

TOWARDS A HOLISTIC TRANSFORMATION OF ORGANISATIONS INTO LEARNING WORKPLACES

LEARNING WORKPLACES

Workshop:

Six Top Transversal Skills for Employees Module 3: Resilience and Time Management

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Welcome to the LEARN project's workshop for Employees!

Learn continually there's always "one more thing" to learn!

Steve Jobs





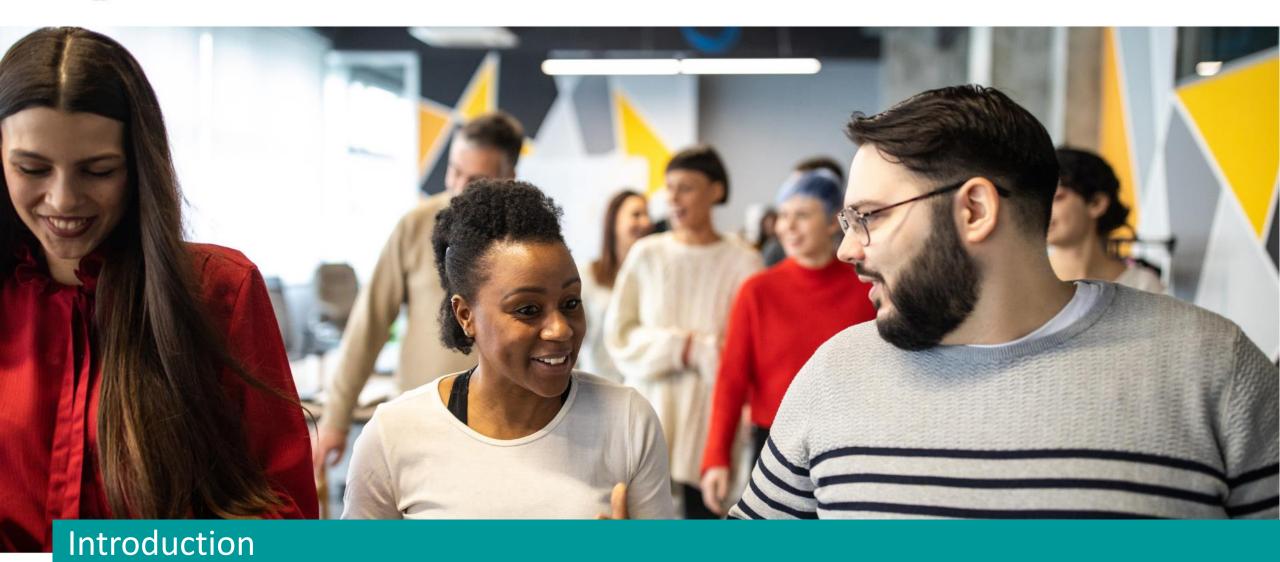
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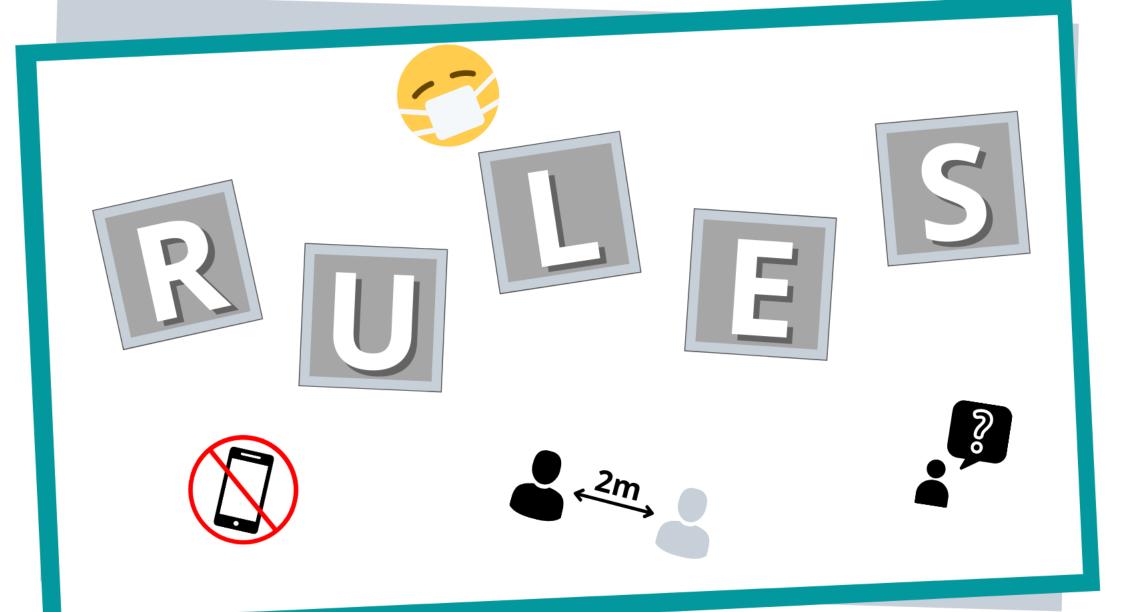


Introductions









Aim

The development of key transversal skills of employees that are most often requested by employers today, so that they become more effective at their job and in their life in general, and contribute to the establishment of a learning culture within the organisations for which they work.





