# Communicating to Build Trust and Teamwork



### Leader Guide

This guide is designed as a resource for small group leaders. It accompanies Group Module 5 of the eLearning Series, *Your Extraordinary Workplace.* 



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### **Section 1: Pre-Group Session Prep**

#### ACTIONS (Note: The steps in this section are all done prior to the actual group session)

COMPLETE watching your own individual training module and filling out your workbook answers.

NAVIGATE entire group module at least once. Ensure required technology works.

STOP when you reach a slide with a green continue button. This will correlate with a section to cover.

DESIGNATE a time at the top of each section in this leader guide or follow the suggested time we have included. NOTE: Group sessions are 2 hours. The module has a table of contents marking each section in this leader guide so you can navigate through your module as needed or wanted.

**PREPARE** by using *notes* section for putting in examples or clarifications and so you can model/start sharing answers.

**FOLLOW** instructions in each section in order given.

□ **ANSWER** all questions yourself to use as an example.

**OPEN** document "<u>Alternative ways to communicate about purpose and values.</u>" In the module landing page, there is a live link in the description. **In advance, write in your** notes section 2, what you will do regarding highlighting and instilling *PURPOSE and one core VALUE* in this session.

SEND a confirmation email a week prior to the group session if you wish.

- TIPS for you to remember as group facilitator:
- 1. Demonstrate full commitment. Your intention and modeling matter!
- 2. Start on time. Ask for timeliness from team.
- 3. Maintain pacing you've allotted for sections. Ask for help if needed.

#### EMAIL SAMPLE (Optional)

Hi everyone!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all on (Day, Date and Time) for the next LifeWork Systems session. Please be on time and ready because we have a lot of ground to cover and we will start and end on time. Don't forget to:

- Bring your completed workbook as you will be asked to share from it.
- Let me know if you need anything from me beforehand.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

(Your name)

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### Section 2: We Always Begin With...Purpose

For the leader: your intention in this section is to help the group learn that a. purpose is #1 and b. INVITE them to commit to it. c. values are behaviors that serve to make sure purpose happens. d. focus on one trust value and e. Review helpful tips.

#### ACTIONS

(To be done at the group session when on this slide)  $\rightarrow$ 

**POST** or visually have open your organization's blueprint on a browser tab.

**READ Goal:** "My first goal is to set the stage for this session by beginning with our purpose and values."

READ bullet points below (Pull up your organization's blueprint)

- Our *purpose* is always THE highest priority; it shifts us from being **reactive** to **proactive**
- you are in charge of YOUR thoughts, feelings, and actions no matter what.
- Purpose is what we cause for ourselves and for others; purpose connects us to our internal motivation, our WHY.

**READ** your organization's **PURPOSE** on the blueprint. Next, share your unique way to highlight it. (use "Alternative" ways to communicate purpose and values" from your landing page) This could be a quote, story, question, etc.

**READ** these *rhetorical* questions about **PURPOSE** (tell them **no out-loud answer is required**):

- 1. Will YOU intentionally focus on our purpose and commit to representing it?
- 2. Will YOU remain committed even if OTHERS drop their commitment to our purpose?

READ About CORE VALUES (direct them to the <u>core values</u> in your blueprint) Say: "Our core values are behaviors we engage in to achieve our *purpose*." These are **NOT** the 8 values that build trust.

DELIVER your specific plan for how you will reinforce your chosen one or more CORE VALUE(S) now. ("Alternative ways to communicate purpose and values" is a document linked in the module landing page) Maybe a quote, question, etc.

**REVIEW** the trust value **#7** under 8 values that build trust and Say: "Seeks Excellence is intentionally determining to cause the best for self and others". Ask EVERYONE, "When is it difficult to exercise seeks excellence?"

