



Module 2 (Part 2) Inclusive Leadership Skills

Part 2: Unlock Your Inclusive Leadership and Tap Into the Power of Neurodiversity.



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MODULE 1

Introduction: Diversities Reviving European Enterprises

Key Features: Overview and definitions of D&I in SMEs. 12 Dimensions of Diversity. Learning key competencies for business case delivery.

Part 1: Why D&I Matters for SMEs.
Part 2: Building D&I Competencies for SMEs.

MODULE 2

Inclusive Leadership Skills

Key Features: Develop inclusive leadership skills (e.g., Bias awareness and mitigation). Tap into the power of neurodiversity. Measure impact and build resilience.

Part 1: Prepare for Inclusive Change Through Leadership.
Part 2: Unlock Inclusive Leadership & Neurodiversity.
Part 3: Measure Leadership Impact & Build Resilience.

MODULE 3

Inclusive Talent Management for SMEs

Key Features: Inclusive advertising, recruitment and retention. Performance management and leadership succession planning.

Part 1: Attracting, Developing, and Retaining Diverse Talent.
Part 2: Creating Inclusive Job Descriptions & Adverts.
Part 3: Inclusive Selection, Interviewing, and Offer Strategies.
Part 4: Employee Talent Development and Retention.
Part 5: Performance Management and Feedback.
Part 6: Succession Planning and Leadership Development.

MODULE 6

Inclusive Community Engagement for SMEs

Key Features: Learn the six core principles of inclusive community engagement. Understand the four layers to community context and prepare an effective Engagement Framework and Action Plan.

Part 1: Foundations of Inclusive Community Engagement.
Part 2: Understand & Engage Your Community.
Part 3: Ensuring Inclusive Engagement through Shared Value.
Part 4: Prepare for an Effective Community Engagement Framework.
Part 5: Create a Community Engagement Framework & Action Plan.

MODULE 5

Inclusive Marketing For SMEs

Key Features: Embed inclusivity into branding. Understand the needs of diverse audiences. Craft strategic inclusive marketing campaigns.

Part 1: The Power of Inclusive Marketing for SME Brands.
Part 2: Understand Your Customers and Overcome Marketing Barriers.
Part 3: Crafting Inclusive Marketing Campaigns.

MODULE 4

Building an Inclusive Company Culture in SMEs

Key Features: Build an inclusive company culture. Design and deliver a strategic cultural change audit, review policies and practices and empower teams through reward and recognition.

Part 1: Understand and Build an Inclusive Company Culture.
Part 2: Design and Deliver a Strategic Cultural Change Audit.
Part 3: Support Management in Creating a Workplace of Belonging.
Part 4: From Policies to Practice: Cultivating a Culture of Inclusion.
Part 5: Empower Teams Through DEI Collaboration, ERGs, and Recognition.

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Introduction DARE to Module 2

These five key sections show leaders how they can embed D&I into their management practices.

SECTION 1 highlights the role of top leadership in creating a competitive advantage through D&I. Use the DARE Assessment to inform your D&I strategy.

SECTION 2 focuses on creating a proactive, purpose-driven D&I strategy by setting measurable goals and ensuring company-wide buy-in.

SECTION 3 equips leaders with the skills to build inclusive teams by managing biases and embracing neurodiversity to drive team success.

SECTION 4 teaches you how to measure leadership impact on D&I using the SMART framework and develop crisis management strategies.

SECTION 5 revisits measuring D&I leadership impact and provides crisis management solutions to build SME resilience through inclusive leadership.

Section 1

Prepare for Real Inclusive Change Through Top Level Leadership (Module 1: Part 1)

Section 2

Develop A Purpose Driven High Impact D&I Strategy (Module 1: Part 1)

Section 3

Unlock Your Inclusive Leadership and Tap Into the Power of Neurodiversity. (Module 1: Part 2)

Section 4

Measuring Leadership Impact on D&I (Module 1: Part 3)

Section 5

D&I Crisis Management & Resilience Strategies (Module 1: Part 3)

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SECTION 3 equips leaders with the skills to build inclusive teams that drive innovation, productivity, and organizational success. Leaders will understand how to effectively enable collaboration, understand unconscious biases, and manage emotions in ways that enhance team cohesion. Leaders get to understand and harness the power of neurodiversity and recognise that individuals with different cognitive approaches contribute to the overall success of teams. Inclusive leadership requires embedding D&I practices into leadership so leaders can create environments where all employees—regardless of cognitive differences—feel valued and can fully contribute their unique strengths.

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Unconscious Bias and Bias Mitigation Skills and Strategies for D&I Leaders

Emotional Intelligence Skills and Strategies for D&I Leaders

How Leaders can Tap into the Power of **Neurodiversity!**

Learning Objectives

By the end of this module, participants will be able to:

- Understand the importance of **inclusive leadership skills** for cultivating diverse, high-performing teams.
- Learn **strategies for creating an inclusive work environment** that embraces diverse perspectives and talents.
- Develop **critical leadership skills** such as empathy, self-awareness, and cultural intelligence to foster an inclusive team culture.
- Gain insight into **unconscious bias** and learn effective strategies for mitigating its impact on team dynamics and decision-making.
- Enhance **emotional intelligence** to lead teams with greater understanding, collaboration, and respect for individual differences.
- Explore how leaders can tap into the unique strengths of **neurodiverse individuals** to enhance creativity, problem-solving, and innovation within teams.



Overview of Why Leaders Need Inclusive Skills to Cultivate Inclusive Teams

This section explores why leaders need inclusive skills to create and maintain inclusive teams. This section demonstrates the skills and strategies needed for leaders to create an inclusive work environment. They enable a workplace where diversity is valued, collaboration thrives, and every team member feels empowered to contribute their unique perspectives and talents. By cultivating inclusive teams, leaders can improve team dynamics, drive innovation, and build a more resilient, productive workforce.

Successful SME D&I Needs Inclusive Leadership

Inclusive leadership is critical for D&I! As the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the workplace gains more attention, so does the need for inclusive leadership. Inclusive leadership is a critical component of creating a diverse and inclusive workplace. It prioritises creating an environment where all employees feel valued, respected, and included, regardless of their differences.

Inclusive leadership provides tangible benefits. Inclusive leadership is not only a moral imperative but also has tangible business benefits, such as improving employee morale, engagement, and productivity, as well as reducing turnover. However, becoming an inclusive leader requires self-awareness, education, and intentional action. This section aims to provide practical tips and strategies for SMEs who want to practice inclusive leadership

(Source [Guide to Inclusive Leadership](#))

'Inclusive Leadership' Is a Unique Style of Leadership

A unique style of leadership. At its core, inclusive and accountable leadership is a unique style that embraces every team member, welcomes diverse viewpoints and nurtures an atmosphere where each person believes their contributions elevate the company's overall well-being. It contrasts conventional leadership, which often clings to a strict hierarchy and may shy away from change.

Sparks innovation and creativity. What sets inclusive leadership apart is its remarkable ability to spark innovation and creativity, cultivate a profound sense of belonging among team members and promote open channels of communication and collaboration. It's a force that enhances cultural understanding and, notably, diminishes resistance to change.

