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# **Leading a Post Pandemic Workforce**



# About Me



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# Leading a Post Pandemic Workforce Programme Overview



# The Great Management Shift

70%

of change management programs fail to achieve their goals, largely due to employee resistance and lack of management support.

Embracing our new BANI world

Developing your resilience

Overcoming hybrid/remote working challenges

Taking positive action



# Current Challenges

- Unstable economic climate causing uncertainty
- Mass redundancies within certain sectors
- Staff recruitment/retention issues
- Changes in work environment – remote/hybrid –
- Ineffective communication, disconnection
- Increase in staff reporting stress and poor mental health
- Limited resources
- Change fatigue



*Change Report found that 43% of employees believe their employer is not prepared to effectively manage workplace change.*



73% of employees affected by change say they're suffering from moderate to high stress levels



The biggest reason for change resistance is a lack of trust in leadership



70% of employees choose their supervisors as their preferred senders of messages during change



Transformation is 5.8 times more likely to be successful when CEOs communicate a compelling story



75% of transformation efforts don't deliver the hoped-for results



74% say leaders need to do more to understand why people are change resistant



46% of CIOs think culture is the biggest barrier to change



31% of CEOs are fired for not managing change well enough



Nearly 1 in 5 would consider leaving their job if a big organisational change occurred



Frontline employees taking initiative to drive change elevates the success by whopping 71%