READ the following 5 helpful tips with your group when you as you end this section:

- 1. Speak in first person (use "I"). It will feel and be more responsible. I'll say "me?" if you forget and say "you" or "we."
- 2. "Stay in your yard," share your experiences, opinions, feelings.
- 3. Take initiative in participating in this group session. This supports your facilitator. Don't wait to be called on.
- 4. Keep your answers brief.
- 5. Write down all aha's and questions you think of during this entire session.

□ **FINAL WORD** "The main point of section is that **intention** is the most important thing to do in every moment."

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### **Section 3: Eight Values That Build Trust**

For group leader: To help people understand what it means that trustworthiness is foundational. To help them pause and realize that if any relationships have unresolved issues, these should be addressed.

Total Time: 15m (2m pre- vid + 13m discussion) Cumulative Time: 25m

**ACTIONS** (AFTER you have started your module)

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**READ** section GOAL: "My goal for this section is to help you realize how important it is to address unresolved relationship issues, especially right away when they are small and few."

**READ the bullet points below** (optional but recommended when time allows)

- You may be trustworthy but not know how to build trust with others. •
- All breakdowns in relationships can be tracked to one or more of the 8 behaviors being violated or neglected.
- In time, you will begin to notice when these values are being well-fulfilled and when they are weak. •
- You will develop a deeper remembering and understanding of what they are and how they play out.

□ ASK the following questions. Explain to them "These are NOT in your workbook." (12m)

- 1. Read the differences between honesty, straightforwardness, and disclosure. Have several people give an example for each one when it's present OR when it's absent. (e.g., 1. when there is NOT honesty, things might go missing from people's desks OR 2. when honesty IS present, people give others credit for work)
  - a. Honesty is not lying, stealing, or cheating. Many people confuse this with Disclosure which is simply being open about, and sharing your opinions, ideas, and feelings. Straightforwardness is asking for what you want and stating your expectations.
  - Recognition is not always scored as high in value as the other 7 values on the Strategic Alignment Survey and in b. conversation. That's because people worry valuing recognition is braggadocios or attention seeking. **Recognition** is acknowledging with appreciation another person's gifts, talents, and differences. Have 3 people give recognition to others: 1 for gifts, 1 for talents and 1 appreciating differences (choose one that is controversial or otherwise criticized).
  - c. **Respect** is treating people as worthy in and of themselves and as people not objects. Read the **respect story**. Have people answer the questions in it.

Respect Story: A man was on a plane where seating was first come, first serve. He sat in the seat on the aisle and put his TV tray down and piled his coat and computer on the seat next to him. As the plane was nearing take-off, he realized he might have saved the small row all for himself. At the very last minute, a heavyset man boards the plane. He looks like he's coming for the prized seat. The first man is annoyed and thinking, "He's going to crowd me. He looks like a talker too." Is this newly boarding man a person or an object to him? How do you know? (Pause to get an answer).

How about instead, the man sees a gorgeous woman board the plane and he quickly clears off the seat next to him and lifts his tray up, smiling widely at her. Is this woman a person or an object to him? How do you know? (Pause to get an answer)

Note: Respect would be the man seeing the heavyset guy as someone's son, husband, dad, brother, etc. who just wants to get home too. Same with the woman. Others are unique, worthy individuals not for what they can or cannot do for us.

2. Have 3 people choose one each: receptivity, seeks excellence and keeps commitments. Ask, "Give an example of one value each in action and share what you feel when someone else is operating fully from that value.

 FINAL WORD "Maintaining trustworthiness with ALL is a CHOICE and it's new to most people. You are THE one who determines if you are going to check in to disclose or ask if a relationship is less than a 10 and fix it asap if it is."

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### **Section 4: Social Interest**

**For the group leader**: To get people to realize they always have <u>choice</u> and to understand there are many parts to be addressed to empower them to step into the choices that are possible.

Total Time: 10m (30s pre- vid + 10m discussion) Cumulative Time: 35m

### ACTIONS

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**READ** section **GOAL**: "My goal for this section is to help you realize that each of us is powerful and that our use of our power must be intentional and conscious, including the consequences we <u>cause</u> others."

