

Running Great Meetings And Workshops For Dummies

Too few standard procedures within an organization and inefficiency will inevitably ensue. But too many, and creativity is stifled. This catch-22 is enough to make heads spin! How does one settle on the perfect mix that will streamline activities and create smooth workflows? Successful Business Process Management has done all the homework for you and provides a succinct, accessible overview on the training and tools available for process improvement that fills that gap of being not too rigid nor too blasé. Step-by-step instructions explain how to:

- Overcome resistance and apathy to standard procedures
- Take a systematic rather than ad hoc approach to process management
- Design key processes and capture them in documented procedures
- Revise existing processes when feasible
- Roll out the changes so people know what to do
- Embed them in the organization for reliable outcomes

With the increasingly complex organizations of the twenty-first century, it is vital that companies have standard, documented processes and procedures in order to achieve high levels of quality and productivity--yet they can't afford to dampen the innovativeness that got them on the map in the first place. In Successful Business Process Management learn how to get it just right.

Across the world there is growing awareness of the importance of innovation and knowledge transfer. Innovation in the sense of generating new knowledge and making better use of existing knowledge, coupled with knowledge transfer and sharing paradigms, have never been more relevant to the universities, industry, commerce and the third sector. This volume represents the proceedings of the Innovation through Knowledge Transfer 2012 Conference which formed an excellent opportunity to disseminate, share and discuss the impact of innovation, knowledge sharing, enterprise and entrepreneurship. The volume contains papers presented at a Workshop on 'The Meta Transfer of Knowledge: Challenges in the Transfer of Knowledge in Industry', others from thematic sessions on 'Next-Practice in University Based Open Innovation', 'Social Innovation and Related Paradigms', 'Engagement with Industry and Commerce' and 'Knowledge Exchange'. All papers were thoroughly reviewed by referees knowledgeable in practical and theoretical aspects of the subject.

Master frameworks, techniques, and tools for conducting meetings, leading sessions and workshops, and transferring knowledge through education and training. In addition to focusing on proven methods, this book contains many new and innovative ideas developed through decades of the author's experience. There are 12 chapters:

- Chapter 1, Facilitation Framework, classifies all facilitation types into four generic categories: Strategies and Solutions, Programs and Processes, Learning and Development, and Cooperation and Collaboration.
- Chapter 2, Value Proposition, leverages the Career Steps Framework to prove the return on investment of facilitation skills and competency.
- Chapter 3, Facilitation Process, explains each phase of the facilitation process: Contract, Prepare, During Session, Conclude, and Evaluate.
- Chapter 4, Facilitation Leadership, explores Napoleon Hills' eleven factors of leadership, along with values, ethics, and competencies established by the International Association of Facilitators.
- Chapter 5, Engagers and Energizers, reveals the art and science of educating and transferring learning to adults and optimizing the engagement of session participants using Dr. Howard Gardner's Multiple Intelligences.
- Chapter 6, Tools, introduces the foundational technique of brainstorming and shows how to use 35 handy facilitation tools for a variety of situations including problem solving, group dynamics, and storytelling.
- Chapter 7, Workshop Environment, outlines facilitation-friendly principles followed by guidance on room set up, various seating patterns, equipment, food, and supplies.
- Chapter 8, Virtual Facilitation, provides suitable alternatives to face-to-face facilitation using practical techniques in four key areas: Engagement, Relationship, Communication, and Technology.
- Chapter 9, Cross-Cultural Facilitation, introduces proven techniques for how to facilitate learning transfer and effective collaboration across cultures through the application of Dr. Geert Hofstede's dimensions of cross-cultural communication.
- Chapter 10, Visual Facilitation, introduces the power of Visuals and Graphics Recording as a tool for effective collaboration and communication in organizational settings.
- Chapter 11, Self-Development, provides guidelines on how to develop your facilitation competency and track your progress. This chapter concludes with the author's own journey on becoming an accomplished facilitator.
- Chapter 12, Tools Library, outlines a step-by-step approach along with templates and examples where each of the 35 tools from Chapter 6 can be successfully leveraged. The book concludes with a section on facilitator and trainer resources.