To create relationships based on effective communication, respect, good manners, and empathy. [Communication]

> To show team spirit for achieving common goals. [Team Building]

> > To effectively face changes and challenges. [Resilience and Time Management]

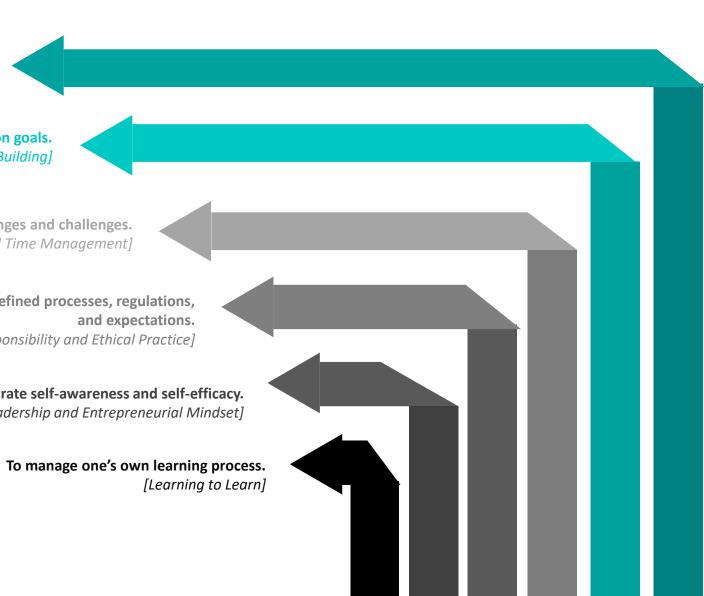
To implement tasks based on predefined processes, regulations,

[Responsibility and Ethical Practice]

To demonstrate self-awareness and self-efficacy.

[Self-Leadership and Entrepreneurial Mindset]







Route Map



1. Communication



2. Team Building



3. Resilience and Time Management



4. Responsibility and Ethical Practice



5. Self-leadership and Entrepreneurial Mindset



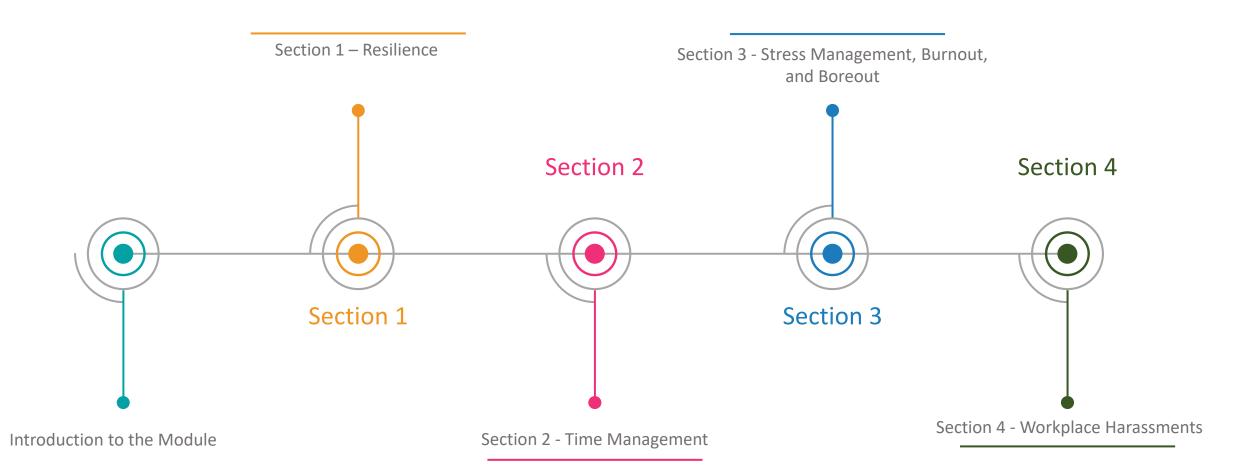
6. Learning to Learn







Module Structure





To explain the importance of a resilient and "healthy" workplace.

02 The describe the main principles of time management (Eisenhower matrix).

03 To Set SMART goals.

04 To identify ways to prevent and handle burnout.

To apply techniques to overcome boreout.

To deal with changes/challenges in the workplace effectively.



"I have two kinds of problems: the urgent and the important. The urgent are not important, and the important are never urgent."

Dwight D. Eisenhower, former U.S. President





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Resilience

A resilient workplace

Resilience skills

Mental health at the workplace

Does your organisation do enough to promote positive mental health at work?

Resilience strategies

Challenges of change in the workplace



What is Resilience

- Ability to bounce back and thrive from major challenges
- How a person handles stress
- Key element in well-being





How resilience impacts the workplace

- Greater job satisfaction, work happiness, organizational commitment and employee engagement
- Improved self-esteem, sense of control over life events, sense of purpose in life and improved employee interpersonal relationships
- Increased productivity







Types of resilience

- Natural: enthusiasm for life and a tendency to try new things.
- Adaptive: difficult circumstances that impely you to adapt and grow.
- Restored: learning and deliberate techniques to strengthen your skills.







Self-confidence

- Ability to succeed
- Face difficulties with certainty

Examples:

- Managing a large project
- Job interviews





Optimism

- Focus on the positive
- Imagine the good that can result from circumstances

Example:

- Writing reports





Flexibility

- Ability to handle pressure
- Adjust to challenging situations

Example:

Major revisions





Responsibility

 Believe that your actions can counteract your circumstances

Strong work ethic





Patience

- Handle complications and discomfort with control over your emotions
- Ignore the emotional distractions that challenges may present
- Keep focused on your personal and professional goals





Communication and teamwork

- Listening and asking questions
- Know when to ask for help or reach out for support





Problem-solving

- Resolving problems that may test your limits
- Proactively working to avoid potential obstacles

Example:

Short-staffed while working on a deadline





Self-awareness

- Being conscious of your emotional responses to challenges
- Deeper understanding of what brings you satisfaction and what causes frustration
- Being aware of your own weaknesses





Characteristics of a resilient workplace

- Autonomy is allowed.
- Good work is rewarded.
- Access to services and supports is provided when needed to maintain good physical and mental health.
- Flexible schedules are allowed.
- Work expectations are reasonable.





When Stress is High, Resilience is Needed!

- Long work hours, job strain, shift work, job insecurity, limited control, peer conflict and low social support all contribute to workplace stress.
- Most employees view their jobs as the number one stressor in their lives.
- The likelihood of developing depression or anxiety is higher for those who work in stressful work environments.
- Stressful work environments can lead to negative physical and mental health outcomes for employees and organizations.
- Alcohol and substance misuse have been linked to employees experiencing high stress levels.
- Unhealthy and difficult work environments contribute to premature death of workers.
- Demanding workloads account for a large amount of healthcare expenditures.
- Initiatives and programs that foster a resilient and mentally healthy workplace increase productivity, lower healthcare costs, lower absenteeism and decrease turnover.