One of the significant challenges, according to a report from Harvard Business Review, is that only 31% of employees perceive their leaders as inclusive. This disconnect highlights the intricate nature of nurturing inclusivity within companies.

Inclusive Leaders Must be Willing to Educate Themselves

Formal D&I Education and Mentorship. Inclusive leaders must be willing to engage in formal professional D&I training and mentorship and learn how to self reflect and actively work to challenge their biases, approaches and assumptions. This entails understanding how they can recognise, engage and listen to others so that they can amplify the voices of those who are underrepresented.

Education on the job. Inclusive leaders must educate themselves on the job by learning from the experiences of individuals from different backgrounds and understand the unique challenges that they may face by having a meeting, workplace observation or engaging and asking questions on the job. They must be willing to have difficult conversations and address any biases or discriminatory behavior that may occur.

Requires intentional D&I actions, such as actively seeking out diverse perspectives and experiences, creating opportunities for underrepresented groups to participate and contribute, and holding oneself and others accountable for creating an inclusive work environment.

Overview of Some Basic Skills Needed for Inclusive Leadership

Leaders need to understanding the importance of D&I and be able to lead by example. They ultimately need to be able to create an environment where all employees feel valued and included.

Inclusive communication skills and techniques, including active listening and providing constructive feedback. Must have the ability to consciously and actively facilitate open discussions, seek diverse perspectives and educate their teams on D&I topics.

D&I management skills such as organising and managing the implementation of a D&I training program suitable to the company and teams. Ensure that everyone has completed the training, all steps are completed on time and within budget.

Analytical skills so they can analyse data from surveys and feedback to assess the impact of D&I initiatives. That they understand their staff from a D&I perspective, where they are and how to use insights to make informed decisions and improvements.

Cultural competence so that they are aware of and understand different cultural norms and practices. They have the ability to engage, navigate and respect cultural differences within the workplace. This involves soft skills such as compassion, empathy, self-awareness and vulnerability

Budgeting and allocating resources so that they acutely manage company resources to achieve D&I objectives strategically.

(Source [Achievers](#))

Inclusive Leadership Starts with Compassion and Empathy

First and foremost, compassionate leadership is of utmost importance for inclusive leaders.

Compassion and empathy the foundation of leaders (and others) ability to understand what another is going through, connect with them on an emotional level, and take meaningful action to improve their condition. More than just showing empathy in the workplace, compassionate leaders move from a private place of empathetic feeling into external, tangible *actions*. Compassion and empathy should catapult leaders to do something meaningful — whatever that is for you or for other people — and it should show.

Inclusive leaders can encourage their colleagues and employees to be more compassionate by practicing empathy and then consciously, intentionally engaging in acts of inclusive leadership. When companies and leaders commit to merging compassion, empathy and inclusion — and use that power to transform their cultures for the better — individuals adopt 7 acts of inclusive leadership. These acts lead the way to full, meaningful, and authentic participation of *every* individual in the company. Each act has the ability to change lives, open doors, and build bridges. (see next slide)

7 Acts of Compassionate, Empathetic Inclusive Leadership

Whether you're just starting out or the leader of a company, engaging in these 7 intentional acts of inclusion and building the leadership competencies will allow you to reinvent relationships and strengthen your company. [Full information on each act is here.](#)

1. **DEEPEN** your self-awareness.
2. **FOSTER** social awareness.
3. **LISTEN** to understand.
4. **CREATE** connections.
5. **MAKE** a meaningful impact.
6. **LEAD** with courageous vulnerability.
7. **INVEST** resources in inclusion.

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Skills Leaders Can Use to Cultivate Inclusive Teams

- ❖ **Respect and validate diverse viewpoints** and perspectives of team members, this demonstrates that each team member's opinion matters, thus promoting a strong sense of belonging.
- ❖ **Encourage open dialogue** and communication, so that team members feel comfortable voicing their viewpoints, concerns, and ideas. This openness is key to cultivating a culture of mutual respect and trust that fuels a sense of belonging. Inclusive leaders always keep the lines of communication open. They're transparent with their expectations and feedback, creating an environment where all opinions matter and are genuinely considered.
- ❖ **Promote autonomy and professional growth** so employees can engage in opportunities to contribute to decision-making processes and take on new responsibilities. They will feel valued and part of the team's success enhancing their feelings of belonging and job satisfaction.
- ❖ **Empathetic listening** demonstrates genuine concern for team members by paying attention to and valuing their views and how they feel. Empathy allows managers to connect, understand, and respond appropriately to various issues that their team members face.
- ❖ **Authenticity** means leaders are not afraid to show their human side, vulnerabilities, doubts, and all. They create an environment where employees feel comfortable being their authentic selves.
- ❖ **Embracing diversity** shows you understand that every team member is unique. Treat everyone with equal respect, irrespective of their role, age, gender, cultural background, or personal preferences.



How Inclusive Leadership Can Improve Performance

Inclusive leadership can drive improved performance. Leaders need to focus on creating a culture that values, welcomes and leverages the unique experiences, diverse perspectives, ideas and talents of all employees. This can lead to better problem-solving and decision-making.

How? When problem-solving and decision-making leaders need to actively seek out and ask for **open and honest communication** to get diverse perspectives and ideas from all employees so that they can contribute to the company's success. This creates a culture of psychological safety where employees feel comfortable sharing, which can lead to better collaboration and more innovative solutions.

How? **Nurture a workplace culture driven by innovation.** Leaders need to make sure employees feel that their contributions are valued, so they feel invested in the company's success and will likely contribute their ideas and talents to help the company grow.

How? Inclusive leaders must create opportunities for employees to participate in training and development programs that help them build new skills and broaden their perspectives. (Source [A Guide to Inclusive Leadership](#))



How Inclusive Leadership Can Increase Employee Engagement

Inclusive leadership can have a significant impact on employee engagement, motivation, and loyalty. When employees feel valued and included, they are more likely to be engaged and committed to their work as they are more likely to be invested in the company's success and feel motivated to contribute to its goals.

How? Create an environment that **promotes engagement and collaboration** by creating opportunities for underrepresented groups to participate and contribute, such as forming employee resource groups (ERGs) or providing training and development programs.

How? Create an open and inclusive culture by encouraging open communication and feedback **promoting transparency, and actively addressing any biases or discriminatory** behaviour that may occur.

How? Create opportunities for employees to feel recognised and valued. This can involve **providing opportunities for career growth and development**, offering competitive compensation and benefits, and recognising and celebrating employee achievements and contributions.

(More Examples [A Guide to Inclusive Leadership](#))



How Inclusive Leadership Can Lead to Better Decision Making

Inclusive leadership can promote innovation and creativity by encouraging diverse perspectives and ideas leading to better decision making. When employees feel valued in decision making they will often go out of their way to help.

How? Create a **culture of problem-solving, solutions, innovation and creativity** by sharing and encouraging open communication and feedback and creating opportunities for professional development and growth.

How? Develop a competitive edge by **tapping into the diverse skills and talents and expertise of employees**. Set up a diversity and inclusion group made up of employees from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise.

How? Encourages employees to **test and share their unique perspectives and experiences** to inform product development and marketing strategies. This can lead to a more diverse range of product offerings and a deeper connection with customers who feel seen and valued by the company.