Good facilitation is often the difference between a meeting that delivers outputs and actions, and one that delivers breakthrough solutions and results. Artie Mahal, who is a master facilitator and trainer, has delivered an easy to read book that describes the science and art of effective facilitation. He offers insights, techniques, tools, and knowledge that anyone can use to improve their facilitation and training skills. Paul Marabella Vice President & Chief Information Officer K. Hovnanian Companies, LLC USA In this book Artie has brought together a great collection of tools, techniques and advice that provides a sound basis for anyone looking to become a more engaging and effective facilitator. Phil Short IT Director, Speaker, Business Process Practitioner Canada Artie Mahal used his wealth of experience in process management to create an easy to read book and a process to follow for any facilitator and trainer. The book contains valuable tools, templates, checklists, methodology, and a framework. He created a great framework structure for any facilitated session to deal with various business issues such as strategies, processes, projects, and team cooperation and collaboration. Bassam A. AlKharashi Director of Business Innovation Services, ES Consulting Saudi Arabia Artie Mahal has taken a difficult and often misunderstood skill and made it easy to learn for the professional and novice alike. As a skilled facilitator for the past twenty-five years, this book has helped me "sharpen the saw" with new tools and concepts to help tackle any business challenge. For the novice facilitator, this book is an excellent guide as Mr. Mahal provides in-depth background and context for each facilitation concept before diving in with tools, tips, and techniques to master that concept. Jeffrey Diton BPTrends Certified BPM Professional, Business Process Center of Excellence Director USA Knowledge in any form aims to bring transformation. Mr. Mahal has articulated his own experience and

training skills in form of this book as an endeavor to share his expertise and bring transformation in many lives. Today, the world is full of challenges and I would say that the challenges are like strangers' appearing on the floor all of sudden. You need to be equipped with all tools and techniques to face such exigencies. For this, either you have to be trained or you must know how to train others to achieve desired goal. This text caters to both requirements. The flow of text is tremendously designed from Framework to proposition, process, Leadership, Engaging, Techniques of training and environment. Each part of the book is thoroughly shaped up and presented in real terms. Dr. Sandhir Sharma Dean, Chitkara Business School, Chitkara University India Artie Mahal has kindly given the blueprint on how to "wow" your audience every time they attend a session. The book in essence lays out practical processes facilitators can follow to ensure learning is happening, collaboration is taking place and your learners will be engaged! After reading this book, you will never facilitate a workshop, training session or meeting ever the same again. Faisal Usta Senior Account Executive in Learning and Development. USA Sooner or later you will have to facilitate. You have two options to get or improve facilitation competence: a) the long and painful trial and error way or b) the short and smart way, namely, using other experiences to prevent the errors, learn the shortcuts and avoid the pitfalls. This is a book for novice and even experienced facilitators. Read it. Use it. Learn from it. Take the short and smart way! Alexandre Magno Vazquez Mello BPM Experts, Partner and CEO Brazil People working together provide the foundation of human achievement. As we continue to move toward work that is more intellectual than physical, unlocking, compiling and harmonizing divergent views toward some common understanding is best accomplished through competent facilitation. This is not easy. In this groundbreaking book, Arijit Mahal moves far beyond a description of tools and techniques by providing a framework for the development of a career and, if desired a successful business in the growing area of facilitation. Dr. Edward Peters Chief Executive Officer, OpenConnect Systems Incorporated USA

Surveys of pastoral staff repeatedly show that senior or supervising pastors consistently rate their working relationships with their associate staff members higher than do the associate staff members. Satisfaction levels follow similar patterns. In many cases, supervisors are not aware of or attentive to the concerns of their staff, and yet, these staff members are critical to the success of the church. Supervising and Supporting Ministry Staff is a research-based guide to the senior/associate staff relationship that is filled with real-life stories and practical advice to help readers negotiate their staff relationships successfully. The book focuses not only on the business mechanics of the supervisor/supervisee relationship, but also the full experiences of the associate staff, including emotional and spiritual needs. This helpful resource addresses congregations of all sizes across denominations and discusses a range of supervisor/supervisee relationship types.

Radical Candor is the sweet spot between managers who are obnoxiously aggressive on the one side and ruinously empathetic on the other. It is about providing guidance, which involves a mix of praise as well as criticism, delivered to produce better results and help employees develop their skills and boundaries of success. Great bosses have a strong relationship with their employees, and Kim Scott Malone has identified three simple principles for building better relationships with your employees: make it personal, get stuff done, and understand why it matters. Radical Candor offers a guide to those bewildered or exhausted by management, written for bosses and those who manage bosses. Drawing on years of first-hand experience, and distilled clearly to give actionable lessons to the reader, Radical Candor shows how to be successful while retaining your integrity and humanity. Radical Candor is the perfect handbook for those who are looking to find meaning in their job and create an environment where people both love their work, their colleagues and are motivated to strive to ever greater success.