Resilience and mental health at the workplace

Need for greater mental health and support

Being resilient is a metric of a healthy work environment

Sense of balance between work and your personal lives

Supported by leadership and colleagues



Mental health

A state of optimal well-being, in a positive way, on a physical, psychological, social and even spiritual level.

→ Healthiness of relationships at the interpersonal and group level.

Mental health in the corporate environment

A sufficient and significant state of well-being to which work contributes, instead of constituting a focus of problems that the individual has to strive to compensate for.



What your company owes you

- At least not generate a negative effect on you while you work together
- Loyalty
- Fairness
- Consistency

What your company doesn't owe you

- To take responsibility for your happiness







Physical environment: Comfort, security, accessibility

- Settings which make us want to go there
- Order, cleanliness, lighting, decoration and the arrangement of the furniture
- Safe place against Corona Virus

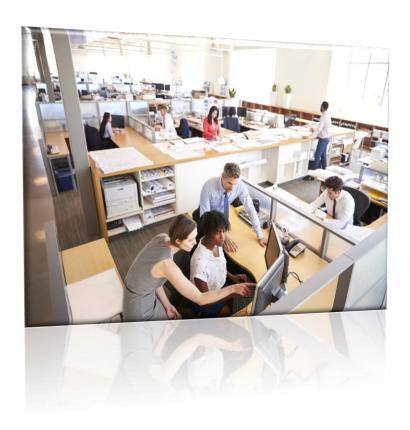




Quality of Relationships

- Pleasant environment
- Clear information
- Good relations between colleagues
- Benefit from creating a good atmosphere for all
- Trust
- Mutual help





Capacity to Work Efficiently

- Access to material needed
- Patience
- Flexibility





The perception that needs are taken into consideration

- Incorporation of more logical methods of working
- Focus should be on the employee and not the task at hand



Mental health at work



Transparency and Fluid Communication

- Know what to expect
- Sensible thinking
- Things are explained
- No bad intentions or "hidden agendas"



Is your organization doing enough to promote positive mental health at work?

DEMANDS – The extend to which people can cope with the demands of their work.

CONTROL – The level of say people have in the way they do their work.

SUPPORT – The information, encouragement and resources provided to enable people to do their work.

RELATIONSHIPS – The extend to which people are free from unacceptable behavior / conflict.

ROLE – The level to which people understand their role and don't feel they have conflicting roles.

CHANGE – How change is both managed and communicated.





Is your organization doing enough to promote positive mental health at work?

If you scored LESS THAN 4 Mental wellbeing is obviously valued in your organisation and efforts are made to promote a healthy work environment. People feel supported and enabled to do a good job.



If you scored BETWEEN 4 and 8 There are some obvious signs of work-related stress in your organisation, which will inevitably be having an impact on creativity, productivity and results. Pay attention to the specific work-design areas that you agreed with as this will help you to prioritise improvements in the work place to promote a healthier working environment.



If you scored MORE THAN 8 (9-12) Unfortunately, it appears that your organisation may be failing to protect its people from the primary sources of stress at work and as a result could be experiencing high absenteeism and presenteeism, reduced creativity, productivity and results and high legal risk. Be sure to highlight the specific work-design areas that require attention and prioritise improving mental wellbeing for the benefit of all.





Resilience Strategies

Steps to building resilience in the workplace



Have a purpose

Anything that drives you towards improved strength and endurance against difficulty

- Desire to be a reliable colleague
- Striving for a promotion
- Developing skills to advance in your career





Boost your confidence

Believing that you can handle challenges and thrive amid difficulty

Remind yourself of past successes

Try to mimic how a resilient person behaves





Set goals

Determine what your goals are and why you wish to achieve them and then devise a plan that you can apply in challenging situations

Reflect on your goals and your plan

Follow through





Work on your problemsolving skills

Feel prepared and increase your confidence the next time you face a challenge

- Reflect on your experiences and the creative problem-solvers you've known
- Recall past solutions
- Devise new ones





Confide in loved ones

Your loved ones can voice their belief in you and encourage you to persist

 Build a strong support network of friends and family

 Seek encouragement in your network









Change Management Principles

- 1. Understand Change.
- 2. Plan Change.
- 3. Implement Change.
- 4. Communicate Change.





Understand Change

- Why you need to change. What are your key objectives?
- What will the benefits of the change be to the organization?
- How will it impact people positively?
- How will it affect the way that people work?
- What will people need to do to successfully achieve the change?





Plan Change

- Support. How will you secure, engage and use high-level support in the change?
- Involvement. Who is best positioned to help you to design and implement the change?
- Buy-in. How do you plan to achieve support from people across the business?
- Impact. What goals do you need to achieve?





Implement Change

- Ensure that you understand what needs to happen and what it means for you.
- Agree success criteria for your changes, and make sure that they're regularly measured and reported on.
- Map and identify all of the key persons that will be involved in the change and define their level of involvement.





Communicate Change

- Awareness (of the need for change).
- Desire (to participate in and support it).
- Knowledge (of how to change).
- Ability (to change).
- Reinforcement (to sustain the change in the long term).



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Time management

The Eisenhower's principle
How to use the Eisenhower's principle
How to overcome "busyness"?
SMART goals
How to stop procrastinating?
How to say "no"?

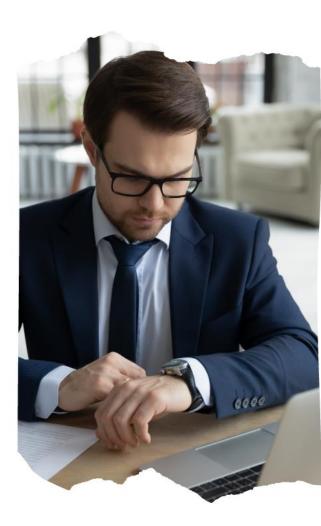


Eisenhower's principle

• Time stressors: result of having too much to do, in too little time.

Eisenhower's "Urgent/Important" Principle

Using time effectively, not just efficiently





Eisenhower's principle

What are urgent and important activities?

