to short- and long-term company objectives.
  - Motivate and inspire direct reports.
  - Model our culture and positive behavior.
  - Encourage and reward innovation and thoughtful risk-taking.
  - Anticipate and initiate change, demonstrate resilience and help the team adapt.
  - Foster transparency in the team; pass information vertically.

- **Coach**
  - Set and communicate expectations for new and existing team members.
  - Actively participate in team meetings and conduct regular 1:1s with each direct report.
  - Provide actionable and timely feedback to each member of the team.
  - Actively manage low and high performance.
  - Share your expertise and your network to help build direct’s skills.
  - Learn about direct’s developmental goals, strengths, and interests.
  - Advise and assist in identifying or creating opportunities for growth.

- **Advocate**
  - Actively reach out to the team to understand their work and accomplishments.
  - Help the team build its credibility and get recognized for its achievements.
  - Represent the team interests, challenges, and needs to other relevant stakeholders.
  - Anticipate and remove barriers to help your team members do their jobs.
  - Shield the team from unnecessary burdens or noise.

- **Deliver Results**
  - Take responsibility for team's results.
  - Set, document, and measure OKRs.
  - Recruit, advance and retain a diverse team.
  - Work side-by-side with team to get things done when needed.
  - Make timely decisions by driving consent; clearly communicate decision-making rationale.
  - Develop criteria to assign projects to the team.
  - Remove silos; encourage inter-team project work and shared goals.
  - Encourage the team to collaborate and discuss and respect diverse perspectives.

- **Administer**
  - Evaluate performance of direct reports and actively participate in calibration.
  - Participate in salary planning, bonus, and equity planning.
  - Nominate reports for promotion and communicate committee feedback.
  - Determine optimal allocation of people and financial resources based on need and business strategy.
  - Do the paperwork (approve leaves, timesheets, support transfers, review/approve team expenses).
## Getting to Know Your Direct Reports: Conversation Guide

### STEP 1: Set Up the Meeting

**Define the purpose** of the meeting and set the intent that you want to get to know your directs better. Desired outcomes of the meeting include:
- Getting to know your report
- Building the relationship
- Understanding the support they would like from you
- Sharing of your career development philosophy and what they can expect from you

**Set the tone and objective** of the meeting:
- I’d like to spend some time in today’s meeting getting to know each other better.
- We've gone through a lot of change recently and I want to understand your work style, your history, what you're passionate about, your career interest and goals, and how I can best support you. We won't cover everything today but I wanted to at least start the conversation.

### STEP 2: Get to Know Your Employee

**Purpose** Start to get to know your employee better and build the foundation of your employee / manager relationship. Remember the purpose is to get to know your employee so listen more, talk less.

**Pick the questions** that resonate with you. You can also use these questions over several 1:1 sessions.

- **Personal**
  - What are your interests in both work and life?
  - Tell me a little about yourself. Your past work experiences. Where you went to school. The types of trainings you've completed.
  - What are your hobbies? What do you like to do for fun?

- **Work**
  - What is your dream job in 10 years? Would that be different if money was no object?
  - What are some of the accomplishments you are most proud of (personally, in work)?
  - What are some of your biggest challenges?
  - What do you think are your natural strengths and talents?
  - What skills do you currently enjoy using either in your new or old role?
  - What are your current developmental goals?
  - What skills do you think we utilize? What skills do you feel are unused?

- **Working Style**
  - Tell me about your working style.
  - What motivates you?
  - How do you like to be recognized?
  - Who is the best manager you’ve had and why?
  - How do you like to be managed (e.g., likes structure, loves autonomy, works best alone, wants to be part of a team)?

### STEP 3: Open Up the Conversation

**Purpose** While the objective is for you to get to know your direct report, it is important that they get to know you too.

**Ask them:** Is there anything you want to ask or know about me?

### STEP 4: Wrap Up

**Purpose** Summarize any action items and thank them for their time.

**Wrap up the meeting:**
- Thank you for sharing - I learned a lot about you and really look forward to working together.
- I will follow up on ____ as discussed.
- Let’s keep this conversation going and remember I am here to support you.
**Project Oxygen**

Project Oxygen was a study done in 2009 by Google's PiLab that found there are 10 core attributes that great managers at Google have in common. Research done by Gallup confirms similar attributes.

**A High-Scoring Manager ...**

1. Is a good **coach**

2. **Empowers** team and **does not micromanage**

3. Creates an **inclusive team environment**, showing **concern for success and well-being**

4. Is **productive** and **results-oriented**

5. Is a good **communicator** – listens and shares information

6. Supports **career development** and **discusses performance**

7. Has a clear **vision/strategy** for the team

8. Has key **technical skills** to help advise the team

9. **Collaborates** across Google

10. Is a strong **decision maker**