THE WORKSHOP BOOK TEACHES YOU HOW TO RUN AN EFFECTIVE WORKSHOP - EFFORTLESSLY. Based on methods developed - and proven - in business, this highly visual and practical book will show readers how to design, lead and run effective workshops. The tools you need to design and lead successful workshops yourself Ways to enhance the collective intelligence of any team, keeping them focussed and engaged Tricks and tips for structuring time to generate maximum productivity in a limited session Advice on how to find inspiration and creativity to generate great ideas for any industry or brief Workshop fundamentals, so you can add your own flair

Making Workshops Work takes you from an initial idea or brief, through step-by-step preparation, to an engaging, well-run, effective session resulting in agreed actions and clear follow up. Feel competent and confident as you deliver great results, with everyone committed to their actions afterwards, whether meeting virtually or face-to-face. Penny Pullan's experience and inspiring stories will support you at every stage, along with templates, checklists and guides to ensure that you are fully prepared, making the best use of your, and your participants', valuable time.

Strong interpersonal skills are a fundamental requirement in all work environments. This book provides expert guidance for IT and other professionals on key skills including: building rapport; team working; leadership; negotiation; written communication; managing conflict; presentation skills; coaching and mentoring; problem solving.

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Anyone who has ever endured 'death by powerpoint' or a dry 'chalk and talk' session knows how not to do it, but how do you make sure that you get it right? This interactive guide is designed especially for busy managers - people whose main role is not training and will take you through a simple step-by-step process that results.

Expert advice on how to stage the perfect event every time "A terrific resource of information for anyone in the event-planning business."
--James Spellos, CMP, President, Meeting U. Meeting & Event Planning For Dummies is a practical step-by-step guide to the strategies and techniques event-planning professionals use to bring people together. This comprehensive resource covers all the angles from the little details to the big picture to make sure your business meetings and special events come off without a hitch! Praise for Meeting & Event Planning For Dummies "Packed with valuable information in an easy-to-use format. [It] covers all the basics for the meeting planning novice."
--Diane Silberstein, President, Diane Silberstein & Associates "A great resource book every event professional should have.... Checklist

heaven! We all love our checklists, and this book is full of them!" --Cathy Breden, CAE, CMP

The definitive guide to running productive meetings *Facilitating With Ease!* has become the go-to handbook for those who lead meetings, training, and other business gatherings. Packed with information, effective practices, and invaluable advice, this book is the comprehensive handbook for anyone who believes meetings should be productive, relevant, and as short as possible. Dozens of exercises, surveys, and checklists will help transform anyone into a skilled facilitator, and clear, actionable guidance makes implementation a breeze. This new fourth edition includes a new chapter on questioning, plus new material surrounding diversity, globalization, technology, feedback, distance teams, difficult executives, diverse locations, personal growth, meeting management, and much more. With in-depth, expert guidance from planning to closing, this book provides facilitators with an invaluable resource for learning or training. Before you run another meeting, discover the practices, processes, and techniques that turn you from a referee to an effective facilitator. This book provides a wealth of tools and insights that you can put into action today. Run productive meetings that get real results Keep discussions on track and facilitate the exchange of ideas Resolve conflict and deal with difficult individuals Train leaders and others to facilitate effectively Poorly-run meetings are an interruption in the day, and accomplish little other than putting everyone behind in their "real" work. On the other hand, a meeting run by an effective facilitator makes everyone's job easier; decisions get made, strategies are improved, answers are given, and new ideas bubble to the surface. A productive meeting makes everyone happy, and results in real benefits that spread throughout the organization. *Facilitating With Ease!* is the skill-building guide to running great meetings with confidence and results.

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This book provides specific and candid suggestions and ideas for becoming a standout leader. It recommends actions and strategies to positively influence others behavior. It also suggests tactics and actions to avoid. Because, in reality, if principals are successful: students, teachers, schools and superintendents will benefit. And if this is the case; it naturally follows that school boards, parents and communities will be proud and pleased with what is happening in their schools. Everyone wins when the principal is successful.

The facilitator's task of opening up discussion, getting ideas into the open and setting broad future direction is essential if a group is to reach consensus on a particular outcome and it is now one of the key techniques used in meetings and workshops. *Facilitation Made Easy* provides a practical introduction to the essential skills needed and will help readers develop a facilitation style that is unbiased and enables control without being overpowering. With detailed examples, proven tips for success, checklists and a self assessment guide to help readers test their own personal approach to facilitation, the book will help readers to:

- Understand the facilitator's role
- Develop the ideal structure for workshops and meetings
- Control agendas and help to focus the outcome of meetings
- Deal with difficulties.

