

/6R Communication Toolkit

Communication Plan



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Plan your communication

COMMUNICATION TOPIC:		
DATE:	PERSON RESPONSIBLE:	
Step 1: what are the FACTS of the communication? Key Facts to be communicated (dot points)		



Step 2: Define your audience(s) and likely impact

Audience	Detail
Who does this most directly/ significantly impact?	List the people/ groups
Who does this indirectly impact?	List the people/ groups
What are the foreseeable affects / impacts on what people are required to DO?	
What are the foreseeable affects / impacts on how people may FEEL?	

Step 3: What's the best communication method(s)?

Depending on the situation more than one may be appropriate. Consider the impact to what people DO and FEEL, what is the best approach?

When communicating new information across a whole organisation multiple methods are needed – timing is important

GROUP Indirect impact/ communication to large group	PERSONAL Direct impact on feel / do	BROADCAST Minimal impact information only
ANNOUNCEMENT	ONE ON ONE	EMAIL/ LETTER
MEETING	OUT OF OFFICE CATCH UP	BLOG POST
WORKSHOP		SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

What is the best communication method(s) for the primary audience?



What is the best communication method(s) for the secondary audience(s)?
What are the key messages you want them to leave with?
What support initiatives shall we adopt to help people accommodate these requirements?
Consider both DO & FEEL aspects



Step 4: What support is needed to adapt?

What support initiatives shall we adopt to help people accommodate these requirements? Consider both DO & FEEL aspects
Positivity in communication is key.
What are the associated benefits ? For the business? For the team? For the individuals?



Step 5: Follow up and ongoing adaptation?

Is follow up required? Is feedback and consultation part of the communication? How will this be done?