□ **READ the bullet points below** (optional but recommended when time allows)

- Social interest is consciously focusing on the consequences we *cause* others.
- Without social interest, people chase after less fulfilling ways to live and work.
- Social interest is not only good for others, but also for yourself.
- Without social interest, we fail to be connected for mutual success and contributing.

ASK 1-2 people to read their answers to the questions below. Direct them to read answers from workbook page 2: (10m)

- 1. Is it important to develop *social interest*? Why?
- 2. Who do you know with high social interest? How do they make you and others feel?
- 3. What might happen if social interest is low in a person? A team?

□ **FINAL WORD** "The main point of this section is to realize it's a big deal and a sign of emotional intelligence and maturity to consider how we affect others and to purposely intend to cause them positive consequences."

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Time: 10 minutes

### **Section 5: Communication Realities**

#### Total Time: 10m (3m pre- vid + 7m discussion) Cumulative Time: 45m

#### ACTIONS

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- **READ** section **GOAL**: "My goal for this section is focus you on not only some important points for speaking but also greater awareness concerning listening."

□ **READ the bullet points below** (optional but recommended when time allows)

- We cannot NOT communicate.
- Often, we're unaware of the intentions behind our communications.
- We may forget to make sure our communications are encouraging.
- It's important to align our communication with purpose and values

ASK the following questions. Explain, "These are NOT in your workbook." (5m) Read Answers only after they try to answer.

- 1. In this section, it's stated that 70 to 90% of what we say gets filtered or changed by the receiver. Have 2-3 people give an example of at least one reason this is so. \* Note: AFTER they answer question, read the 5 possible answers below:
  - 1. Our mind processes what we hear faster than we listen and our internal voice is competing with the person speaking.
  - 2. We have different psychological contracts and make assumptions.
  - 3. We do not want to see or own the intent of the other person because we are afraid of what they want from us.
  - 4. We use texting and emailing, leaving too much open to interpretation.
  - 5. We don't verify that we have heard correctly. (There may be other ideas not mentioned here.)
- 2. The first 3 guidelines when speaking include honest, caring, to create harmony. What is the 4<sup>th</sup> guideline? How do you know if you have or have not implemented it?

(Possible Answer: Useful. You implement this if you notice the other person is receptive and/or if you've asked permission? You have not implemented this if you push an agenda or share without receptivity in others to hear you.)

3. In this session and the last one, you were introduced to the differences between encouragement and praise. What are some of the key ways these are different? Give examples of each.

(Possible Answer: Encouragement is observational and focuses on what <u>the other person is thinking, feeling or</u> <u>demonstrating; what matters to him or her</u>. It's focused on intrinsic motivations in another person. It can be done with or without a success.)

<u>Praise</u> is focused on the positive judgment, opinions, feelings and ideas of the observer. It is *bestowed* from above. It's about the sender, weakening the intrinsic motivation of the person being praised. It often involves comparison and winning rather than effort and internal qualities and strengths.

Examples of encouragement start with: "You seem... I noticed you... Examples of praise start with, "I am... I feel..."

□ **FINAL WORD** "The importance of this section is to remember that 'everything you say' matters. This also helps you realize the importance of clear intentions when communicating, and that others are listening and reacting or responding to you."

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Time: 10 minutes

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### **Section 6: Meeting Bids: Entrainment**

Leader: Effective communication intellectually and emotionally is a key for relationship success

Total Time: 15m (0m pre- vid + 15m discussion) Cumulative Time: 1 hour

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**READ** section **GOAL**: "My goal for this section is to help each of you grow in social awareness so you have social interest and communicate it through entrainment." \*

**READ the bullet points below** (optional but recommended when time allows)

- Entrainment is also called meeting bids or mirrored reciprocation.
- Entrainment means to notice the quality and quantity of emotion someone is expressing and the relevance to him/her
- In *entrainment* you mirror another's emotions to engage with their heart as well as their head.
- Entrainment during any feelings is important but during joy is even more important than during challenges.
- Entrainment is vulnerable because it causes you to open your heart and express feelings.