This third edition also includes a new chapter on facilitating virtual meetings, explaining the mechanics of virtual teams, the pros and cons of virtual meetings, use of technology and tips on setting up, facilitating and participating in virtual meetings

"An excellent guide on how teams can effectively work together, regardless of location." —STEPHANE KASRIEL, former CEO of Upwork IN TODAY'S MODERN GLOBAL ECONOMY, companies and organizations in all sectors are embracing the game-changing benefits of the remote workplace. Managers benefit by saving money and resources and by having access to talent outside their zip codes, while employees enjoy greater job opportunities, productivity, independence, and work-life satisfaction. But in this new digital arena, companies need a plan for supporting efficiency and fostering streamlined, engaging teamwork. In *Work Together Anywhere*, Lisette Sutherland, an international champion of virtual-team strategies, offers a complete blueprint for optimizing team success by supporting every member of every team, including:

- Employees advocating for work-from-home options
- Managers seeking to maximize productivity and profitability
- Teams collaborating over complex projects and long-term goals
- Organizations reliant on sharing confidential documents and data
- Company owners striving to save money and attract the best brainpower

Packed with hands-on materials and actionable advice for cultivating agility, camaraderie, and collaboration, *Work Together Anywhere* is a thorough and inspiring must-have guide for getting ahead in today's remote-working world.

Zoom into the new world of remote collaboration While a worldwide pandemic may have started the Zoom revolution, the convenience of remote meetings is here to stay. *Zoom For Dummies* takes you from creating meetings on the platform to running global webinars. Along the way you'll learn how to expand your remote collaboration options, record meetings for future review, and even make scheduling a meeting through your other apps a one-click process. Take in all the advice or zoom to the info you need - it's all there! Discover how to set up meetings Share screens and files Keep your meetings secure Add Zoom hardware to your office Get tips for using Zoom as a social tool Award-winning author Phil Simon takes you beyond setting up and sharing links for meetings to show how Zoom can transform your organization and the way you work.

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- How to put together training session from scratch when you have 'blank page, blank face' syndrome - here's the step-by-step solution
- You've done some training but you aren't getting the desired results from your sessions - here's what do to about it
- You haven't time to write 80 sexy PowerPoint slides for a session you are running - here's what to do instead that will be even more effective and take half the time
- You're dreading the experience of being 'up the front' - here's how to shift the onus from you to your participants
- How to be remembered for the right reasons! - Here's how to ensure that happens

This is a book that 'walks the talk' - it presents what you need to know in an engaging, interesting, effective and quick way - exactly how you will be presenting in your meetings and workshops when you have finished reading it.

Most workshops and meetings will achieve more in less time if they are facilitated professionally. This book gives an introduction to the essential skills needed when running a facilitated workshop.

This book is designed for those who wish to encourage and empower through their leadership skills. Facilitation is about managing process - drawing people in, enabling them to contribute and holding the boundaries and values of a context to create a safe and productive place. Many ministry training courses do not teach facilitation skills per se and ministers are often left to learn on the job. Some become effective facilitators through reflection on their practice, others develop tacit skills. Many others flounder when it comes to facilitating effectively and participatively. In a culture where ministry roles increasingly involve community involvement and working with congregations who expect to participate in decision making and ministry, this skill set is one that is increasingly needed. This is particularly important in pioneer contexts where a more team-based approach is the norm.

This full colour workbook is for people who run meetings. Leaders, managers, facilitators and coaches, who seek ways to help teams work-together well. It helps you understand what LEGO(r) Serious Play(r) is and how it works. With case studies, step-by-step guides and templates for five kinds of workshop including vision, values and team building