(More Examples [A Guide to Inclusive Leadership](#))

Strategies for Leaders to Cultivate Inclusive Teams

8 Different Inclusive Strategies Leaders Can Use to Cultivate Their Teams



Strategy 1&2



Increase the Representation of the Underrepresented Increase Promotion Rates of the Underrepresented

Action Overview

To emphasise leadership involvement in D&I by incorporating D&I goals into the performance metrics of leaders and team managers, to ensure accountability and commitment.

Define specific D&I goals by establishing clear, measurable D&I objectives for each manager and team leader. For example, a goal could be to

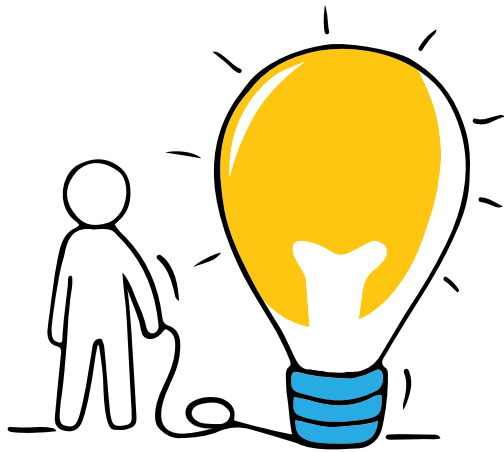
Strategy 1 Increase the representation of underrepresented groups in their department by 10% within a year such as women, people of colour, and people with disabilities. Managers could partner with diverse recruitment agencies, participate in targeted job fairs, and implement blind recruitment processes to minimise unconscious bias in the hiring process.

Strategy 2 Managers could increase promotion rates for the underrepresented by 15% within their teams over a year by creating training or providing guidance and opportunities for advancement.

Strategy 3 & 4



Nurture Inclusivity within Teams Enhance Employee Engagement and Retention



Strategy 3 Managers nurture an inclusive team culture and improve their team's D&I satisfaction on company-wide D&I surveys by at least 20% within a year, particularly in areas related to inclusion, belonging, and cultural competence. Leaders might focus on knowledge exchange and learning by having regular team discussions on D&I topics, ensuring that diverse voices are heard and valued in meetings, and offering training sessions that improve cultural awareness and sensitivity.

Strategy 4 Managers enhance employee engagement and retention to reduce turnover rates among underrepresented employees by 10% in a year, indicating a more supportive and inclusive work environment. Managers or team leaders could conduct exit interviews specifically to understand the challenges faced by underrepresented groups, implement feedback to improve the work environment, and provide more robust support systems such as employee resource groups (ERGs).

Strategy 5 & 6



Equitable Pay and Opportunities for All Increase D&I Participation and Training



Strategy 5 Managers ensure equitable pay and opportunities by eliminating any pay gaps between different demographic groups in their teams within a set period (e.g., 18 months). They could conduct regular pay equity audits, ensure transparency in pay scales and promotion criteria, and take corrective actions where discrepancies are found.

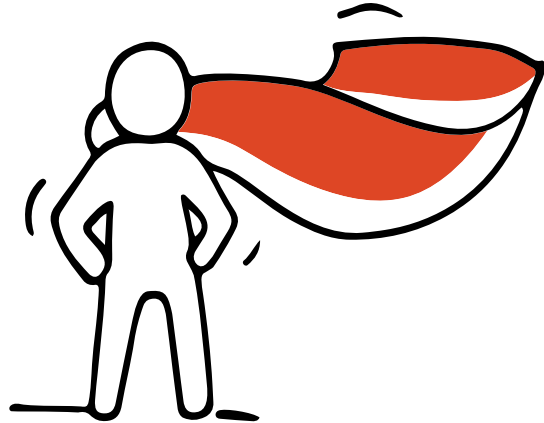
Strategy 6 Managers increase participation in D&I initiatives and training where leaders could be given an objective to have at least 75% of their team participate in D&I training programs or events within a year. Managers and leaders might promote and incentivise participation in these programs, integrate D&I initiatives and ideas into discussions and regular team meetings, and lead by example by actively engaging in D&I initiatives and training themselves.

Managers showcase completion of at least 3 D&I training in a year and what it is e.g., Inclusive Leadership, Managing Diverse Teams and Maximising Potential, Mitigating Unconscious Bias...

Strategy 7 & 8



Support D&I Communities and Suppliers Achieve D&I Recognition and Awards



Strategy 7 Managers support D&I communities and suppliers by tasking managers and leaders to source and use of diverse suppliers and vendors by 20% within their department's operations within the next year. They might establish partnerships with diverse supplier networks or minority-owned businesses, set diversity criteria in procurement policies, and collaborate with the company's procurement team to identify and engage diverse suppliers.

Strategy 8 Set Manager Goals to include achieving a D&I recognition or award with their teams so they can be recognised as a leader for excellence in D&I practices within the industry or by specific D&I bodies, such as achieving a top spot in a diversity index or receiving a D&I award. It is important for managers and leaders to continuously work on implementing best practices in D&I, share success stories, and apply for industry awards or certifications that recognise their teams D&I achievements.

Strategy 8



Increase Workplace Accessibility

By setting these goals, companies ensure that D&I becomes an integral part of leadership responsibilities, leading to meaningful D&I change for everyone in the company.

Strategy 8 Managers increase accessibility in the workplace by tasking each leader or manager to meet or exceed accessibility standards, making the workplace more inclusive for employees with disabilities, within 12 months. They could source and conduct accessibility audits, make necessary modifications to physical spaces, provide assistive technologies, and ensure that all digital content and platforms are accessible.





Inclusive Leadership Skills

‘Inclusive leadership means having the ability to lead a diverse group of people while demonstrating respect for each person's unique characteristics without bias’

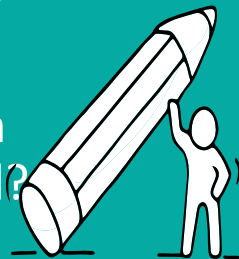
“They do more than invite people to the party.
They ask them to dance.”

“An inclusive leader authentically commits to diversity, inclusion, AND equity,” Williams said. “They seek to understand other cultures, challenge the status quo, and be an advocate of equity for all.”

Smaiyra Million P'21, executive director of Babson's Arthur M. Blank Center for Entrepreneurship. ([Source](#))

Quick Check in Inclusive Leadership Assessment

- ☐ Do I actively seek out and consider diverse perspectives in decision-making and meetings?
- ☐ How often do I engage with employees from underrepresented groups to understand their challenges and needs?
- ☐ Am I aware of my own biases, and do I take steps to mitigate them in my leadership approach?
- ☐ How inclusive is the language I use in meetings and communications?
- ☐ Do I create opportunities for all team members to contribute and be heard?