- Important activities have an outcome that leads to us achieving our goals, whether these are professional or personal.
- Urgent activities demand immediate attention, and are usually associated with achieving someone else's goals. They are often the ones we concentrate on and they demand attention because the consequences of not dealing with them are immediate.



Step 1
List all the activities and projects you have to do

→ Create a To-Do List

Write down all of the tasks that you need to complete. Run through these tasks allocating priorities from A (very important, or very urgent) to F (unimportant, or not at all urgent).



Benefits of To-Do lists

- Improve organization
- Increase focus
- Boost productivity
- Better prioritization
- Offers a sense of accomplishment
- Reduces stress



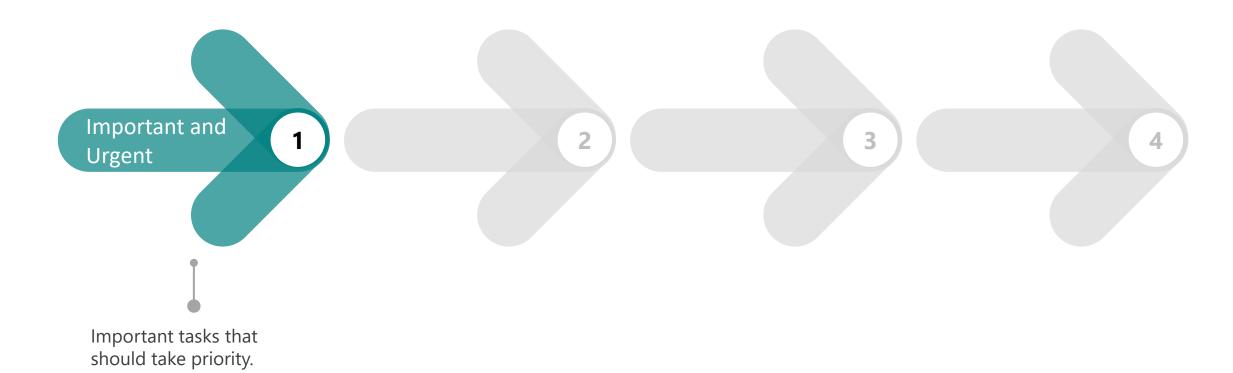


Step 2 Categorize all the activities

- Put each activity in one of four categories
 - 1. Important and urgent
 - 2. Important but not urgent
 - 3. Not important but urgent
 - 4. Not important and not urgent



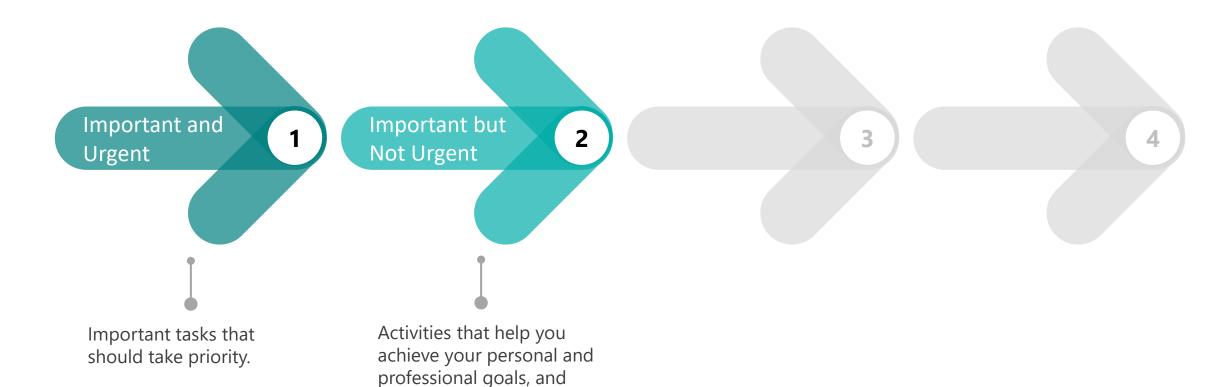
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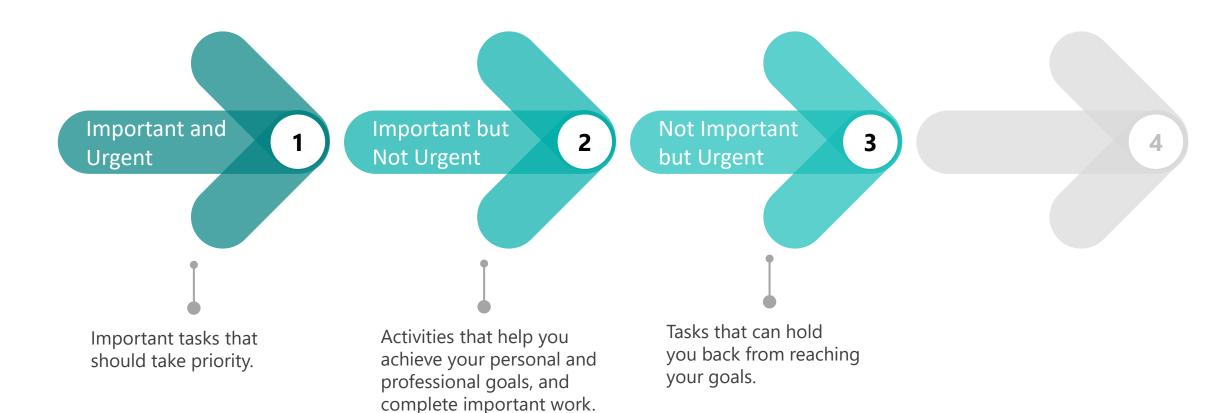
complete important work.