"I spend much time helping organizations capture requirements and even more time helping them recover from not capturing requirements. Many of them have gone through some motions regarding requirements as if they were sleepwalking. It's time to wake up and do it right-and this book is going to be their alarm clock." -Jerry Weinberg, author of numerous books on productivity enhancement "In today's complex, fast-paced software development environment, collaboration-the intense peer-to-peer conversations that result in products, decisions, and knowledge sharing-is absolutely essential to success. But all too often, attempts to collaborate degenerate into agonizing meetings or ineffectual bull sessions. Ellen's wonderful book will help you bridge the gap-turning the agony of meetings into the ecstasy of effective collaboration." -Jim Highsmith, a pioneer in adaptive software development methods "Requirements by Collaboration presents a wealth of practical tools and techniques for facilitating requirements development workshops. It is suitable-no, essential reading-for requirements workshop facilitators. It will help both technical people and customer representatives participate in these critical contributions to software success." -Karl Wiegers, Principal Consultant, Process Impact, author of Software Requirements "The need for this particular book, at this particular time, is crystal clear. We have entered a new age where software development must be viewed as a form of business problem solving. That means direct user participation in developing "requirements," or more accurately, in jointly working the business problem. That, in turn, means facilitated sessions. In this book, Ellen Gottesdiener provides a wealth of practical ideas for ensuring that you have exactly the right stuff for this all-important area of professional art." -Ronald G. Ross, Principal, Business Rule Solutions, LLC, Executive Editor, www.BRCommunity.com "Gottesdiener's years of software development experience coupled with her straight-forward writing style make her book a perfect choice for either a senior developer or a midlevel project manager. In addition to her technical experience, her knowledge of group dynamics balance the book by educating the reader on how to manage conflict and personality differences within a requirements team-something that is missing from most requirements textbooks...It is a required "handbook" that will be referred to again and again." -Kay Christian, ebusiness Consultant, Conifer, Colorado "Requirements by Collaboration is a "must read" for any system stakeholder. End users and system analysts will learn the significant value they can add to the systems development process. Management will learn the tremendous return they may receive from making a modest time/people investment in facilitated sessions. Facilitators will discover ways to glean an amazing amount of high-quality information in a relatively brief time." -Russ Schwartz, Computer System Quality Consultant, Global Biotechnology Firm "In addition to showing how requirements are identified, evaluated, and confirmed, Ellen provides important guidance based on her own real-world experience for creating and managing the workshop environment in which requirements are generated. This book is an engaging and invaluable resource for project teams and sponsors, both business and IT, who are committed to achieving results in the most productive manner possible." -Hal Thilmony, Senior Manager, Business Process Improvement (Finance), CiscoSystems, Inc. "Project managers should read this book for assistance with planning the requirements process. Experienced facilitators will enrich their knowledge. New facilitators can use this book to get them up to speed and become more effective in less time." -Rob Stroober, Competence Development Manager and Project Manager, Deloitte & Touche Consultdata, The Netherlands "While many books discuss the details of software requirement artifacts (for example, use cases), Ellen's new book zeros in on effective workshop techniques and tools used to gather the content of these artifacts. As a pioneer in requirements workshops, she shares her real-life experiences in a comprehensive and easy-to-read book with many helpful examples and diagrams." -Bill Bird, Aera Energy LLC "Requirements by Collaboration is absolutely full of guidance on the most effective ways to use workshops in requirements capture. This book will help workshop owners and facilitators to determine and gain agreement on a sound set of requirements, which will form a solid foundation for the development work that is to follow." -Jennifer Stapleton, Software Process Consultant and author of DSDM: The Method in Practice "This book provides an array of techniques within a clear, structured process, along with excellent examples of how and when to use them. It's an excellent, practical, and really useful handbook written by a very experienced author!" -Jean-Anne Kirk, Director DSDM Consortium and IAF Professional Development "Ellen has written a detailed, comprehensive, and practical handbook for facilitating groups in gathering requirements. The processes she outlines give the facilitator tools to bring together very different perspectives from stakeholders elegantly and with practical, useable results." -Jo Nelson, Principal, ICA Associates, Inc., Chair, IAF (2001-2002) Requirements by Collaboration: Workshops for Defining Needs focuses on the human side of software development--how well we work with our customers and teammates. Experience shows that the quality and degree of participation, communication, respect, and trust among all the stakeholders in a project can strongly influence its success or failure. Ellen Gottesdiener points out that such qualities are especially important when defining user requirements and she shows in this book exactly what to do about that fact. Gottesdiener shows specifically how to plan and conduct requirements workshops. These carefully organized and facilitated meetings bring business managers, technical staff, customers, and users into a setting where, together, they can discover, evolve, validate, verify, and agree upon their product needs. Not only are their requirements more effectively defined through this collaboration, but the foundation is laid for good teamwork throughout the entire project. Other books focus on how to build the product right. Requirements by Collaboration focuses instead on what must come first--the right product to build. Fun-filled activities to transform meetings, workshops, trainings, and group culture are included in this thoroughly revised edition. It features a refreshing collection of icebreakers and mixers that help groups get acquainted, a variety of team-building activities that focus specifically on increasing participants' knowledge and understanding of the 40 Developmental Assets®, and interactive games for intergenerational audiences. For meeting closers, the book also includes activities that help participants reflect on the information they've learned and spark enthusiasm for continued involvement with asset building. It is perfect for team leaders or workshop presenters to engage others, build trust, and incorporate the Developmental Assets® in creative and meaningful ways. The Ecosystem approach to aquaculture management handbook aims to provide skills and tools to develop in stakeholders and facilitators the necessary know-how to develop an Ecosystem approach to aquaculture management plans targeting sustainable and climate change resilient aquaculture. The handbook will provide the necessary knowledge on how to: manage aquaculture under holistic approaches; address aquaculture issues and challenges; apply Climate Change Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management strategies reduce user group conflicts; work cooperatively with other stakeholders; empower communities towards political changes help unlock financial resources to implement plant The handbook also provides the information to understand the principles of EAAM, how to foster cross-sector coordination, how to develop, implement and monitor a plan by applying adaptive management, and will also practice the crucial skills of effective communication, facilitation, and conflict management. Gain the courage, confidence, and techniques to lead any event with any group, any time! Speaking from personal experience, presenting to a group can be scary. The fear of public speaking is one of the biggest fears people have. However, imagine having