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Inclusive Leadership Skills (for Managers and Leaders)

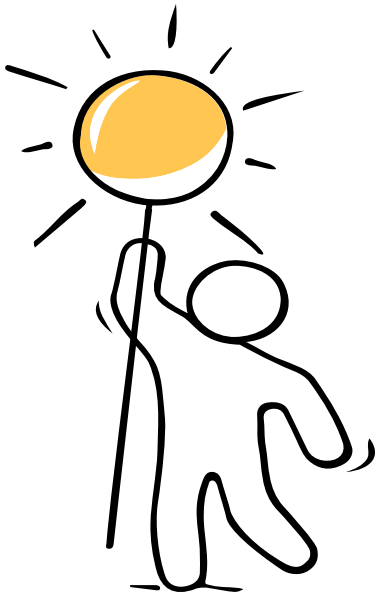
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What is it? Inclusive Leadership in the context of an SME refers to the practice of leading with a mindset that prioritises diversity, equity, and inclusion within the workplace. Inclusive Leadership is about nurturing a culture where all employees feel valued, respected, and empowered to contribute their unique perspectives. Leaders who practice inclusivity actively seek out diverse viewpoints, encourage collaboration, and ensure that decision-making processes consider a broad range of inputs. For SME owners and managers learning and implementing Inclusive Leadership for the first time, it is crucial to understand and integrate the following concepts to become competent in this area:

Importance In SMEs, where teams are often smaller and more interconnected, the impact of Inclusive Leadership can be profound. It can lead to increased innovation, higher employee engagement, and better problem-solving abilities, as diverse perspectives contribute to more well-rounded solutions.

Key Skills for Inclusive Leadership



1. Self-Awareness Leaders need to recognise their own biases and understand how these can affect their decisions. You need to have a high level of self-awareness; understand your own biases, strengths, and weaknesses; and be comfortable in your own skin in order to be able to engage in acts of inclusive leadership. If you're comfortable with yourself, that confidence will reverberate through all the other acts of inclusive leadership. Learn [how to boost your self-awareness](#). (Source [Centre for Creative Leadership](#))

How to Develop Self-Awareness. Regular reflection and bias mitigation training can help leaders become more conscious of their behaviours.

Leaders can ask for feedback, admit to their own mistakes and failures; reflect on their upbringing, background, and [social identity](#); talk about their emotions and experiences; or advocate for their own needs.

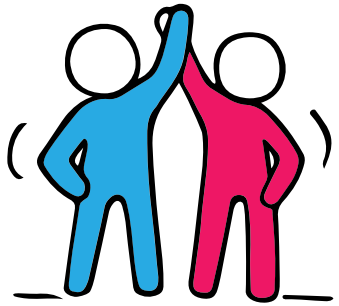




2. Compassion and Empathy refers to the capacity or ability to imagine oneself in the situation of another, experiencing the emotions, ideas, or opinions of that person. Empathetic and compassionate leadership is having the ability to understand the needs of others and being aware of their feelings and thoughts. These leaders can better understand the needs and challenges of their diverse team members, creating a more supportive and inclusive environment.

1. **Watch for signs of burnout** in employees so that it doesn't become an issue and result in a hazard, poor quality product, disengagement or turnover. Check-in on teams and provide help or support if they need it.
2. **Show sincere interest in the needs, and dreams** of employees to better match work assignments, and contribute to boosting performance and employee satisfaction. Employees appreciate empathy and are more likely to go the extra mile.
3. **Demonstrate a willingness to help an employee with personal problems.** Encourage them to share so you can help them maintain their professional responsibilities.
4. **Show compassion when other people disclose stress, pain or a personal loss.** This forms genuine, real connections and friendships which at work matter. ([Read More](#))





- »»» **3. Accountability** Leaders should hold themselves and their teams accountable for promoting an inclusive environment. This might include setting specific inclusion goals, monitoring progress, and addressing any issues that arise. ([Read more](#))
- »»» **4. Cultural Intelligence** This involves understanding, respecting and appreciating cultural differences within the team and adapting leadership styles to suit diverse team dynamics. Leaders need to be open-minded. They may need to adapt their communication style, and decision-making to suit different cultures or resolve conflicts that may arise due to cultural differences. A culture of respectful dialogue and shared learning is a vital step towards cultivating an environment of belonging. ([Read more](#)) ([Learn from examples](#))
- »»» **5. Collaboration** Inclusive leaders should encourage open communication and create spaces where all team members feel comfortable sharing their ideas and feedback. Inclusive leaders always keep the lines of communication open. They're transparent with their expectations and feedback, creating an environment where all opinions matter and are genuinely considered. ([Read more](#)) (*Note: 3-5 explored further in Module 4*)





Key Areas of Implementation

01

Education Provide training to all leaders and managers on D&I and Inclusive Leadership. Cover topics like unconscious bias, cultural competence, and emotional intelligence. Leaders need training so they can lead by example and show a commitment to valuing diversity and encouraging inclusivity within their teams

02

Create an Inclusive Environment Develop policies and practices that support inclusion, such as flexible working arrangements, diverse hiring practices, and clear channels for feedback and concerns.

03

Regular Feedback and Improvement Establish regular feedback mechanisms with KPIs and measurements to assess how inclusive the workplace is and identify areas for improvement. Leaders should be also be open to receiving feedback on their own inclusive practices and make adjustments as needed.



Inclusive Leadership

Strategies to Cultivate Inclusive Teams

Impacts of Inclusive Leadership Strategies

- **Stronger Leadership** By focusing on inclusive leadership the company developed a leadership team that is better equipped to manage diverse teams and drive innovation.
- **Improved Employee Engagement** Employees reported feeling more included and valued, which translated into higher levels of engagement and productivity.
- **Enhanced Innovation** these strategies encouraged the sharing of diverse ideas, leading to more innovative solutions and products.



Strategy 1 Inclusive Leadership Training

Objective Ensure that leaders at all levels were equipped with the skills to promote an inclusive environment and all employees felt valued and heard.

Implementation Introduced mandatory Inclusive Leadership Training for all managers. This training included modules on understanding and mitigating unconscious bias, cultural competence, and strategies for creating psychologically safe spaces. Leaders were taught how to actively listen, encourage diverse perspectives, and make decisions that reflect the input of all team members.

Outcome The training helped leaders become more self-aware and empathetic, leading to improved team dynamics and a more inclusive culture across the company.



Strategy 2 Diverse Hiring Practices

Objective To increase the representation of underrepresented groups within the company, particularly in female leadership roles.

Implementation Revised its hiring practices to ensure that diversity was a key consideration in every stage of the recruitment process. This included implementing diverse interview panels, setting diversity goals for hiring, and using data-driven tools to reduce bias in candidate selection. Recruitment leaders were held accountable for meeting these diversity goals and were provided with resources to help them attract and retain diverse talent.

Outcome These practices led to a more diverse leadership team, with increased representation of women and people from various racial and ethnic backgrounds in senior roles.



Strategy 3 Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) and Leadership Engagement

Objective To create a platform for diverse voices within the company and ensure that leadership is engaged with the experiences and needs of all employees.

Implementation Create and support an Employee Resource Group (ERG) ensuring they were supported by executive sponsors, HR and from the leadership and management teams. This ERG provided a space for employees from underrepresented groups to connect, share experiences, and influence company policies.

Leaders were encouraged to actively participate in ERG activities, listen to feedback, and integrate insights from these groups into their decision-making processes.

Outcome This strategy enhanced communication between leadership and employees, leading to policies and initiatives that better reflected the diverse needs of its workforce.