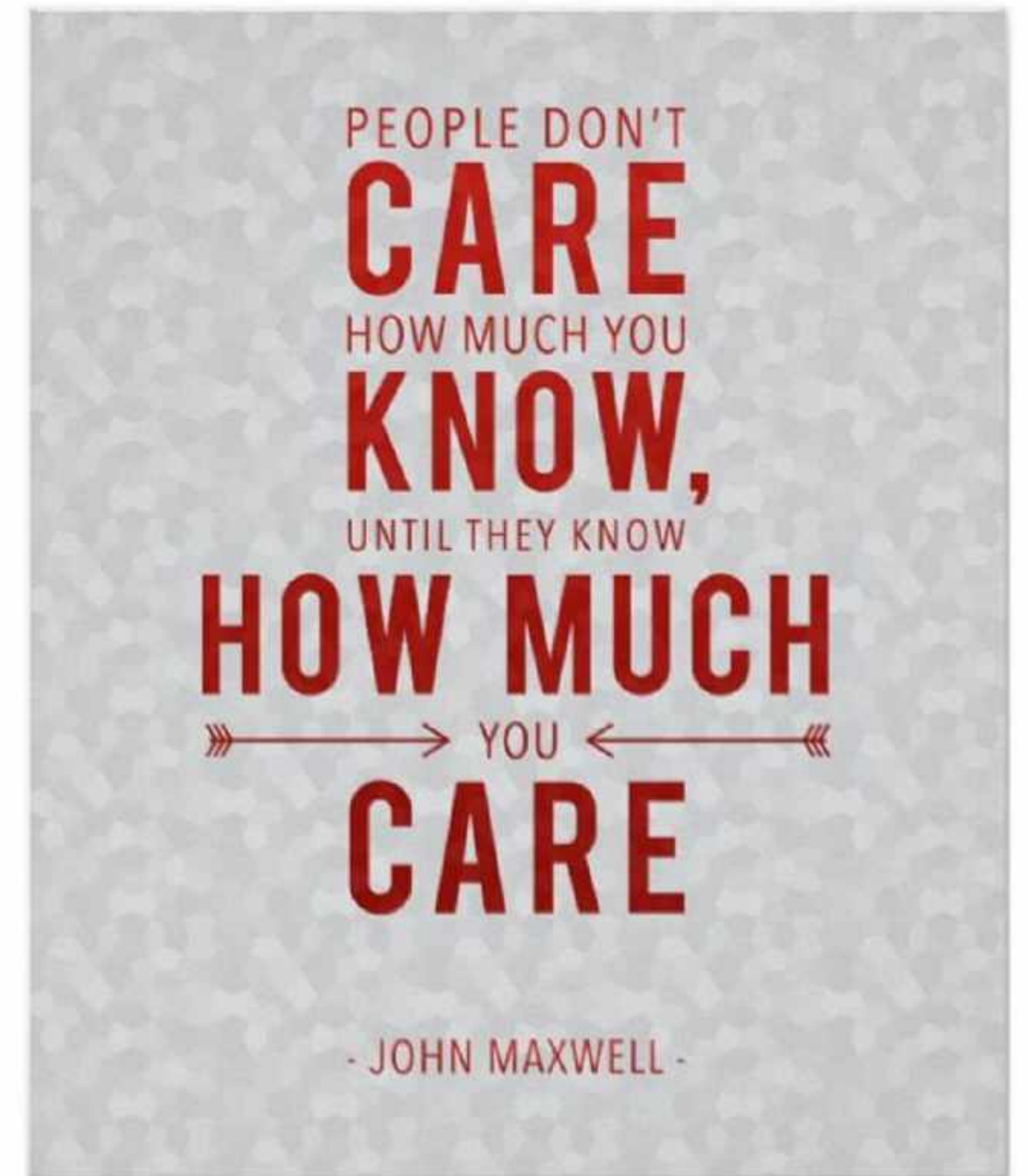
# Redesigning Your Role

Shift from Delivery to Consultative Managerial Style

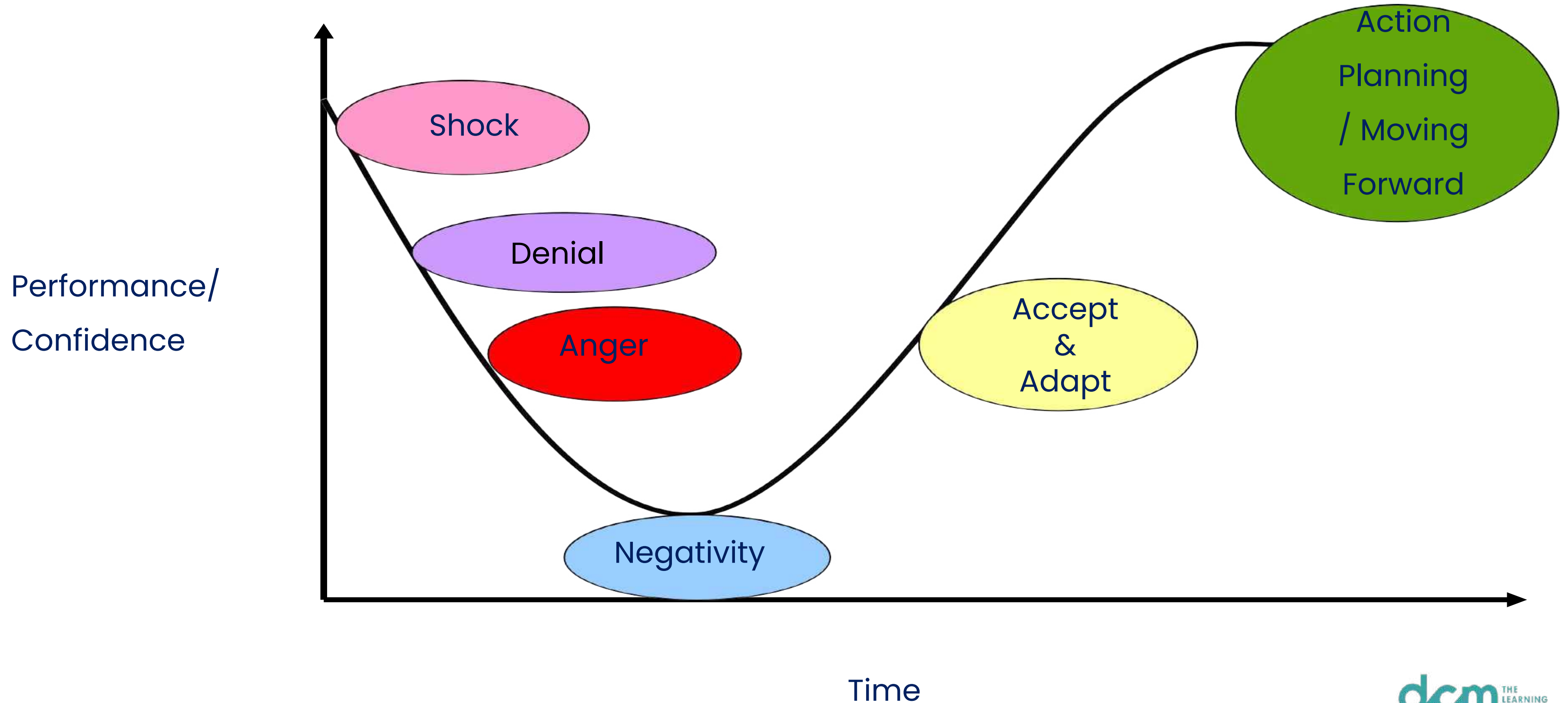
Executive sponsorship - values driven and demonstrated behaviour