to speak to a group and getting them to work with each other, collaborating to achieve a collective goal! Getting a group to work effectively can be challenging. Different objectives, personalities, and opinions can all make the experience feel very daunting. Over the last twenty years, Paul Maltby has led countless events working with groups worldwide, both face to face and virtually. During that time, he has learned how to prevent and deal with all types of challenging situations. Paul understands how to lead successful events. Through his book, he would like others to benefit from his experience. The Fearless Facilitator aims to equip the reader with a proven plan to eliminate any fear associated with leading a group event. It's packed with tips and techniques that will give the reader the courage and confidence to lead any group event, including meetings, workshops, mastermind groups, lunch and learns and training courses. Part one focuses on a seven-step process that will show the reader how to plan and prepare for a successful event. The plan will help to reduce challenging situations and increase the chances of success. Part two provides simple yet effective techniques to deal with difficult questions. It will take the stress away from Q&A. Part three focuses on challenging behaviors and provides tried and tested ways of addressing them while protecting the relationship with the group. Using the proven plan and applying the tips and techniques will give the reader everything they need to become a Fearless Facilitator.

Providing information to implement a new core healthcare requirement – patient involvement Including real case scenarios to illustrate the principles of effective PPI Following the unique Toolkit series format of flowcharts and layouts that guide the reader through each section

From crackly conference lines to pixelated video, virtual meetings can be problematic. But you can host a productive conversation in which everyone participates. Running Virtual Meetings takes you through the basics of: Selecting the right virtual venue Giving participants the information and support they need to connect and contribute Establishing and enforcing a common meeting etiquette Following up from afar Don't have much time? Get up to speed fast on the most essential business skills with HBR's 20-Minute Manager series. Whether you need a crash course or a brief refresher, each book in the series is a concise, practical primer that will help you brush up on a key management topic. Advice you can quickly read and apply, for ambitious professionals and aspiring executives--from the most trusted source in business. Also available as an ebook.