Unconscious Bias and Bias Mitigation Skills for D&I Leaders



Unconscious biases can have a significant negative impact on decision-making and workplace dynamics. A study by the **McKinsey Global Institute** found that unconscious bias is a key factor contributing to the underrepresentation of women in leadership roles, with women facing the additional challenge of cultural biases.

"Unconscious biases are mental shortcuts that all of us take every day. They allow us to make sense of the world and act quickly, but they can also lead to poor decisions and unfair treatment of others in the workplace".

*Professor Banaji (Harvard University) and Professor Greenwald
(University of Washington)*

Understanding Unconscious Bias and Bias Mitigation (for Managers and Leaders)

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What is it? Unconscious bias refers to the social stereotypes or prejudices that individuals form outside of their conscious awareness. These biases are often ingrained and can affect decisions in hiring, promotions, team dynamics, and day-to-day interactions within the company. Managers need self education, self awareness and self reflection backed up with other approaches to workplace inclusion.

Importance For SMEs, the impact of unconscious bias can be significant due to the smaller size and close-knit nature of the workforce. Bias can lead to a lack of diversity, which in turn can stifle creativity, innovation, and overall company performance. Moreover, it can create an unwelcoming environment for employees who feel marginalized, affecting morale and retention.

Example Hiring manager may subconsciously favour candidates who share similar backgrounds or interests, even if those factors are irrelevant to the job. Bias can lead to a lack of diversity, which in turn can stifle creativity, innovation, and overall company performance. Moreover, it can create an unwelcoming environment affecting morale and retention.

How to Promote Bias Mitigation (for Managers and Leaders)

»» 1. Self-Education and Awareness

- **Managers need to recognise their own personal biases** Managers should start by acknowledging their own potential biases. This can be achieved through self-reflection, taking implicit bias tests (like Harvard's Implicit Association Test), and participating in bias awareness training.
- **Need to engage in continuous learning** so they stay informed about different types of biases and their impact on decision-making. This includes understanding how biases can influence hiring, performance reviews, and team dynamics.

»» 2. Promote a Culture of Inclusion

- **Encourage Open Dialogue** Create a safe space where employees feel comfortable discussing bias and inclusion. This helps surface issues that may otherwise go unaddressed.
- **Model Inclusive Behavior** Managers should lead by example, demonstrating inclusive behaviour in meetings, decision-making, and everyday interactions.

How to Promote Bias Mitigation (for Managers and Leaders)

»» 3. Implement Structured Processes

Standardize Hiring Practices:

- **Use Structured Interviews** Develop a consistent set of questions for all candidates, focusing on skills and competencies relevant to the job. This reduces the influence of bias in hiring decisions.
- **Blind Recruitment** Remove identifying information (e.g., names, gender, ethnicity) from resumes during the initial screening process to focus on candidates' qualifications.

Objective Performance Reviews:

- **Use Clear Criteria** Base performance evaluations on specific, measurable goals rather than subjective opinions.
- **Conduct Calibration Sessions** Regularly review and discuss performance ratings with other managers to ensure consistency and fairness across the team.

How to Promote Bias Mitigation (for Managers and Leaders)

»» 4. Diversify Decision-Making

- **Involve Diverse Perspectives** When making decisions, especially related to hiring or promotions, involve a diverse group of people. This helps counteract individual biases and ensures a more balanced perspective.
- **Rotate Leadership Roles** Encourage diverse team members to take on leadership roles in projects or meetings, ensuring different voices are heard.

»» 5. Provide Bias Mitigation Training

- **Offer Regular Training** Implement ongoing training programs focused on recognising and mitigating unconscious bias. This can include workshops, online courses, or interactive simulations.
- **Practical Exercises** Use role-playing and case studies to help managers practice recognizing and addressing bias in real-world scenarios.

How to Promote Bias Mitigation (for Managers and Leaders)

»» 6. Set Clear Expectations and Accountability

- **Communicate Expectations** Clearly communicate that reducing bias is a priority for the company and that all managers are expected to actively work towards this goal.
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Key Areas of Implementation for Bias Mitigation

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Recruitment Bias can heavily influence hiring decisions. Employers should know that using structured interviews, diverse hiring panels, and standardised evaluation criteria can help minimise the influence of bias.

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Performance Reviews and Promotions Bias can affect how employees are assessed and promoted. Implementing objective performance metrics and ensuring transparency in promotion processes are critical steps.

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Daily Interactions Unconscious bias can also manifest in daily communication and team dynamics. Employers should be trained to recognise these instances and address them constructively

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»» 3. Implement Structured Processes

Standardize Hiring Practices:

- **Use Structured Interviews** Develop a consistent set of questions for all candidates, focusing on skills and competencies relevant to the job. This reduces the influence of bias in hiring decisions.
- **Blind Recruitment** Remove identifying information (e.g., names, gender, ethnicity) from resumes during the initial screening process to focus on candidates' qualifications.

Objective Performance Reviews:

- **Use Clear Criteria** Base performance evaluations on specific, measurable goals rather than subjective opinions.
- **Conduct Calibration Sessions** Regularly review and discuss performance ratings with other managers to ensure consistency and fairness across the team.

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»» 4. Diversify Decision-Making

- **Involve Diverse Perspectives** When making decisions, especially related to hiring or promotions, involve a diverse group of people. This helps counteract individual biases and ensures a more balanced perspective.
- **Rotate Leadership Roles** Encourage diverse team members to take on leadership roles in projects or meetings, ensuring different voices are heard.

»» 5. Provide Bias Mitigation Training

- **Offer Regular Training** Implement ongoing training programs focused on recognising and mitigating unconscious bias. This can include workshops, online courses, or interactive simulations.
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Bias Mitigation

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Impacts of Bias Mitigation Strategies

- **Increased Diversity** Following the implementation of these strategies, the SME saw an increase in the diversity of its workforce, particularly in leadership positions.
- **Enhanced Employee Engagement** Employees reported feeling more valued and included, which contributed to higher levels of engagement and satisfaction.



Strategy 1 Unconscious Bias Training

Objective Aimed to help employees understand how unconscious biases can influence their behaviour and decision-making.

Implementation Launched an extensive training program called "Unconscious Bias at Work." This program was mandatory for all employees and covered topics such as stereotype awareness, the impact of bias in the workplace, and strategies to mitigate bias.

Outcome The training equipped employees with the knowledge and tools to recognise and counteract their biases, leading to a more inclusive culture.

Strategy 2 Diversity and Inclusion ERG and Committee

Objective Integrate D&I into the fabric of the company by involving leaders and employees in ongoing discussions and initiatives.

Implementation Establish both a D&I ERG (employee level) and Committee (includes leader level) responsible for monitoring diversity metrics, advocating for underrepresented groups, and ensuring that D&I efforts were aligned with the company's broader business goals.

Outcome: Played a crucial role in ensuring that D&I initiatives were continuously improved and adapted to meet the company's evolving needs.



Strategy 3 Bias-Busting Workshops

Objective To provide employees with practical tools to identify and reduce bias in real-time, particularly in hiring and performance reviews.

Implementation Conduct "Bias-Busting" workshops where participants engage in interactive exercises designed to highlight common biases, such as affinity bias or confirmation bias. Employees learn specific techniques to mitigate these biases, such as structured interviews and objective performance evaluations.

