



Principles for a thriving workplace culture.

It is a constant challenge for organisations to stay competitive and continuously provide fantastic products and services. The key to consistently and sustainably overcoming these challenges lies at the heart of your organisation, in its culture. Yet so many are failing to understand that culture is all about ensuring that employees have everything they need to thrive and flourish; as all human beings are individuals, this will mean different things for different people. A talented team, who are engaged, creative, innovative and productive will consistently deliver.

These guiding principles will help any organisation, across all sectors and of any shape and size, to build the type of organisational culture that will underpin success long into the future.

Our Principles:

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Create an inclusive culture

Employees need to feel a true sense of belonging, that they have a voice, and can contribute to the decisions that shape your organisation. This fosters the trust and buy-in necessary to engender loyalty. This must be led from the top and cannot be delegated. It must be clear in your values, and alive in the everyday behaviours of everyone you employ.

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Provide a safe physical and psychological space

Every employee should feel physically, psychologically and emotionally safe. Everyone should be able to respectfully express their views, put forward ideas, take risks, ask questions, raise concerns, and make mistakes and learn from them without fear of judgment or recrimination.

03**Treat all employees with
kindness and compassion**

Be kind, empathetic, caring and compassionate to everyone. Strategise from the head but lead from the heart. It's the only way that you take people with you.

04**Communicate clearly,
openly and unambiguously**

Communicating with employees clearly, openly, directly, and transparently is essential. Otherwise, people may not know what's expected of them.

05**Take a flexible and agile approach**

No two people are the same, and each employee will need different support and resources to shine. Be flexible and accommodating and treat each person as the individual that they are.

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Encourage collaboration

To harness the true potential of your workforce, collaboration is key. It must be open and non-judgemental, and done with genuine interest and curiosity. It exponentially enhances great ideas, as well as providing critical feedback when ideas aren't on the mark or not there yet.

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Be socially responsible

We all have rights in the workplace, but when those rights come into conflict, such as religious rights and gay rights, we must exercise social responsibility and ensure that the resolution to any such conflict does the most good and the least harm. Work together to coexist peacefully.

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Never forget that we are all interdependent

Although all organisations have structure and hierarchy, it's important not to hide behind them. Remember, everyone is part of a team, and we are all dependent on each other for success.

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Champion equity to achieve equality of opportunity

With equality of opportunity as the goal for all existing and prospective employees, equity is the way of getting there. Some people may require the same standard resources to get their job done, and others, such as disabled people, may require something different but equivalent to help them achieve an equal outcome. Same destination, different routes.

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Celebrate diversity in all of its guises

Having a workforce that represents the society you operate in and the communities you serve is vital.

An environment where diversity of thinking, approaches, backgrounds and experiences is the norm will ensure your products and services stay relevant and delight customers.

Thank you.

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