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The Ultimate Guide to Transforming Your Team

5 Keys to Team Success and
30 Activities for Unleashing Potential

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INTRODUCTION

Are you striving to boost your team's performance but finding it hard to crack the code of what truly makes the team successful? You're not alone, and we're here to help.

Our ultimate comprehensive guide breaks down the secrets of high-performing teams and provides actionable strategies you can implement immediately.

This guide is inspired by Google's Project Aristotle, a groundbreaking study that unravelled the key factors that drive successful teams - psychological safety, dependability, structure, meaning, and impact. But we don't stop there. We build on these insights with 30 engaging team activities designed to enhance morale, foster stronger relationships, increase dependability, and create a profound sense of purpose and impact.

Whether you're a seasoned manager or a newly appointed team lead, this guide offers practical tips and exercises to transform your team's dynamics and propel you toward your collective goals. Ready to unlock your team's potential? Let's dive in.



PROJECT ARISTOTLE

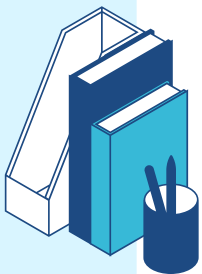
HIGH PERFORMING TEAMS

Project Aristotle was a research initiative by Google to understand the dynamics of effective teams. Researchers spent two years studying 180 Google teams. They've conducted 200-plus interviews and analyzed over 250 different team attributes.

They identified five key dynamics that set successful teams apart:

1. **Psychological Safety:** Team members feel safe taking risks without feeling insecure or embarrassed.
2. **Dependability:** Team members reliably complete tasks on time.
3. **Structure and Clarity:** Team members have clear roles, plans, and goals.
4. **Meaning of Work:** Work is personally important to each team member.
5. **Impact of Work:** Team members believe their work matters and create change.

High-performing teams score high on each of these five dynamics. Thousands of companies have been applying these principles to make their teams better. This checklist and scorecard will help you assess where your team stands and give insight into what you can do to transform your team into a high-performing powerhouse.



TEAM EFFECTIVENESS SCORECARD

TEAM SCORE

What is an effective team? An effective team is one where team members feel safe to take risks. They depend on each other to complete work and understand their roles and goals. They see meaning in their work and believe it matters and creates change.

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Meaning of Work:

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Team Effectiveness Score:

Write down your team's score out of 5



FIVE STEPS TO TRANSFORMING YOUR TEAM

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It is going to take time. These five steps will begin your journey to build an effective team.

1. Psychological Safety:

Encourage open communication and create a blame-free environment where team members can share their thoughts, ideas, and mistakes without fear of retribution. For example, in team meetings, you can set a rule that there are no bad ideas during brainstorming sessions.

2. Dependability:

Clearly define expectations and responsibilities for each team member and hold them accountable. For example, as a manager, you can implement a project management tool where tasks, deadlines, and responsibilities are clearly outlined and visible to all team members.

3. Structure and Clarity:

Ensure that everyone knows their roles, objectives, and the plan to achieve them. For example, you can have one-on-one meetings with each team member to discuss their roles and goals and how they fit into the team's objectives.

4. Meaning of Work:

Connect the work to something each team member cares about or finds personally significant. For example, you can ask team members to share why their work matters to them personally during a team meeting.

5. Impact of Work:

Regularly communicate the team's work results and how it contributes to the organization's goals. For example, you can share customer feedback, statistics, or stories about how your team's work has made a difference.



30 IMPACTFUL ACTIVITIES TO TRANSFORM YOUR TEAM.

TEAM ACTIVITIES

Here are 30 carefully selected team activities, designed to not only improve the overall dynamics of your team but also to enhance dependability, reveal the true impact of your team's work, and instil a deep sense of meaning in every task.

1. Team building exercises:

Organize activities like escape rooms, team sports, or problem-solving challenges to build teamwork.

2. Regular feedback sessions:

Have frequent meetings where team members can give and receive feedback.

3. Training workshops:

Provide learning opportunities to improve skills and knowledge.

4. Mentorship programs:

Pair less experienced team members with veterans to foster learning and relationship-building.

5. Celebration of achievements:

Recognize and reward team and individual achievements.

6. Volunteer work:

Organize a day for the team to volunteer at a local charity.

7. Regular team lunches:

Foster camaraderie by having meals together.

8. Icebreaker activities:

Start meetings with fun questions or games to get people talking.



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9. Team retreats:

Take the team to an off-site location for relaxation and team-building activities.

10. Workshops for personal development:

Organize workshops that cater to personal interests and development, not just professional skills.

11. Weekly check-ins:

Have weekly meetings to discuss progress and challenges.

12. Transparency:

Share company updates and news regularly to foster trust.

13. Flexible work arrangements:

Allow for remote work or flexible hours to improve work-life balance.

14. Peer recognition program:

Create a system where team members can acknowledge each other's hard work.

15. Create team traditions:

A chant, team colours, a regular team breakfast, etc.

16. Collaborative projects:

Encourage team members to collaborate on projects or tasks.

17. Health and wellness activities:

Organize activities like yoga classes or wellness workshops.



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18. Personal interest clubs:

Form clubs based on shared hobbies or interests (book club, running club, etc.).

19. Goal-setting workshops:

Have workshops where team members can set and share their personal and professional goals.

20. Skill-sharing sessions:

Let team members teach each other something they're good at.

21. Employee of the Month:

Recognize an employee every month for their contributions.

22. Group brainstorming sessions:

Encourage creativity and involvement by brainstorming ideas as a team.

23. Outdoor activities:

Organize outings such as hikes or picnics.

24. Open office hours:

Encourage open communication by having periods where team members can freely discuss their concerns or ideas.

25. Professional development opportunities:

Offer chances for further education or skill development related to work.

26. Coffee breaks:

Encourage team members to take regular short breaks for coffee and casual chats.



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27. Cross-departmental projects:

Encourage collaboration between different departments or teams.

28. Creative workshops:

Encourage creativity with activities like painting or writing workshops.

29. Regular performance reviews:

Provide regular feedback on each team member's performance and discuss areas for improvement.

30. Conflict resolution training:

Provide training on how to handle and resolve conflicts effectively.

Two Bonus Activities

These 30 team activities might seem enough, but there are always a few extra activities that could spark your imagination and help you make your team transformation lasting.

Regular Team Reflection Sessions:

Schedule regular sessions (monthly or quarterly) where the team can reflect on their achievements, challenges, and lessons learned. This will help them acknowledge growth, identify areas for further improvement, and maintain a culture of continuous learning.

Role Rotation:

Allow team members to swap roles temporarily. This can foster empathy, improve understanding of different job responsibilities within the team, and potentially uncover hidden talents or interests.





Seize the Moment: Transform Your Team Today

Your team's potential is just waiting to be unlocked. It's time to inspire a transformation that creates a more engaged, cohesive, and high-performing team.

To learn more about how to apply these strategies in your unique context, and to gain access to even more resources and support, get in touch with us.

Ready to elevate your team to new heights? Contact us today and let's turn that vision into reality.



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