How to Focus on Your Priorities

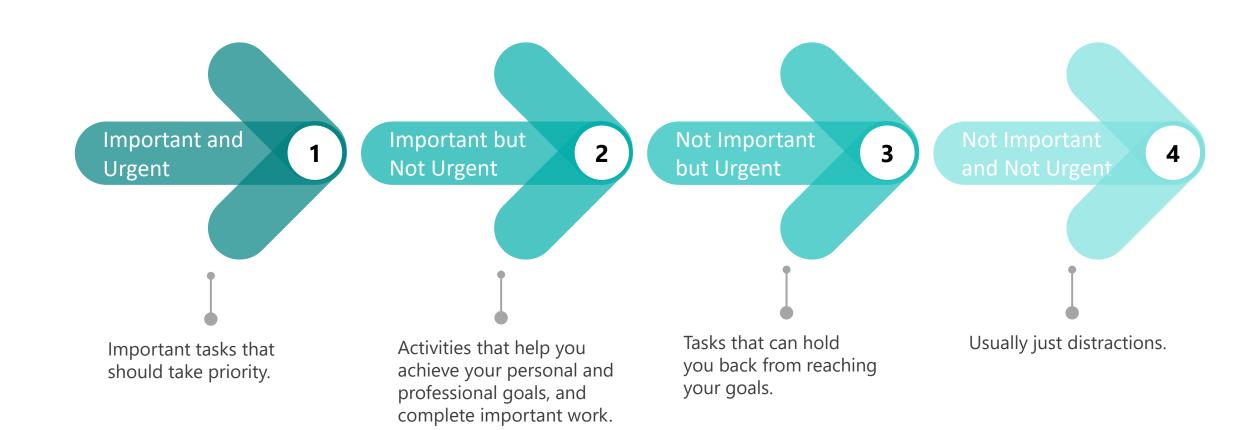




How to Focus on Your Priorities









How to overcome busyness?



High urgency – Low importance

- Bundle similar things (calls, e-mails, etc).
 - Can someone else do it?

High urgency - High importance

- Block out uninterrupted time (hold calls, work remotely).
- What skills can someone else contribute to the task?

Low urgency – Low importance

- Is this really necessary?
- Can someone else do it?
- Put it on the back burner.

Low urgency – High importance

- Set goals on a timeline.
- · Work on your most productive / alert time of the day.
- What skills can someone else contribute to the task?



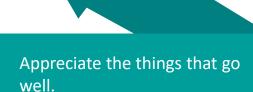
How to overcome busyness?



Let go of 100% perfection.

Don't do everything by yourself.

Don't do everything that someone asks you to do.



Take time for yourself.

Don't spend too much time dwelling on errors made.





SMART/Goals



How to Make Your Goals Achievable

- Specific (simple, sensible, significant).
- Measurable (meaningful, motivating).
- Achievable (agreed, attainable).
- Relevant (reasonable, realistic and resourced, results-based).
- Time bound (time-based, time limited, time/cost limited, timely, time-sensitive)





How to Make Your Goals Achievable

- What do I want to accomplish?
- Why is this goal important?
- Who is involved?
- Where is it located?
- Which resources or limits are involved?

Specific



Measurable



Achievable



How to Make Your Goals Achievable

- Does this seem worthwhile?
- Is this the right time?
- Does this match our other efforts/needs?
- Am I the right person to reach this goal?
- Is it applicable in the current socio-economic environment?

Relevant



How to Make Your Goals Achievable

- When?
- What can I do six months from now?
- What can I do six weeks from now?
- What can I do today

Time-bound



How to stop procrastinating?

Procrastination

Choosing to do something else instead of the task that you know you should be doing.

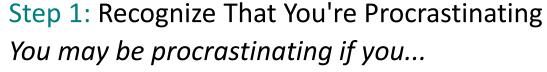
Laziness

Apathy, inactivity and unwillingness to act.





How to stop procrastinating?



- Fill your day with low-priority tasks.
- Leave an item on your To-Do list for a long time, even though it's important.
- Read emails several times over without making a decision on what to do with them.
- Start a high-priority task and then go off to make a coffee.
- Fill your time with unimportant tasks that other people ask you to do, instead of getting on with the important tasks already on your list.
- Wait to be in "right mood," or wait for the "right time" to tackle a task.





How to stop procrastinating?

Step 2: Work Out WHY You're Procrastinating

- Poor organization
- Worried about failing
- Fear of success
- Perfectionism
- Poor decision-making





How to stop procrastinating?

Step 3: Adopt Anti-Procrastination Strategies

- Forgive yourself for procrastinating in the past
- Commit to the task
- Promise yourself a reward
- Ask someone to check up on you
- Act as you go
- Rephrase your internal dialog
- Minimize distractions
- Get least pleasant tasks out of the way early







When to Say "No" to the Task

- Do I have time to do it? Where in Eisenhower's Urgent/Important Principle does this request fit?
- Am I the right person for the task?
- Does this request fit with my goals and objectives?



The Dangers of Saying "Yes" to Everything

- Consumption of valuable time
- Narrowing the focus on your own goals
- Reduced quality of your own work
- Stress, possibly leading to burnout





Tips to say "no"

- Be Honest
- Be Clear
- Be Polite
- Use Negotiation





Say "Yes" to the Person but "No" to the Task

- What does this person really need?
- How else can this person's need be met?
- How can I support this person to have the need met?
- →Trust
- → Good communication





Say no!

How would you handle the situation?



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Stress Management, Burnout, and Boreout

Types of stressors

Managing common pressures

Everyday hassles

Definitions of the burnout and the boreout syndrome

The burnout syndrome: symptoms, causes and consequences

The boreout syndrome: symptoms, causes and consequences



Manage Stress. Be Happy and Effective at Work.

- Understand the basic elements of stress
- Assess the risks of letting stress get out of control
- Manage stress effectively to keep yourself healthy and productive

What is a stressor?

- An event that causes stress.
- A response to danger.





Manage common pressures Time stress

What is time stress?

Time stress is the situation where you worry about not doing things at the right time, or running out of time to complete all your tasks.

How does it make you feel?

Unhappy, trapped, even hopeless

Examples

- Key deadlines
- Avoid being late
- Unmanageable list of jobs







Manage common pressures Anticipatory stress

What is anticipatory stress?

Anticipatory stress describes stress that you experience concerning the future.

How does it make you feel?

Dread about the future, worried that "something will go wrong."