Dedicated resources and funding - ongoing training, support  
and development

Employee involvement - buy in



# Kubler-Ross Change Model





# Overcoming Resistance

Expect resistance

Uncover root causes

Take action - Invest in people development - Seek out resources/support required

Create new meaningful goals - short term wins

Regular Check ins

Challenge and upgrade your mindset and attitude to view disruption and change as an opportunity for innovation and growth

Become curious and courageous about what is possible

Focus on what you can control

Adopt a 'can do' attitude

Increase self belief and confidence in your ability and adaptability

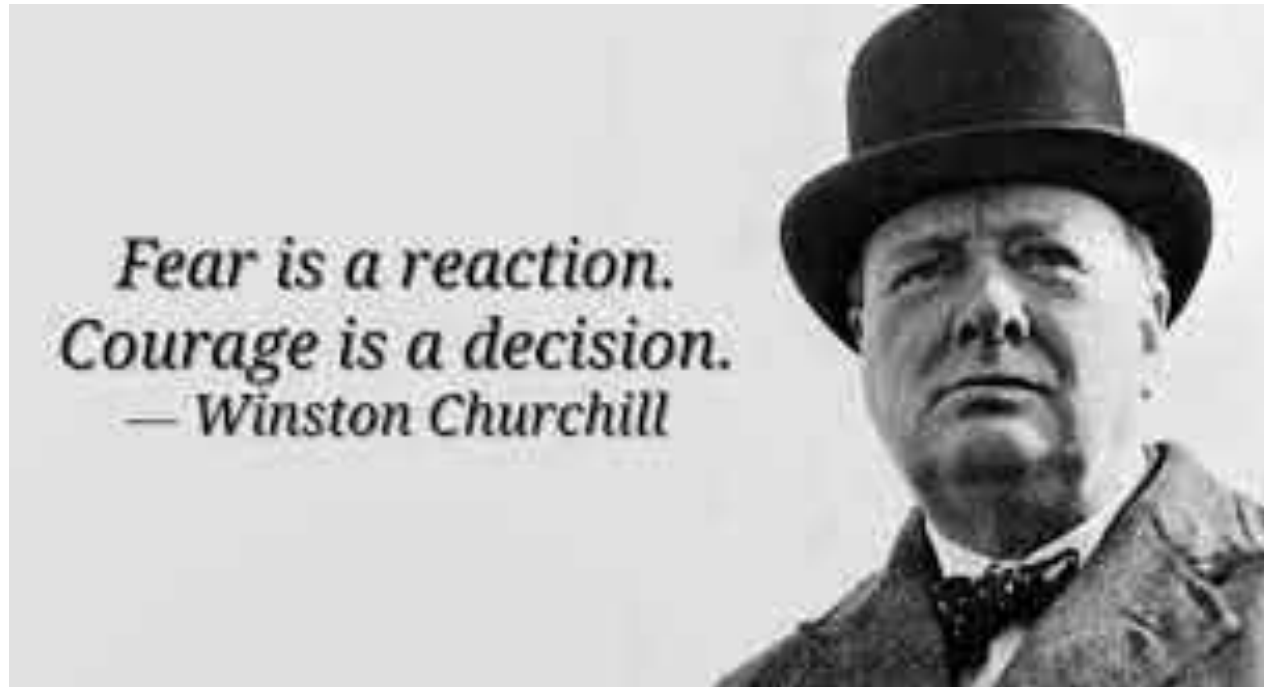
Bring highest values to life in daily actions

