

# Getting your message across

Transparency, Consistency & Follow up

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#### **Objectives**

- By the end of the session you will have a clearer idea of why communication breaks down and messages do not get effectively communicated.
- You will have decided on three strategies you are going to employ in future and agreed to reflect and share the results of this action research in a partner





Martin Pistorious How my mind came back to life and no one knew









### COMMUNICATION

THE SINGLE BIGGEST PROBLEM IN COMMUNICATION IS THE ILLUSION THAT IT HAS TAKEN PLACE



#### Top 5 Reasons

- Choosing Generic Language
- Lecturing
- Distrust
- Failing to be tactful
- Relying only on what is said





The copy costs are too high

The school is being tight again

Now summer is ending, numbers are falling

We're all going to be unemployed next Monday!

We are running a pilot next week

What am I going to do for dinner tonight?







#### The most important skills

- The ability to frame the message clearly and concisely
- The ability to motivate someone to do what you want
- The capacity to listen actively
- The ability to be attentive and observant
- The confidence to be sure of the message and convincing in relaying it.

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#### Mehrabian Communication Model





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#### Be prepared

- Prepare your message
- Consider how it will come across
- Think about questions that may be raised





#### **Concept Check**

 Don't assume everyone heard what you thought you said



#### Transparency

- Builds Trust
- Have a clear rationale
- And be clear about background and reasoning





#### Ownership

- Everyone has to own the message
- Everyone has to <u>look</u> like they own the message
- The message should stay the same decide on your message, don't change it.





#### Listening







#### Follow up



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#### Measurement





#### Seven





#### Set goals

- Think of 3 things you would like to try changing in the way you communicate messages
- Share those with someone sitting near you
- Mini action research project



HUSBANDS ARE THE BEST PEOPLE TO SHARE

SECRETS WITH.

THEY'LL

**NEVER** 

TELL ANYONE,

**BECAUSE THEY** 

AREN'T EVEN LISTENING.



## Thank You!



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