

QUOTES, QUIBBLE, QUESTION

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WELCOME

Welcome, this week we are focusing on Why Organisations Create Leadership Development Programs and "Sheep Dip" Everyone

Today, we dive into the practice of leadership development programs in organisations and the tendency to apply a one-size-fits-all approach, commonly known as "sheep dipping." We'll explore the pros and cons, the impact on people, engagement, loyalty, and more.

QUOTES

"Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become a leader, success is all about growing others." – [Jack Welch](#)

"Leadership is not about being in charge. It is about taking care of those in your charge." – [Simon Sinek](#)

"The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership." – [Harvey S. Firestone](#)

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."
– [John Quincy Adams](#)

Q U I B B L E

Exploring the Complaint

"Why should I spend time on training that doesn't address my specific needs or help me grow in my unique role?"

The dissatisfaction expressed in this complaint is common among employees who find themselves enrolled in generic leadership development programs. Let's break down the various aspects of this concern and explore why it resonates so strongly with employees.

The Nature of the Complaint

Relevance to Individual Roles - Generic programs often miss the specific challenges of diverse roles, leaving employees feeling the training isn't applicable.

Specific Needs and Goals - Standardized training overlooks personal career goals, failing to cater to individual growth aspirations.

Practical Application - Broad concepts don't always translate to day-to-day realities, making the training less useful.

Why This Matters

Engagement and Motivation - Irrelevant training leads to disengagement and decreased motivation.

Perceived Value - Employees see irrelevant training as a poor use of time, diminishing its overall value.

Retention and Loyalty - Unmet development needs push employees to seek opportunities elsewhere, increasing turnover.

Detailed Breakdown of the Issue

Diverse Job Functions - Generic programs don't address varied competencies needed for different roles.

Experience Levels - Needs differ for new managers versus seasoned leaders; one-size-fits-all training fails both.

Industry-Specific Needs - Unique challenges of different industries are often overlooked.

Individual Learning Styles - Generic programs may not cater to diverse learning preferences.

Addressing the Complaint

Customized Training Paths - Develop tailored programs for different roles and experience levels.

Needs Assessment - Regularly assess and understand specific employee development needs.

Flexible Learning Options - Offer a variety of learning formats to suit different styles and schedules.

Feedback and Iteration - Continuously improve training based on participant feedback.

Career Development Plans - Align training with personal career goals to ensure relevance.

In conclusion, generic training programs often fail to meet specific needs, leading to disengagement and higher turnover. To address this, organizations should invest in personalized, relevant, and flexible leadership development programs, enhancing engagement and loyalty.

Q U E S T I O N

"How can our organization balance the efficiency of a standardized leadership development program with the need for personalized growth opportunities to truly engage and retain our future leaders?"

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