Outcome: These workshops help to standardise processes, set expectations and minimise bias, leading to fairer hiring practices and more equitable performance evaluations.

Emotional Intelligence Skills for D&I Leaders



Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand and manage your emotions, as well as recognise and influence the emotions of those around you.

(Harvard Business School)

More than a decade ago, Daniel Goleman highlighted the importance of emotional intelligence in leadership, telling the Harvard Business Review,

“The most effective leaders are all alike in one crucial way: They all have a high degree of what has come to be known as emotional intelligence’.

Daniel Goleman.

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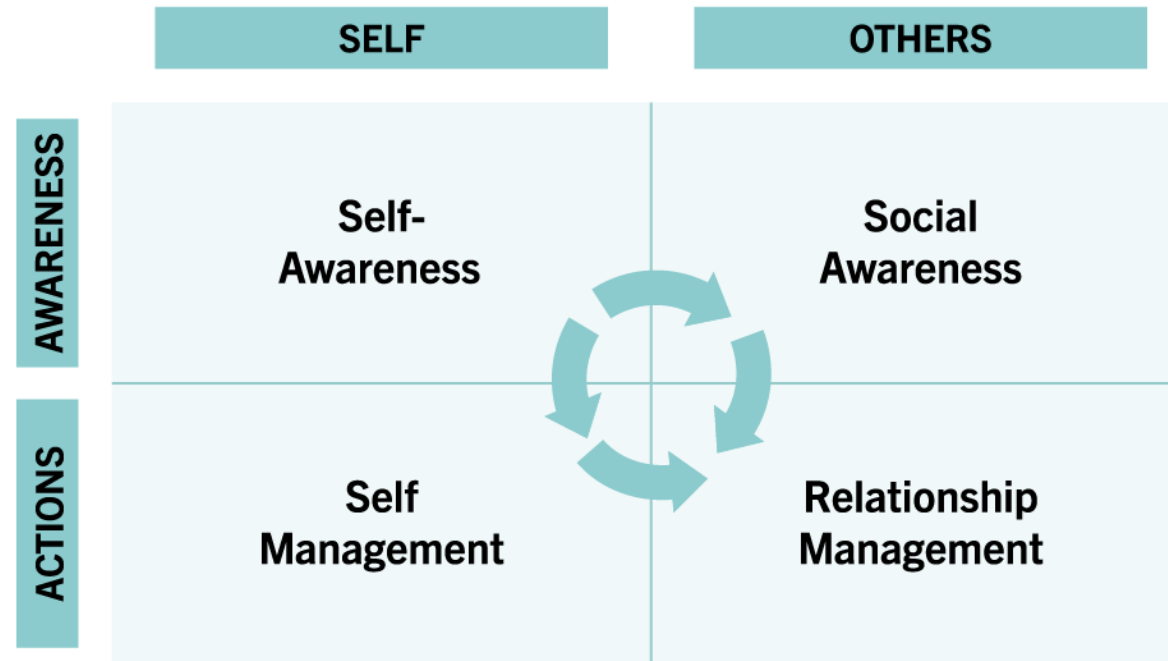
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What is it? Emotional Intelligence is the capacity to be aware of, control, and express one's emotions, and to handle interpersonal relationships judiciously and empathetically. It consists of five core components:

1. **Self-awareness** Recognising your own emotions and how they affect your thoughts and behavior.
2. **Self-management** Managing your emotions in a healthy way, controlling impulsive feelings and behaviors, and taking responsibility for your actions. Being driven to achieve goals for the sake of achievement, with resilience and a positive attitude.
3. **Social Awareness** Managing relationships to move people in desired directions, including effective communication, conflict management, and teamwork.
4. **Relationship Management Empathy** Understanding the emotions of others and considering their perspectives.

4 Core Competencies of Emotional Intelligence



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The importance Implementing Emotional Intelligence for the first time in an SME is important because it can lead to more effective communication, stronger team dynamics, and improved decision-making. Here's why it is important that leaders have EI

Improved Communication EI helps leaders articulate their thoughts clearly and listen to others effectively, which is crucial in the close-knit and often fast-paced environment of an SME.

- ❖ **Stronger Leadership** Leaders with high EI can inspire and motivate their teams, handle stress better, and create a more positive work environment.
- ❖ **Better Decision-Making** EI allows leaders to consider both logical and emotional aspects of a decision, leading to more balanced, thoughtful, innovative and often more profitable outcomes.
- ❖ **Enhanced Employee Relations** By understanding and managing emotions, leaders can resolve conflicts more effectively, and collaboration is strengthened.

How to be Emotionally Intelligent (for Managers and Leaders)

»» 1. Self-awareness

- Self-awareness is at the core of everything in leadership. It describes your ability to not only understand your strengths and weaknesses but to recognise your emotions and their effect on you and your team's performance. In a D&I context, self-awareness is crucial for identifying unconscious biases and ensuring they don't negatively affect decision-making or team dynamics.
- According to research by organizational psychologist Tasha Eurich, 95% of people think they're self-aware, but only 10 to 15% actually are, and that can pose problems for your employees. This gap can hinder D&I efforts, as leaders who lack self-awareness may unintentionally perpetuate exclusion or overlook diverse perspectives.
- Working with colleagues who aren't self-aware can cut a team's success in half and, according to Eurich's research, lead to increased stress and decreased motivation.
- To effectively implement D&I, start by enhancing your self-awareness. A practical method is a 360-degree feedback, where you assess your behaviour and compare it with feedback from colleagues at different levels. This process helps uncover blind spots in your leadership and how you might be perceived by employees. By gaining these insights, you can adjust your actions to better support an inclusive workplace, promoting an environment where all team members feel valued and heard.

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»» 2. Self-management

- Self-management in the D&I context refers to the ability to manage your emotions, particularly in stressful situations, and maintain a positive outlook and inclusive approach despite setbacks. D&I leaders who struggle with self-management might react impulsively, which can undermine the inclusive environment they are trying to promote and nurture.
- Reactions are often automatic and can be counterproductive in a diverse workplace. However, by developing emotional intelligence, particularly in the area of self-management, leaders can transition from reacting to responding thoughtfully.
- In practice, this means taking a moment to pause, breathe, and collect oneself before addressing stressful situations. Whether it's stepping away to clear your mind or seeking perspective from a trusted colleague, these strategies help leaders respond in a manner that supports a positive, inclusive workplace culture.
- By managing their emotions effectively, SME leaders can set the tone for a more respectful and collaborative environment, which is crucial for driving successful D&I initiatives.

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»» 3. Social Awareness

- It is crucial for leaders to not only understand and manage their own emotions but also to be attuned to the emotions and dynamics of their employees and within their team. This is where social awareness comes into play. Social awareness involves recognising the emotions of others and understanding the interpersonal dynamics that influence your organization.
- Leaders who excel in social awareness demonstrate strong empathy. They make a conscious effort to understand their colleagues' feelings and perspectives, which enhances their ability to communicate and collaborate effectively. In the context of D&I, this skill is essential for creating an environment where all voices are heard and valued.
- According to the global leadership development firm DDI, empathy is ranked as the top leadership skill. Leaders who excel in empathy perform over 40% better in areas like coaching, engaging others, and decision-making.
- Additionally, a study by the Center for Creative Leadership found that managers who display empathy toward their team members are perceived as better performers by their superiors.
- By leading with empathy, SME leaders can more effectively support their diverse teams, promoting an inclusive environment that not only enhances team cohesion but also boosts overall performance.