Need to run a workshop? Your attendees are trusting you with their time and attention. What are you giving them in return? Most workshops don't work. They fail to deliver real results and they fail to keep the audience energetic and engaged. They're stressful to run and painful to attend. Designing and running a brilliant workshop is easier than you think. It's not about flashy showmanship or natural charisma. Instead, it's about following a set of clear, simple rules for structuring and arranging the day. Discover and use key design principles such as: Naturally refresh and maintain the audience's attention and energy by alternating the "teaching format" (e.g. lecture, small group discussion, hands-on practice) every 20 minutes and making strategic use of good breaks Dramatically improve your educational impact by choosing an exercise which is properly matched to the type of knowledge/skill/wisdom currently being taught Save dozens of hours by beginning your design process with a simple "skeleton" of Learning Outcomes and timings rather than jumping straight into slides and materials Finish on time, every time, by intentionally designing flexible "schedule springs" into your session, allowing you to seamlessly adjust to delays and bad luck, and to ensure that everyone learns what they came for without running late The first half of the book covers everything you'll need to know about designing and refining the session itself. With a good design in hand, teaching a brilliant workshop goes from arduous to nearly automatic. The second half of the book shifts from ahead-of-time design to day-of facilitation. Learn the essential facilitation needed to solve unexpected problems and run a smooth, stress-free workshop: Reliable tools and tactics for crowd control, recovering attention, and shifting between tasks (without feeling like you're fighting against your audience) Clear guidance for picking the best room setup, and also improving a "bad" room to make the most of it Spotting and problem-solving the six major types of "difficult" attendees who are being either accidentally or intentionally disruptive (including the most common issue of bringing a hostile expert onto your side) Checklists and reminders of what to bring, what to do, and when to do it, in order to ensure that nothing gets forgotten, overlooked, or lost At no point in the book will we ask you to "put on a big smile" or "project confidence". That's fluffy BS which doesn't work. Instead, we'll give you clear, concrete tools for managing a crowd and seamlessly guiding everyone to an effective outcome. Why we're the right authors to help you succeed Over the last 15 years, we've designed and run a huge number of successful workshops (and a few major flops) covering every type of audience: executives, undergrads, MBAs, disadvantaged youths, busy professionals, and more. We've designed everything from 20-minute teasers to 3-month intensives, in locations ranging from Costa Rica and Qatar to London and Berlin. We've taught for companies like HP and Deloitte and for universities like Oxford and NYU. We've built workshops for every price point, from free upskilling (paid for by the state or employer) through to \$4000-per-seat premium events. We've taught casual sessions, with beer in hand and flip-flop on foot, through to formal, posh affairs with glitzy venues and high-end catering. In every case, no matter where it was located or who it was for, the process outlined in these pages worked. Perhaps most importantly, we can teach you how to do this. We've trained up teachers from scratch who are now billing upwards of \$5000 per day and getting invited back to teach again and again. This stuff isn't complicated. You can learn it!

The first volume of the Get Ready: How to Prepare for Life Challenges series focuses on bringing you the tools specifically designed to help you meet two most important types of challenges in your professional development: exams and business meetings. This book will help you switch to a more productive outlook by teaching you how to develop the skills you need when dealing with these challenges, and what strategies to adopt to perform at your best.

The complete guide to getting the most out of every gathering of educators! Prevent meetings from descending into aimless rambling or counterproductive conflicts that end up wasting everybody's valuable time. This resource gives you a playbook to help anyone confidently lead group discussions so that problems get solved, not created. The authors, both veteran educators and experts in group dynamics, detail: How to prepare yourself to facilitate the discussion and keep it on task Best practices for squashing conflict without wounding pride Methods for dealing with "interrupters," "subject-changers," disputes, personal attacks, and other time-waster events

"Hosts of all kinds, this is a must-read!" --Chris Anderson, owner and curator of TED From the host of the New York Times podcast Together Apart, an exciting new approach to how we gather that will transform the ways we spend our time together--at home, at work, in our communities, and beyond. In The Art of Gathering, Priya Parker argues that the gatherings in our lives are lackluster and unproductive--which they don't have to be. We rely too much on routine and the conventions of gatherings when we should focus on distinctiveness and the people involved. At a time when coming together is more important than ever, Parker sets forth a

human-centered approach to gathering that will help everyone create meaningful, memorable experiences, large and small, for work and for play. Drawing on her expertise as a facilitator of high-powered gatherings around the world, Parker takes us inside events of all kinds to show what works, what doesn't, and why. She investigates a wide array of gatherings--conferences, meetings, a courtroom, a flash-mob party, an Arab-Israeli summer camp--and explains how simple, specific changes can invigorate any group experience. The result is a book that's both journey and guide, full of exciting ideas with real-world applications. The Art of Gathering will forever alter the way you look at your next meeting, industry conference, dinner party, and backyard barbecue--and how you host and attend them.

Witnessing Whiteness invites readers to consider what it means to be white, describes and critiques strategies used to avoid race issues, and identifies the detrimental effect of avoiding race on cross-race collaborations. The author illustrates how racial discomfort leads white people toward poor relationships with people of color. Questioning the implications our history has for personal lives and social institutions, the book considers political, economic, socio-cultural, and legal histories that shaped the meanings associated with whiteness. Drawing on dialogue with well-known figures within education, race, and multicultural work, the book offers intimate, personal stories of cross-race friendships that address both how a deep understanding of whiteness supports cross-race collaboration and the long-term nature of the work of excising racism from the deep psyche. Concluding chapters offer practical information on building knowledge, skills, capacities, and communities that support anti-racism practices, a hopeful look at our collective future, and a discussion of how to create a culture of witnesses who support allies for social and racial justice. For book discussion groups and workshop plans, please visit www.witnessingwhiteness.com.