Get comfortable with being uncomfortable - challenge and stretch yourself.



# Become A Champion Of Change

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***Mckinsey reports that frontline employees can elevate the success of change programmes to 71%!***

# Developing Greater Resilience

## Resilience

Your capacity to continually change and adapt in our challenging world by utilising your strengths and available resources to assist in times of stress.

# You're Already Resilient!

Learned to cycle/climb a tree  
Started new school  
Became skillful at a sport  
Gained proficiency with musical instrument  
Learned to swim  
Made new friends  
Became a confident driver  
Sat and passed exams  
Started a new chapter at college  
Succeeded in job interviews  
Mastered new job roles  
Bounced back after relationships  
Overcame family challenges  
Coped with loss  
Relocation/new beginning  
Recovered from health issues  
Job restructuring after COVID 19



Persistent  
Curious  
Optimistic  
Positive  
Focused  
Inspired  
Determined  
Fearless  
Confidence  
Ambition  
Desire  
Challenge



Your why  
was bigger than  
your fear

# Why Increase Resilience?

Reduce mental/emotional impact of challenge

Increases ability to cope, let go and move on from adversity

Helps us remain calm, maintain objectivity and perspective

Enables us to be open, think more creatively and become solution focused

We become more flexible and adaptable

Increases optimism and wellbeing

Boosts confidence and self belief

# You're Already Resilient!

Times I was proud of myself/achieved/overcame challenge	How I felt/What I thought afterwards	Positive Impact/Benefit

# Grow Your Strengths

Explore, Identify, Develop

My top strengths	How I use my strengths daily	What I could do to use my strengths more

Which will you focus on today?  
How would doing this make you feel?  
What difference will that make in your life?



# To Be Happy, Healthy And Well

## What Do You Need Daily?

Mentally I need	Emotionally I need	Physically I need	Spiritually I need



# Learn To Let Go

What went well/what worked

What I could do better/differently next time

How will I do that

Choose to move forward



# Resilience Self Audit

Sleep hygiene	
Nutrition	
Exercise	
Outdoors	
Fun/humour	
Connection to others	
Downtime	
Gratitude	
Presencing practices	
Recognise wins	
Limit technology	
Connect to your why	
Challenge yourself	
Develop your strengths	



Create and adapt your own list to suit your abilities

On a scale 1-10

Is it where you want it?

What will you do differently to invest in your resilience?

# Embracing Challenges & Concerns

**Eliminating Unconscious Bias**

**Promoting Equity and Inclusion**



# What Are People Feeling?

Isolated

Forgotten

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Disconnected from teams

Waning morale

Pressurised to work longer hours

Judged by others

Technology challenges

What else?

How do you know?

What do they need?

How can you support them?