Examples

- A specific event
- An upcoming presentation





Manage common pressures Anticipatory stress



Manage Anticipatory Stress

- Recognize that the event you are dreading doesn't have to play as you imagine
- Imagine the situation going right
- Handle the fear of failure
- Make contigency plans and analyze all the possible outcomes



Manage common pressures Situational stress

What is situational stress?

Situational stress is the stress that you experience when you're in a difficult situation that you have no control over.

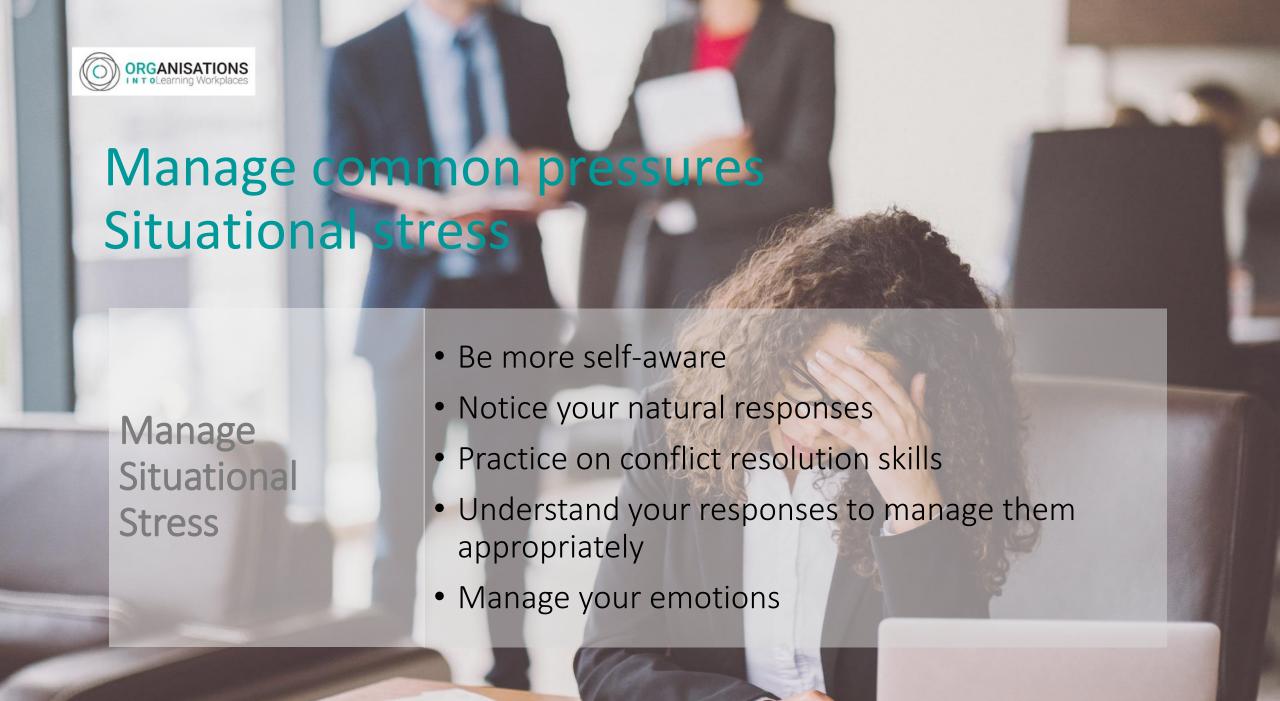
How does it make you feel?

Sense of loss of acceptance

Examples

- Emergencies
- Conflicts
- Make a mistake in front of others







Manage common pressures Encounter stress

What is encounter stress?

Encounter stress is the stress that you experience when you worry about interacting with a certain person or group of people.

How does it make you feel?

Worried

Examples

- Interactions with customers or clients
- Interacting with too many people





Manage common pressures Encounter stress

Manage Encounter Stress

- Work on your people skills
- Develop greater emotional intelligence
- View situations from other people's perspectives
- Take a break when you reach your limits of interaction



Manage common pressures

Don't underestimate stress.

Take the advice of suitably qualified health professionals, if needed.



Everyday hassles

Explore alternative reactions to everyday hassles



Burnout and Boreout



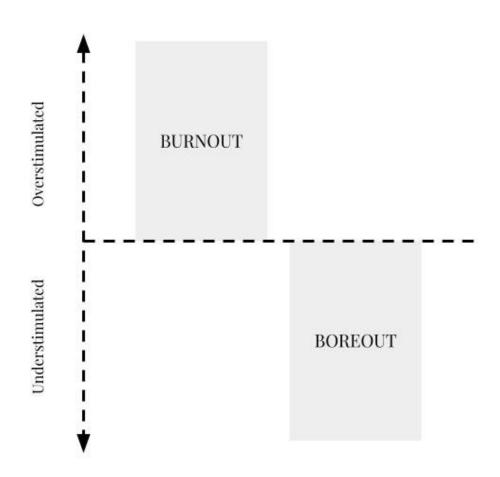
Burnout vs. Boreout

Burnout syndrome

A special type of work-related stress
— a state of physical or emotional
exhaustion that also involves a
sense of reduced accomplishment
and loss of personal identity.

Boreout syndrome

A case of profound and continuous work demotivation experienced in the form of boredom.





Job burnout symptoms

- Have you become cynical or critical at work?
- Do you drag yourself to work and have trouble getting started?
- Have you become irritable or impatient with co-workers, customers or clients?
- Do you lack the energy to be consistently productive?
- Do you find it hard to concentrate?
- Do you lack satisfaction from your achievements?
- Do you feel disillusioned about your job?
- Are you using food, drugs or alcohol to feel better or to simply not feel?
- Have your sleep habits changed?
- Are you troubled by unexplained headaches, stomach or bowel problems, or other physical complaints?





Job burnout causes

- Lack of control.
- Unclear job expectations.
- Dysfunctional workplace dynamics.
- Extremes of activity.
- Lack of social support.
- Work-life imbalance.





Job burnout risk factors

- You have a heavy workload and work long hours.
- You struggle with work-life balance.
- You work in a helping profession, such as health care.
- You feel you have little or no control over your work.