REVIEW all these Entrainment Exercise steps (Timing: Explanation and demo: 3m, then 5m for pairs = 8m total)

**Step 1**: Partner up with another person. One of you begins as the <u>sender</u> and the other one as the <u>receiver</u>.

- **Step 2**: Sender: Recall a time when you felt strong feelings. Send 4 different emotional communications to your partner. Do not hold back. Allow your emotions to be expressed. Make at least one of them **joyful**.
- Step 3: Receivers: map your body language, tone, speed, and volume of voice, and reaction level as closely as possible to that of the sender, while responding with related words. This is not mirroring. (Example: "I am really mad about this election!!!" said in a loud angry voice. Receiver in a loud angry voice, "You really don't like this election at all!!!")
- **Step 4**: Now switch roles and repeat this process.

### For the group facilitator

□ **DEMO** this exercise with someone in your group (or your LifeWork Systems consultant) and make sure everyone understands what they are doing. ◆ **TIP**: Have both prepare 4 examples in advance so you can demonstrate ease of doing this.

• TIP: Tell the group they are not <u>condoning</u> anything said. They are simulating <u>emotional</u> entrainment, even when it feels foreign to <u>their</u> common way of responding.

### □ **START** the *Entrainment Exercise*

DISCUSS this exercise briefly as a group. (e.g., "How was that feel as the receiver and sender?") (1m)

ASK the following questions. Explain "These are NOT in the workbook." (5m) Do not share answers until after they try.

- In the 4 stages to team, <u>empty</u> is when we don't have an agenda to fix or change someone. We show respect, recognition, and receptivity. What does entrainment have to do with <u>empty</u>? (Possible Answer: Empty makes seeing, hearing, appreciating, and validating the other person the most important thing and so does entrainment).
- 2. <u>Social interest</u> is when we intentionally consider what we "cause" others. What does entrainment have to do with social interest? (Possible Answer: Social interest is intentionally causing people to feel seen, heard, validated).
- 3. Why might we *resist* entraining with others or being entrained by them? (*Possible* Answer: We may be afraid of our own feelings and being vulnerable. We may fear the other person's feelings could intensify)
- 4. Give an example of a relationship you may have that may be improved with entrainment. (*Have one ready to share.*)

□ **FINAL WORD** "The main point of this section is to help you realize that entrainment is a gift we give others by stepping into their shoes and their experience, including their emotions. It brings about a deeper connection and makes people feel lovable."





Time: <sup>15</sup> minutes

## **Section 7: The Role of Empathy**

#### Total Time: 15m (2m pre- vid + 13m discussion) Cumulative Time: 1 hour, 15m

### ACTIONS

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**READ** section **GOAL**: "My goal for this section is to help you understand the power of empathy in fast-tracking positive change in yourself and others."

**READ the bullet points below** (optional but recommended when time allows)

- Often people underestimate the role of *empathy*.
- We were taught to fear and avoid acknowledging differing perspectives.
- When people lack empathy, they experience challenges and barriers in their relationships.
- DISCUSS empathy exercise written answers to the 5 steps on workbook page 8. (5m). Solicit feedback about this exercise.
  - **TIP:** *Make sure you have answers to all 5 steps to share with them.* Hopefully other group members have done this too.
- DEMONSTRATE the differences between an empathic response and a **non-empathic** response (5m)

Step 1: Say the following statement at least once with exaggerated <u>feeling</u>: (you may have to repeat it once in a while)
"I hated going to the doctor's office and getting a shot today. It really hurt! I was so worried I couldn't even eat breakfast."
Step 2: Pick one person at a time and assign each to demonstrate one non-empathic response listed below:

- 1. Denial of Feelings4. Pity6. Psychoanalysis
- 1. Definition rectings4. They0. Tsychound2. Defending Others5. Advice7. Questions
- 3. Philosophizing

Step 3: Have the last person demonstrate an empathic response at the end.

