# **Top ' Internal Communication Practices \$"#&**





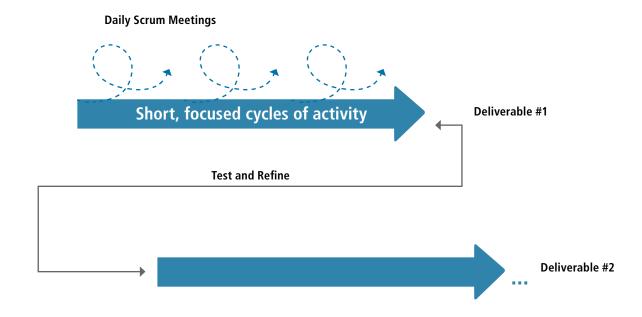
# **Practice #': Building agile planning processes**

#### **Typical Sequential Design Process**



Rigid waterfall-like design and deliverable production process drives toward a single "big-bet" solution, identified in advance.

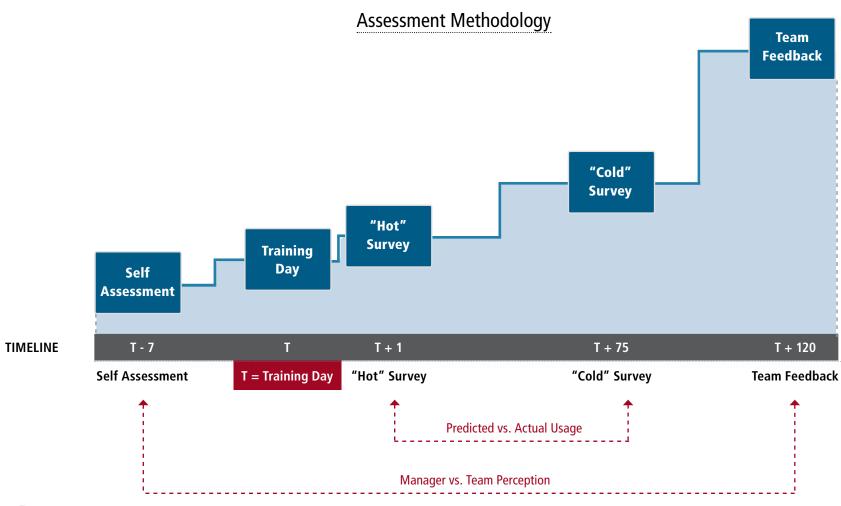
#### **Agile Process**



Flexible process allows the business to shift focus and reprioritize regularly, allowing adaptation, refinement, and learning to achieve preferred outcomes. Failing quickly – and cheaply – are key benefits.



# **Practice #4: Assessing manager communication**





# Practice #3: Tightening the connection between communication and manager cascade

#### **Provoke Conversations**

Every 3-4 months, a strategic conversation topic is introduced globally to team leaders via Shell Online

#### **Traditional channels**

Shell Online, town halls, etc.

#### **Revised goals**

- Inform and support the conversation topic
- Simplify message alignment and reduce noise
- Showcase successful behavior
- ► Provide more information