Consequences of job burnout

- Excessive stress
- Fatigue
- Insomnia
- Sadness, anger or irritability
- Alcohol or substance misuse
- Heart disease
- High blood pressure
- Type 2 diabetes
- Vulnerability to illnesses





Handling job burnout

- Evaluate your options.
- Seek support.
- Try a relaxing activity.
- Get some exercise.
- Get some sleep.
- Mindfulness.







Job boreout symptoms

- Decreased attention
- Demotivation
- Apathy
- Lack of energy
- Relaxed and sluggish posture
- Lack of focus





Job boreout causes

- On-site working culture
- Weak workplace organization
- Poor performance supervision
- Poorly organized tasks
- Poor HR policies





Job boreout consequences

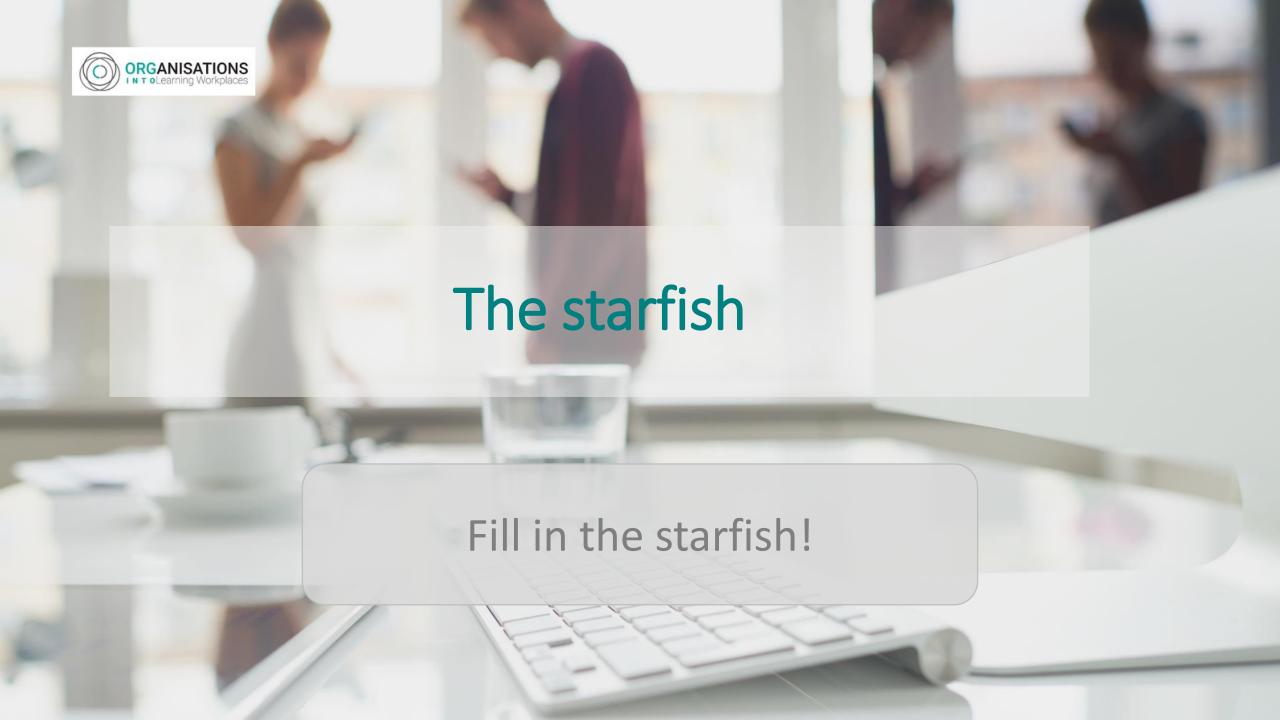
- It breaks commitment to the company
- The work environment worsens
- Boredom
- Underestimation
- Disinterest





Tackling job boreout

- The company needs to prevent it.
- The company and the employee need to identify it.
- Talk to someone.
- Take a break and set boundaries.
- Try something new.
- Take stock of your life.
- Start a side hustle.





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Workplace Harassments

Workplace harassments
Types of harassments in the workplace
Tips for dealing with workplace harassment



Workplace harassments

What is a harassment?

Subjecting someone to systematic small attacks (subtle, hardly noticeable).

What is bullying?

Immediately noticeable harassment carried out usually (but not always) by a person in a position of responsibility towards a subordinate.





Types of workplace harassments

- Racial slurs
- Racial insults
- Racial jokes
- Degrading comments
- Disgust
- Intolerance of differences

Discriminatory
Harassment Racial
Harassment



- A male nurse faces harassment for having what is perceived as a woman's job
- A female banker hits the glass ceiling and taunted for not being "leader material"
- A male colleague displays material (comics, posters) that's degrading to women



- Intolerance toward religious holidays
- Intolerance toward religious traditions
- Intolerance toward religious customs
- Cruel religious jokes
- Degrading stereotypical comments
- Pressures to convert religions



- Suffer from a disability themselves
- Are acquainted with a disabled person or people
- Use disability services (sick leave or workers' comp)



Discriminatory
Harassment Sexual OrientationBased Harassment

- A homosexual man may face harassment on a construction site
- A heterosexual man may be teased for working in a salon.



- Teased and insulted
- Left out of activities or meetings
- Unfairly criticized



- Inappropriate comments
- Offensive jokes
- Personal humiliation
- Critical remarks
- Ostracizing behaviors
- Intimidation tactics



- Direct threats of intent to inflict harm
- Physical attacks (hitting, shoving, kicking)
- Threatening behavior (shaking fists angrily)
- Destroying property to intimidate



- Excessive demands that are impossible to meet
- Demeaning demands far below the employee's capability
- Intrusion into the employee's personal life



- Isolating or denying the victim's presence
- Belittling or trivializing the victim's thoughts
- Discrediting or spreading rumors about the victim
- Opposing or challenging everything the victim says



- Share humiliating things about the victim by mass email or mass chat
- Spread lies or gossip about the victim on social media
- Send harassing instant messages or text messages directly to the victim



- 1. Employee A files a complaint about Employee B.
- 2. Employee B finds out about the complaint and who made it.
- 3. Employee B harasses Employee A to get revenge and deter them from filing further complaints.