- ASK 1-2 people each of the following questions. Explain, "These are not in your workbook" (Read possible answers only <u>after</u> they answer the questions). (5m)
  - How is empathy related to the 4 Core Needs (empowered, lovable, connected and contributing) and Empty? (Possible Answer: Empathy is open-hearted and leads to understanding which increases the 4 core needs –and helps people go into 'empty' stage of team building when people practice respect, recognition, receptivity, and disclosure).
  - 2. Why is *getting personal* a good thing? (Possible Answer: because we ALL need to be known/understood intellectually and emotionally).
  - **3.** Why is rushing to *solve* (even with a friend or other person you trust) not always so good? (Possible Answer: because people may not yet trust or be open to those involved).
  - 4. How might you practice/increase empathy? (Possible Answer: paying close attention to your own judgments and also to what another person is saying and feeling. Then consider their state of mind related to inferiority complex and 4 core needs. Then do something that shows them you can relate to what they are experiencing).

□ **FINAL WORD** "The main point of this section is to help you realize that where there is no empathy, there will be no purposebased functioning. Choosing empathy is choosing healing for yourself, others, and society in general."

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### **Section 8: Thermometer Exercise/Tool**

**For group leader**: This exercise helps people recognize the role they play in every outcome they *cause*. Most people want the pressure or responsibility to be on others. However, being powerfully influential requires 100% commitment to your own part in every exchange. (<u>1m 40s pre- vid</u>)

Total Time: 15m (2m pre- vid + 13m discussion) Cumulative Time: 1 hour, 30m

#### ACTIONS

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**READ** section **GOAL**: *"My goal for this section is to help you understand in a demonstration, the responsibility each of you has for <u>your</u> effects on others, based on communication YOU deliver and results YOU influence."* 

□ **READ the bullet points below** (optional but recommended when time allows)

- We often think our messages are effective and blame others when we don't get the results we want.
- The best indicator of your influence is right in front of you. It's always there in your results.
- Taking 100% responsibility for results is key to becoming influential.
- Most people would rather blame or quit after only one or two tries.
- This tool helps you connect your words, tone, and body language to <u>your</u> results.
- This is a **TOOL** to use in coaching or mentoring or whenever someone struggles in gaining cooperation.

#### **Thermometer Exercise**

**Facilitator**: Layout a thermometer using paper or tape (or on zoom using your cursor on the thermometer on the screen). One end represents "**Cooperating**" the end you wish to influence movement to the desired outcomes. The center communicates "**Neutral**." The end furthest away represents "**Discouraged**" and, someone *less* inclined to cooperate.

• **TIPS:** Make sure the person speaking to gain cooperation **pauses** and the one being encouraged to do so does **NOT** speak. Get feedback on ALL communications - EACH forward, backward or neutral (non)movement. Stop the process quickly and decisively each time, interrupting if he or she runs on. Your role is to quickly help Person A make the connection between a communication and the result. Pay attention to the time. This exercise should move quickly.

### **EXPLAIN** these steps in the **thermometer exercise** and then do the exercise. (**12m** for all below)

**Step 1:** "I want a volunteer person A, someone with a <u>situation</u> in which you desire greater cooperation. Briefly describe." **Step 2:** Explain the thermometer, "This end represents "cooperating and is where person A stands. The center is "neutral" and where person B stands at the start. The back line represents "discouraged," and less inclined to cooperate."

Step 3: "Person A, pick a person from the group to represent person B."