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»» 4. Relationship Management

- Relationship management involves the ability to influence, coach, mentor, and resolve conflicts while enabling a workplace culture that values and respects diversity. While some may prefer to avoid conflict, addressing issues promptly and effectively is crucial, especially in a diverse workplace. Unresolved conflicts can lead to misunderstandings, reduced collaboration, and a toxic work environment. Research indicates that unaddressed conflicts can waste approximately eight hours of company time per conflict in gossip and other unproductive activities, draining resources and morale. This time loss can be even more pronounced in SMEs, where resources are often more limited.
- To maintain a positive and inclusive work environment, it's essential to engage in difficult conversations when necessary. Addressing conflicts with empathy and respect ensures that all employees feel valued and heard, which is foundational to D&I. According to a survey by the Society for Human Resource Management, 72% of employees ranked "respectful treatment of all employees at all levels" as the most important factor in job satisfaction. This highlights the importance of nurturing an environment where respect and inclusion are prioritised.
- In an SME, where teams are often closely knit, effective relationship management can significantly impact overall team cohesion and performance. Leaders who master the art of relationship management in D&I can build stronger, more collaborative teams, leading to a more innovative, inclusive and productive workplace.



Emotional Intelligence

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Impacts of Emotional Intelligence Strategies

- **Enhanced Leadership** By integrating emotional intelligence into its leadership training, it developed a cadre of leaders who are not only technically proficient but also emotionally attuned to the needs of their diverse teams.
- **Stronger Team Collaboration** The emphasis on EI has led to better communication and collaboration within teams, as employees feel more understood and supported.
- **Improved Innovation** The focus on psychological safety and empathy has encouraged the sharing of diverse ideas, leading to more creative and innovative solutions



Strategy 1 Implemented Company Wide 'Search Inside Yourself (SIY) Program'

Objective To cultivate emotional intelligence and mindfulness among employees and leaders to create a more empathetic and inclusive workplace.

Implementation Implement the "Search Inside Yourself" program, which combines mindfulness practices with emotional intelligence training. This program teaches leaders and employees how to manage their emotions, develop self-awareness, and improve interpersonal communication. The training includes modules on self-regulation, empathy, and social skills, all of which are essential for inclusive leadership.

Outcome Participants of the SIY program reported higher levels of self-awareness, improved ability to manage stress, and a greater sense of empathy toward their colleagues. This led to more cohesive and supportive teams.



Strategy 2 Emotional Intelligence Training in Leadership Development

Objective: To ensure that the company's owner, managers and leaders are equipped with the emotional intelligence skills needed to lead diverse teams effectively.

Implementation of emotional intelligence training into its leadership development programs.

This included workshops focused on understanding and managing emotions, fostering empathy, and building strong interpersonal relationships.

Leaders were taught how to use emotional intelligence to better understand the diverse needs of their teams, communicate more effectively, and create an inclusive work environment.

Outcome Leaders who participated in this training were better able to connect with their teams, navigate conflicts, and make decisions that reflected the diverse perspectives within their groups.

This contributed to a more inclusive leadership approach across the company.



Strategy 3 Promoted Psychological Safety by Implementing a Supportive D&I Environment

Objective To create a work environment where employees feel safe to express themselves, share ideas, and take risks without fear of judgment or retribution.

Implementation The company emphasised the importance of psychological safety—a key component of emotional intelligence—through various initiatives.

This included training managers to recognise and mitigate their biases, encourage open communication, and foster a culture where every team member's voice is heard. Leaders and managers were coached to use EI skills to create a supportive atmosphere where diversity of thought was encouraged and valued.

Outcome Teams that reported higher levels of psychological safety were found to be more innovative and effective. The focus on psychological safety led to increased employee satisfaction and retention, as well as improved team performance.

Time to Take Inclusive Leadership Action!

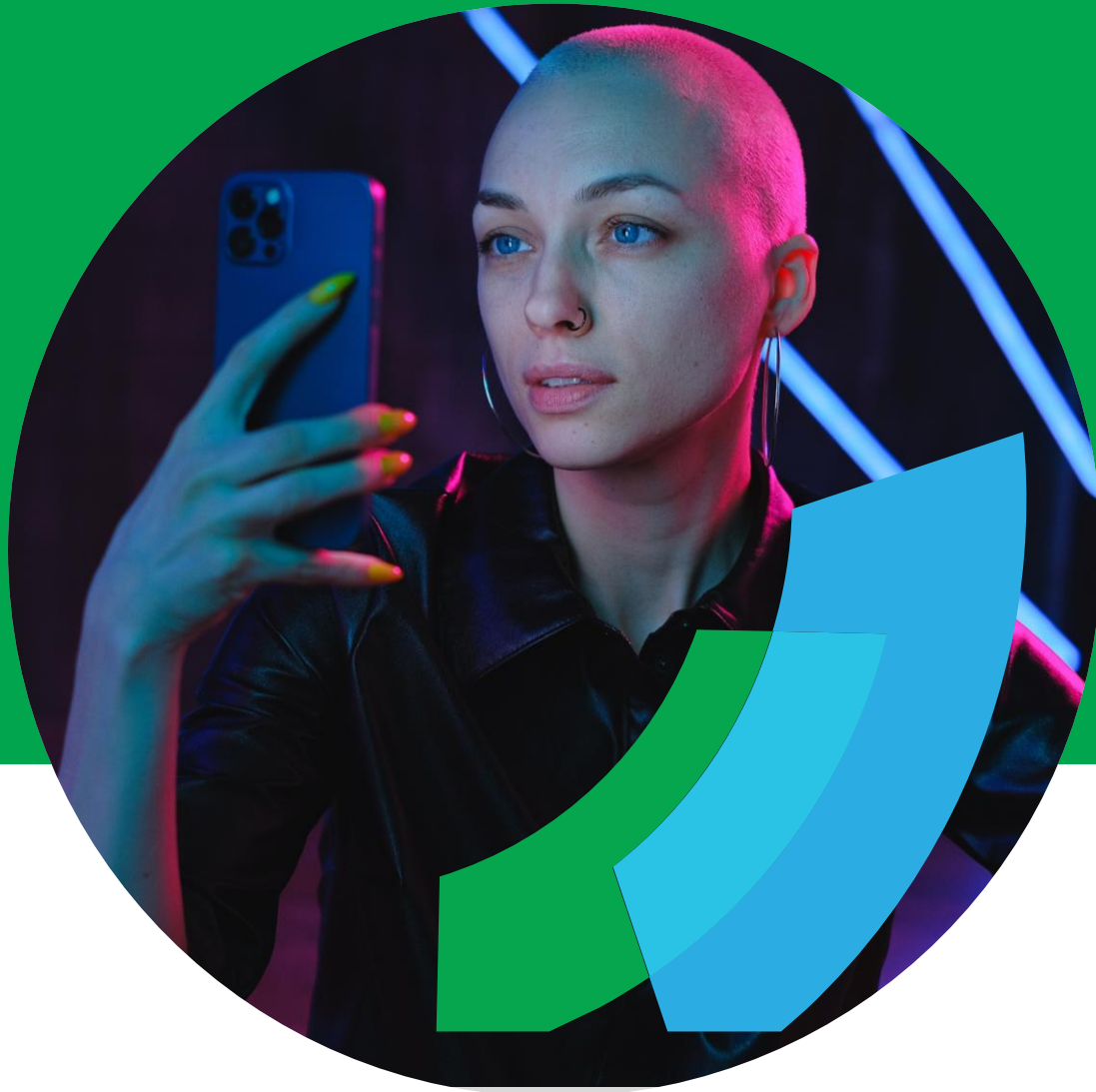
- ❑ Identify areas where you can improve **inclusivity** in your leadership approach.
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- ❑ Set specific goals to address areas or gaps
- ❑ Seek feedback from your team regularly



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How Leaders can Tap into the Power of Neurodiversity!