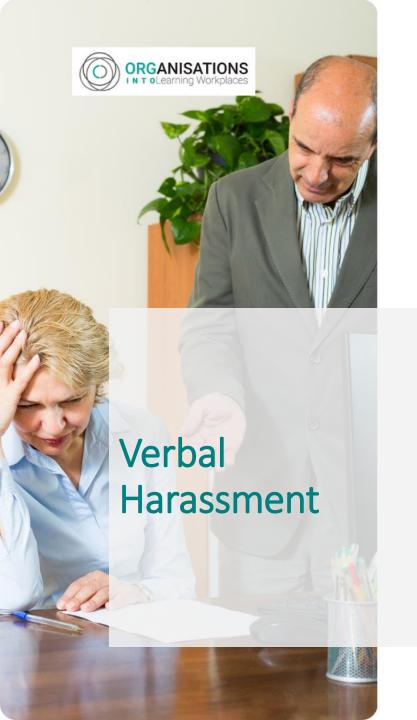
- Sharing sexual photos (pornography)
- Posting sexual posters
- Sexual comments, jokes, questions
- Inappropriate sexual touching
- Inappropriate sexual gestures
- Invading personal space in a sexual way



- Receive a job offer
- Receive a promotion
- Receive a raise
- Receive opportunities
- Avoid a demotion
- Avoid termination



- Vendor
- Supplier
- Customer
- Client

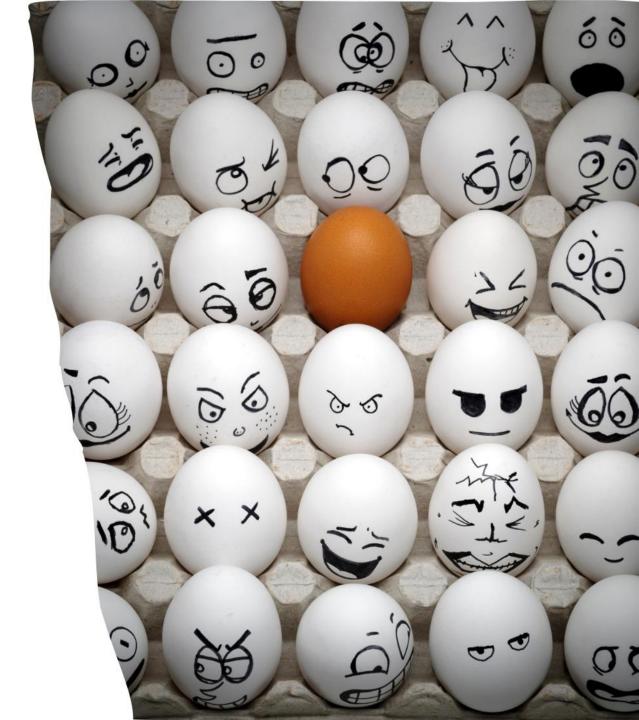


- Threatening
- Yelling
- Insulting
- Cursing



Who is commonly harassed?

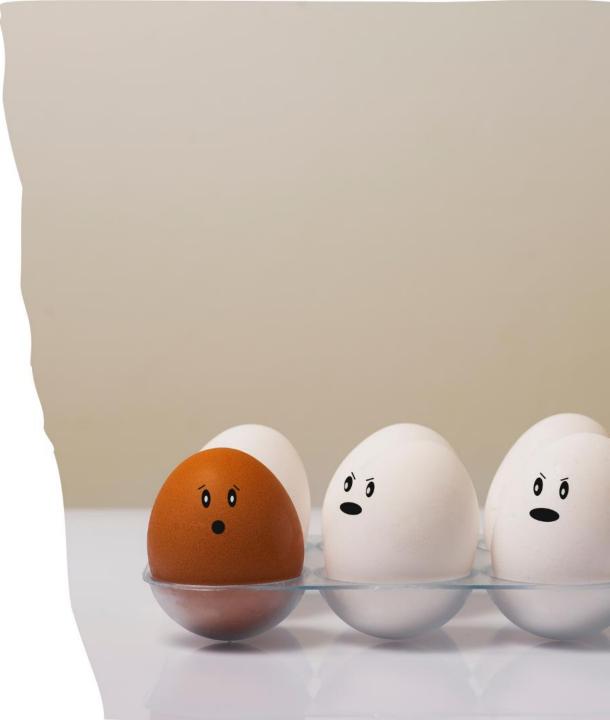
- In a male-dominated group, the only woman may be a victim of moral harassment.
- In a group made up of young people, the older or oldest person in the group may be subjected to moral harassment.
- In a group with a very strong performance, the least capable person.
- In a low-performing group, the person who works hard or is overzealous.
- People of another ethnicity or religion.
- People with illnesses & mental illnesses and disabilities.
- Homosexual people and people with particular sexuality.
- Staff & trade union representatives.





How is harassment expressed?

- Isolating the person from the group.
- Huge demands from work.
- Deterioration of working conditions.
- Removal of responsibilities & duties to the point where the person has no job.
- The 'victim' is pushed into making mistakes.
- Attacking over more personal issues.





What isn't harassment usually?

- If our supervisor reprimands us fairly for our poor performance in a decent way and we feel humiliated
- If we have an excessive workload and feel stressed
- If there is a verbal incident or dispute with colleagues that has no precedent or continuity







"I have been a victim of workplace bullying. In fact, because my whole team was victims of this person, I decided to collect evidence and present it to the management. The management completely ignored it and I had no choice but to resign".



Tips for dealing with workplace harassment

- → Report any instance of harassment immediately.
- →Write down exactly what happened.
- →Band together with coworkers.
- → Keep copies of any records of your work performance.





Tips for dealing with workplace harassment

- →Get witnesses who would be willing to support your case.
- → Map out the important people and situations to investigate in the initial complaint.
- →Don't be thrown.
- → Ask for support from your friends and family.











What defines a resilient and "mentally healthy" workplace?





How would you cope with everyday difficulties in your workplace?





Evaluation



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Thank you!



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