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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead



Objectives:

- To identify and analyze the social processes that impact on group development and performance
- To acquire the skills necessary to intervene and improve individual and group performance in an organizational context
- To build more successful organizations by applying techniques that provide positive impact on goal achievement

- The social process by which people interact in a group environment
- The influences of personality, power and behavior on the group process

Types of Groups

<u>Formal</u>

Structured to perform specific tasks

<u>Informal</u>

Emerge naturally in response to organizational or member interests

Group Size

<u>Issues to be considered include opportunities:</u>

- To express individual viewpoints
- To develop social relationships
- To ensure everyone participates
- For individual recognition

Group Structure

Issues considered include:

- Ensure that all skill sets are included
- Examine the impact of a poor performer on group achievement
- Ensure a combination of leaders and followers
- Examine the potential for personality conflicts
- Impacts of member diversity

Group Development

Forming

Orientation, guidance (dependence)

Storming

Conflict, roles and responsibilities, rules and procedures, individual recognition (counterdependence)

Group Development

Norming

Issue resolution, develop social agreements, cohesion, establish group norms (interdependence)

Performing

Mutual assistance, creativity, understanding goals and roles (independence)

Adjourning

Closure, symbolism, ceremonies, and emotional support

Group Functions

- Task behaviours
- Maintenance behaviours
- Self-interest behaviours

Task Behaviours

- Initiating
- Information seeking/giving
- Clarifying ideas
- Bringing closure
- Consensus testing

Maintenance Behaviours

- Encouraging
- Improving group atmosphere
- Harmonizing
- Compromising
- Gate-keeping

Self-interest Behaviours

- Dominating/controlling
- Blocking
- Manipulating
- Belittling
- Splitting hairs

Group Norms

- Social standards and acceptable behaviours
- Collectively held expectations of group functioning
- Provide regularity and predictability to group functioning

Types of Norms

Standards related to:

- Conduct
- Work performance/attendance
- Rearranging personal space
- Assisting co-workers
- Loyalty
- Dress codes
- Rewards

Roles

Assigned roles

Chair, secretary, manager, treasurer, etc

Emergent roles

Confidant, group clown, gossip, mentor, etc

Factors That Impact Effectiveness

Role Ambiguity

Worker is unclear of job definition

Role Conflict

Worker experiences job overlap

Status

<u>Symbolic</u>

Office, administrative support, perks

<u>Impact</u>

Authority, hierarchy, decision-making, rewards

Group Cohesion

Affected by the ability of the group to:

Work as a unit, share tasks, recognize member contributions;

-VS-

Conflict, role ambiguity, lack of motivation;
-Attracts-

High performers, opportunists, achievers;
-Affected by-

Group size, cliques, acts of protest, self-interest behaviour

Support

- Training
- Reward system
- Empowerment/self-management
- Organizational representativeness/diversity

Transactional Analysis

Social transactions between individuals

<u>Parent</u> Protective, nurturing, controlling,

critical, guiding

<u>Adult</u> Rational, calculating, factual,

unemotional

<u>Child</u> Rebellious, spontaneous,

dependant, creative,

emotional

Reactions

- I'm OK You're OK
- I'm OK You're not OK
- I'm not OK You're OK
- ▶ I'm not OK You're not OK

Individual Behaviour

<u>Passive</u>

Easily "pushed around", compliant, submissive, non-resistant

Aggressive

Pushy, hostile, forceful, creates conflict, shows disregard for others

<u>Assertive</u>

Self-assured, confident, positive, protects own rights, respects others

Effective Teams

Are a result of:

- High skills, high motivation
- Have a clear picture of group goals
- High performance
- Success attracts others
- Opportunity for individual recognition
- Recognition of professionalism

3 Characteristics of a Real Team

- A meaningful and common purpose
- Adaptable skills
- Mutual accountability

STRATEGY & PLANNING	RELATIONSHIP BUILDING	ORGANIZATIONAL SKILLS & MANAGEMENT	CO-OPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT
Strategic Planning	Community Development	Organizational Governance	Basics of a Co-operative
Proposal Writing	Public Participation	Board Orientation	Co-operatives and the Community Development Process I
Project Management	Alternative Dispute Resolution	Meeting Management	Co-operative and the Community Development Process II
Opportunity Identification	Group Dynamics	Leadership and Motivation	
Opportunity Management		Interpersonal Communications	
		Communications Planning	
		Legal Issues	

- Review objectives
- Review any additional expectations
- Review Parking Lot
- Point out Certificates of Participation
- Complete evaluation

Thank you!