Step 4: "Everyone, including Person A (but not B), turn to workbook page 4 to see 28 ideas to consider for influencing others."
Step 5: "Person A will talk to person B (using ideas from workbook page 4) with the intent of gaining cooperation from person B. Person B can ONLY respond non-verbally by moving forward, backward, or staying in the same place on the thermometer."
Step 6: "I'll STOP Person A each and every time and ask, "How did you get that result? I may ask all of you to share what you see and think. I may share too. Together, we support person A in getting a desired result and seeing how it was accomplished."

□ **START** the exercise. Debrief if there is time remaining.

□ **FINAL WORD** "The main point here is to help you realize that when YOU take responsibility for your results, you become masterful in your part, in your yard. You move from someone who blames or gets mad at others to someone who is influential."

#### NOTES



Time: 15 minutes

# **Section 9: Flexing Your Listening**

**For group leader**: This exercise is to help people realize ways they listen <u>well</u> and ways they <u>don't</u>, so they can learn to flex their listening. The chart on <u>workbooks page 7</u> is not easy to figure out but you have an example shown right as you begin to do this page. Make sure you do this yourself to use as an example.

Total Time: 20m (6m pre- vid + 14m discussion) Cumulative Time: 1 hour, 50m

#### ACTIONS

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**READ** section **GOAL**: *"My goal for this section is to help you see where you are strongest and weakest in listening so you can flex into different listening styles when needed."* 

□ **READ the bullet points below** (optional but recommended when time allows)

- Most of us listen with bias, through the filter of <u>our</u> own highest values (e.g., our Ntrinsx colors)
- We can love people but not know how to make them *feel* loved, *lovable*, or *heard*, because of *inflexible* listening.
- Understanding your predominant and weakest listening styles helps you gain self and social awareness and management.
- You may think you are listening better than you actually are.
- You may be challenged when your *weakest* listening style is be needed.

ASK 1-2 people each question. Explain, "These are NOT in the workbook." (13m) Do not read answers until they've tried.

- 1. What do you gain by listening *flexibly*? (5 listening styles are on screen) (*Possible* Answer: The person speaking feels heard in a way that best satisfies them)
- 2. When you consider the 4 reasons to communicate (to persuade, inform, self-express, or please/inspire in the table) what are the benefits of clarifying this for yourself? Others? (*Possible Answers*: You set the expectations, objectives and clarity on agenda and timing. You don't have people assuming. You know how to prepare. *There could be others*)
- 3. Share an example of a relationship in which you want another person to use a different listening style. Name the desired listening style. (See 5 styles on the screen). Using your facilitator as a stand-in, practice asking for the listening in the desired way (*in an accountable request* What I want is... Are you willing?)
- **4. What listening style is your most predominant? Weakest** From workbook page 7. How might the first *benefit* or the second *detract* from your listening?

□ **FINAL WORD** "The main point of this section is to help you realize that you are listening from a very narrow set of values and habits. To determine and communicate <u>why</u> you are speaking is helpful. Also, to expand into flexing the less common listening styles will increase your ability to influence and gain cooperation and support <u>from</u> and collaboration <u>with</u>, others.

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Time:

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### Section 10: It Just Got Real

**For group leader:** This section is about helping participants realize that this form whether in the back of each workbook or in the end of a group session, is about **grounding** what's been REALIZED by sharing it out loud. It's also about NEXT STEPS.

Total Time: 10m (0pre-vid + ) Cumulative: 2 hours

#### ACTIONS

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**READ** section **GOAL**: "My goal is to help you to leave this session grounding the information you've been learning. By reflecting on it, clarifying it, practicing it, and sharing it multiple times, you're likely to remember, own, and apply what you've learned."

□ ASK the following questions. Have each person share very briefly:

- 1. Share one new idea or ah-ha you gained from this session.
- 2. (If time) Share one next step. (The next step need NOT be connected to the aha)

□ **FINAL WORD** "Thanks for your dedication during this meeting. You're valuable to this group and to the success of all your co-workers and those you serve. Thank you!"

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If you run out of time by this section, assign the 2 questions to them to do sometime throughout the day and send it to you. This helps them to retain what they learn.

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