#### **Engage and Deliver**

Meeting guide available online for download

# EVPs VPs GMs/Mgrs. Supervisors Line Staff

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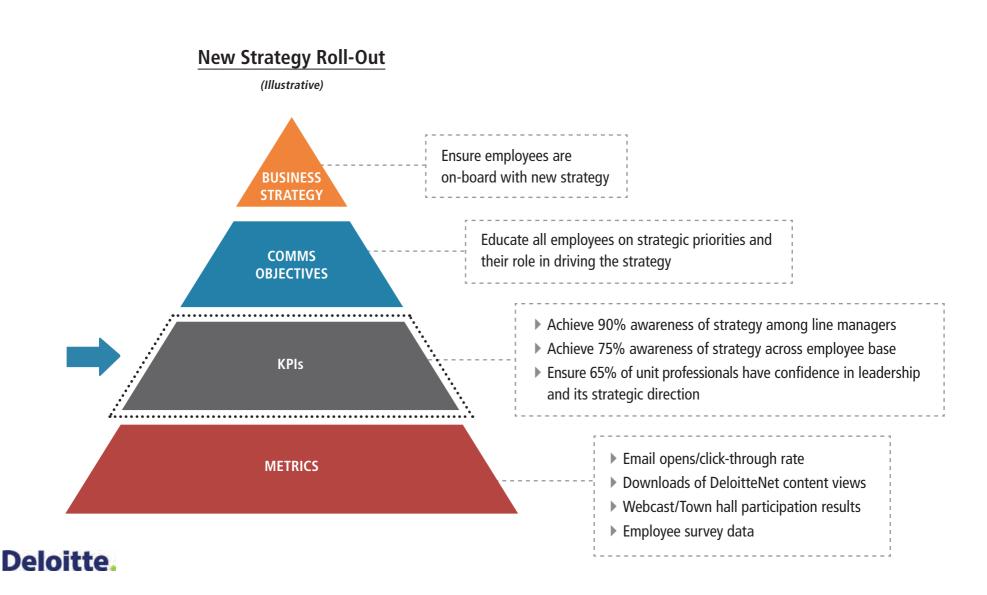
Skip-level informal phone calls and roundtables

- ▶ Creates "pull"
- Amplifies the peer-topeer discussion
- Rewards behaviors
- Drives intent

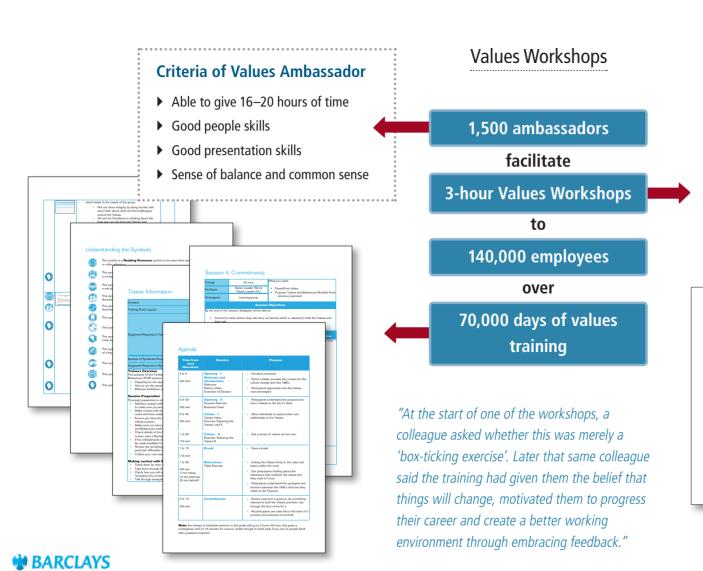




## Practice #2: Choosing the best KPIs to demonstrate strategic support



## **Practice #1: Going 'all-in' on change**



#### Your role as a facilitator:

- ▶ Creating a positive climate
- ▶ Opening with impact
- ▶ Getting people talking
- ▶ Managing a large group activity
- Running a quick and focused debrief when time is tight
- ▶ Keeping the groups on task
- ▶ Managing group report-backs
- ▶ Probing answers to ensure they are focused
- ▶ Dealing with resistance to being held to account

# Components of a 'classic' memorable story:

- ➤ You (with or without your team) are the hero of your story
- ▶ You want to achieve something
- Someone or something is preventing you getting it
- ▶ You try everything and fail
- ▶ Just when you think all is lost...
- ▶ You find a new strength and win

# Specific techniques for moving discussions on:

- ► Factual: 'The next issue we need to look at is...'
- ▶ Other agenda items: 'We can continue to look at this issue in the next section'
- Use the time: 'To make sure we cover all the ground without making you late, we need to move on'
- ▶ Piggyback on the question: 'That question actually brings us to our next agenda item'
- Recognise how they feel: 'It's clear you feel strongly about this, unfortunately we're not going to be able to resolve it here. May we move on?'
- Record the point. 'Let me capture that on the flip chart, and then we can go on