Let's look a bit deeper into neurodiversity and explore how it can benefit companies, how people with Neurodiversity are different but can be better for certain tasks and can ultimately enhance team and drive innovation!

What is Neurodiversity?

Neurodiversity describes the fact that people's brains work differently, which means they have different ways of communicating and thinking. Typically, a workplace is full of employees whose brains work in many different ways e.g., people with ADHD, dyslexia, dyspraxia, dyscalculia etc. By understanding neurodiversity employers and managers are better able to understand employees and enable them to do their best work and add the most value. A [neurodiversity glossary](#) can help with your understanding of neurodivergent terms.

(Source [Inclusive Employers](#))



Benefits of Neurodiversity Unique Cognitive Strengths

Neurodiverse employees can bring specialised skills such as pattern recognition, attention to detail, and creative problem-solving, which can drive innovation in areas like coding, software testing, and system design.

Examples below;

Pattern Recognition A neurodiverse software developer with strong pattern recognition skills identifies subtle inconsistencies in large codebases that others might overlook. This ability helps to detect and fix bugs early in the development process, significantly reducing the time and cost associated with troubleshooting later stages.

Attention to Detail A neurodiverse quality assurance (QA) tester excels in finding minute errors in software before it is released. Their meticulous attention to detail ensures that the software is highly reliable, leading to increased customer satisfaction and fewer post-release patches.

Creative Problem-Solving A neurodiverse data analyst uses unconventional methods to analyse complex data sets, uncovering hidden insights that lead to innovative product features. Their ability to think creatively about data helps the company identify new market opportunities that were previously unexplored.

Source Neurodiversity in the workplace | Deloitte Insights



Benefits of Neurodiversity Offer Different Perspectives

Thinking Outside the Box During a brainstorming session on improving user experience, a neurodiverse UX designer can suggest a completely new approach to navigation based on their unique understanding of user needs. This idea, which deviates from traditional design paradigms, results in a more intuitive interface that garners praise from users and increases product adoption.

Alternative Approaches to Problem-Solving A neurodiverse software architect can approach a complex system integration challenge from a different angle than the rest of the team. Instead of focusing on conventional methods, they can propose a modular design that simplifies the integration process, reducing time-to-market and making future updates easier to implement.



Benefits of Neurodiversity Productivity Boost

High Focus in Technical Roles A neurodiverse coder with the ability to hyperfocus can possibly complete a complex algorithm development task in half the time it would take their peers. With the right accommodations, such as noise-canceling headphones and a quiet workspace, their productivity significantly exceeds that of the average team member, helping the company meet tight deadlines.

Consistency in Routine Tasks A neurodiverse employee working in data entry consistently produces accurate and error-free work at a high volume. Their ability to maintain focus and adhere to routine tasks without becoming distracted leads to a significant boost in the team's overall productivity. They tend to enjoy these tasks while other employees may find these tasks mundane and boring and find it hard to concentrate.

Innovation Through Detail-Oriented Work A neurodiverse engineer working on hardware design can meticulously reviews each component for potential improvements. Their thoroughness can lead to the discovery of a design flaw that, when corrected, this can enhance the product's durability and performance, giving the company a competitive edge in the market.



How they Differ but Better Focused Expertise

Neurodiverse employees often excel in tasks that require deep concentration and technical detail, which can lead to higher quality and more innovative outcomes.

Example Precision in Data Analytics

A financial services company is working on analyzing vast datasets to detect fraud patterns. A neurodiverse data analyst, who thrives in environments requiring deep concentration, is assigned to this task.

The analyst's ability to focus intensely for extended periods allows them to identify subtle, complex patterns that others might miss. This leads to the development of a more sophisticated algorithm for fraud detection, which significantly reduces false positives and enhances the company's ability to prevent fraudulent activities.

Outcome The company gains a competitive edge by offering a more accurate fraud detection system, attracting more clients who require high security and accuracy.



Differ but Better Resilience and Perseverance

Many neurodiverse individuals have developed strong problem-solving skills and resilience, making them highly capable in roles that involve overcoming challenges or troubleshooting complex systems.

Example Perseverance in Product Development

In a high-pressure product development environment, a neurodiverse mechanical engineer is tasked with solving a persistent design flaw in a consumer electronics product. Despite multiple setbacks and failures, the engineer's resilience and determination drives her to experiment with numerous design iterations and solutions. Her unique approach and refusal to give up result in a breakthrough that not only resolves the issue but also enhances the overall product design, making it more durable and user-friendly.

Outcome The product receives positive feedback for its robustness, leading to increased sales and customer loyalty.



Differ but Better Enhanced Creativity

By thinking differently, neurodiverse employees can contribute novel ideas and approaches, which can be particularly valuable in industries that thrive on innovation, like software development.

Example Creative Problem-Solving in Marketing

A marketing team is struggling to come up with a campaign that differentiates their product in a crowded marketplace. A neurodiverse marketing strategist, who excels in thinking outside the box, is brought in to brainstorm ideas. The neurodiverse strategist proposes a campaign that leverages an entirely new medium and approach that the company had never considered before. The campaign focuses on storytelling and emotional connection, resonating deeply with the target audience. This is achieved by using different methods to competitors such as interactive podcasts, on the street vlogs, VR experiences, User Generated Content platforms catering to a niche but growing audience segment that values immersive, emotional, interactive content.

Outcome The campaign goes viral, significantly boosting brand visibility and leading to a surge in sales. The company's innovative approach sets a new standard in the industry, with competitors seeking to emulate their success.

Learning Outcomes

By the end of this module, participants will be able to:

- Recognise the **need for inclusive leadership skills** and understand their role in fostering a work environment that values diversity.
- **Apply strategies to cultivate inclusive teams** where all members feel respected, valued, and empowered to contribute.
- **Utilize key inclusive leadership skills**—such as empathy, self-awareness, and cultural intelligence—to build trust and effective communication within teams.
- **Identify unconscious bias** and implement practical methods to reduce its impact on team cohesion and decision-making processes.
- **Leverage emotional intelligence** to manage diverse teams and navigate challenges related to conflict resolution, motivation, and team dynamics.
- **Harness the power of neurodiversity** by understanding the cognitive strengths of neurodiverse individuals and implementing strategies to maximize their contribution to team success.



Well Done!

Module 2 Part 2

Now Move to Module 2 Part 3

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