"Training Bites covers every aspect of running presentations and training including: - How adults learn - Doing a training needs analysis - Running great presentations or seminars (including the slides!) - Designing e-learning - Developing and facilitating workshops - Organising conferences - Writing L & D strategic plans & more ... Training Bites is for anyone who has to present at meetings or seminars, run training or is responsible for L & D programmes." Publisher's description.

In The ART of Avoiding a Train Wreck, Em and Adrienne share their "trade secrets" for launching and operating powerful and effective Agile Release Trains. There's a lot at stake when launching an Agile Release Train. When taking on an Enterprise Lean-Agile Transformation you only get one shot at a first impression. Runaway trains are expensive. Money gets wasted, time gets lost and the reputational damage can take years to repair. Going well beyond the standard SAFe training, this book deep dives into the practical tips and tricks that only over 15 years of combined real world experience can teach. You will learn how to get a ticket on the SAFe railway, load the cargo on your train, set the timetable, SAFely board and stay on the tracks. No matter your context, you are sure to find plenty of actionable ideas for launching and operating Agile Release Trains.

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This Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries management training course (Inland Fisheries) is designed as a complete training course for the sustainable management of inland fisheries using the ecosystem approach. It is targeted at middle-level fishery and environment officers, extension workers, facilitators and other stakeholders engaged in the planning and management of inland fisheries. This training course is designed to be applicable to many inland fishery contexts around the world (including overlapping freshwater fishery/aquaculture systems). It is also intended to be adapted to suit specific local contexts. This the first of three volumes, developed for the training course: VOLUME 1: HANDBOOK FOR TRAINEES VOLUME 2: INLAND FISHERY CASE STUDIES VOLUME 3: TRAINING COURSE PRESENTATIONS & VISUALS VOLUME 4: TRAINING SESSION PLANS This volume is VOLUME 1: HANDBOOK FOR TRAINEES and contains the background reading material required for each of the training course modules.

Run engaging, productive group sessions with practical guidance and expert advice Running Great Workshops & Meetings For Dummies delivers the tools managers need to facilitate engaging and rewarding group sessions. Written by two highly experienced leadership and coaching consultants, this book provides practical, hands-on instruction that can help you turn your meetings and training sessions around. Boost productivity by engaging attendees from the start, scheduling with time and energy levels in mind and keeping to a clear agenda. You'll learn the skills that will help you get the most out of every group session and discover which seemingly small details can have a huge impact on outcomes. The current global recession has increased the emphasis organisations place on skills development and training throughout the world. While specialised service organisations exist, many companies lack the means to outsource their training needs or invest in specially trained staff to get the job done. Running Great Workshops & Meetings For Dummies presents a solution by providing clear group leadership instruction with immediate applications to employees in any department. Regardless of the type of meeting, training session or workshop you're running, this book provides the information you need. Learn to align outcomes and objectives, establish an agenda and schedule and manage pre-work for attendees Discover how to connect with the group, establish expectations and set ground rules Find out how to set the pace, manage challenges and objections and troubleshoot issues Effectively evaluate the session, ensure accountability and maintain momentum Running Great Workshops & Meetings For Dummies provides practical advice you can put to work today.

The Trainer's Guide to Training Most new trainers and presenters know all they need to know about their chosen subject. Unfortunately, few of them actually know how to present what they know. For more than a decade, Robert Jolles's How to Run Seminars and Workshops has taught tens of thousands of people how to sell, teach, stand up, and deliver an effective training session on almost any subject in almost any setting. This new Third Edition updates this classic guide for anyone who has to get up and move an audience. Just as he did in the book's previous editions, Jolles-former head of Xerox's world-renowned "train the trainer" program-shares proven, effective techniques for winning over an audience, holding their interest, conveying important information, and moving that audience to take action! For seasoned pros, this is an invaluable tool for becoming a world-class seminar and workshop leader. For novices, it's a step-by-step self-teaching guide that provides the confidence and the techniques

speakers need to survive and thrive in front of an audience. Packed with straightforward, trustworthy advice, this reliable resource covers all the bases for today's professional trainers and speakers, including research and preparation, questioning techniques, pacing, visual aids, evaluation and support, feedback, and more: Creating your own seminar business Recognizing different personalities and types of behavior Training groups with diverse needs On-site preparations Maintaining the audience's interest The latest technology and visual aids Giving feedback and coaching Presenting your best self to the audience Developing a training staff And, most important, how to sell your message Trusted by thousands of professional trainers for the latest tactics and practices in seminar and workshop leadership, *How to Run Seminars and Workshops, Third Edition* is the ultimate guide for anyone who makes a living sharing what they know with others.

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