# Challenging Your Perspective

Practice role reversal

Many different views (all at least 10% right)

Challenge your thought and behavioural patterns/bias/assumptions/judgements/values/beliefs

Helps eliminate/mitigate unconscious bias and blind spots



# Equality v Equity

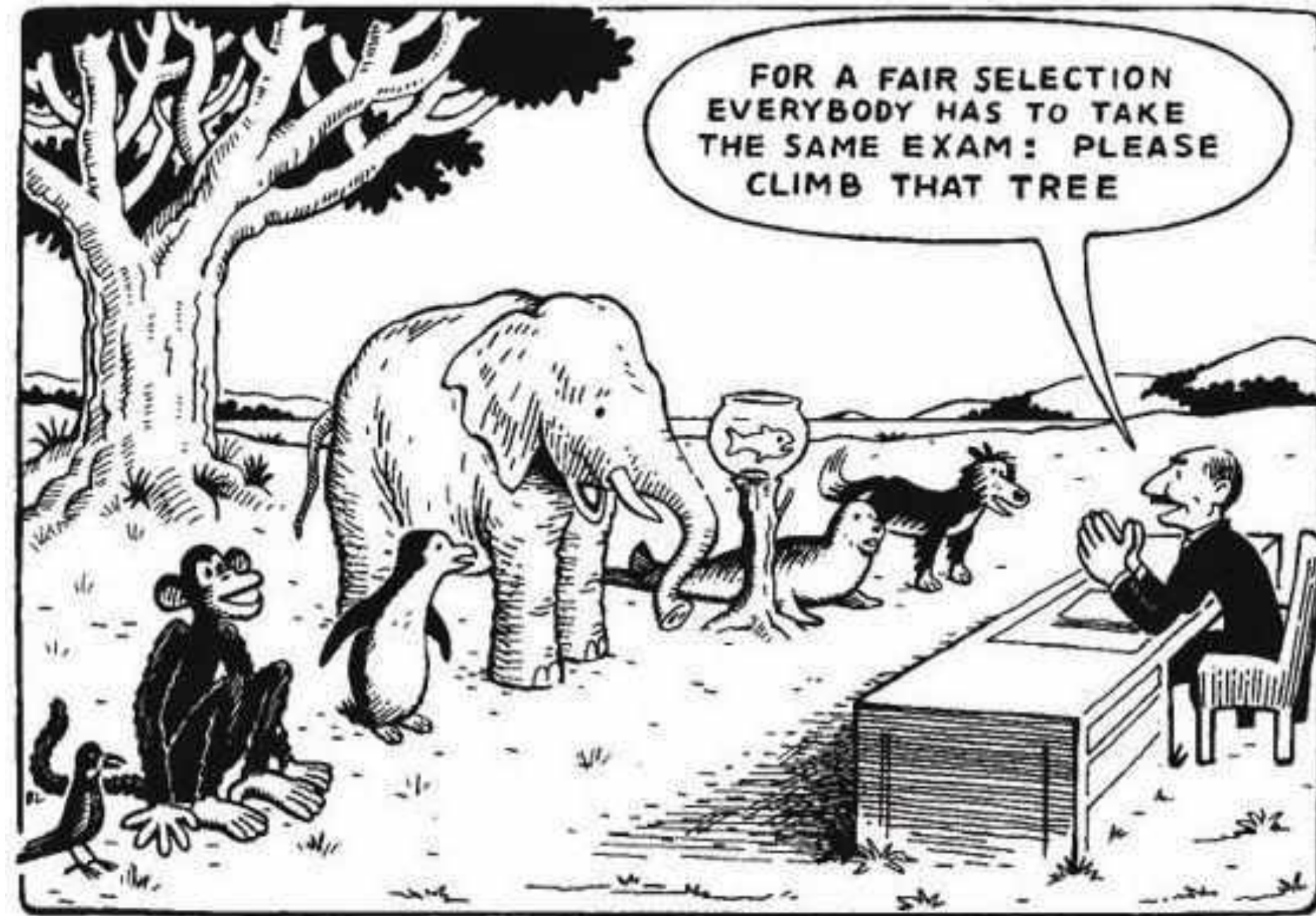
## Equality

When everyone is treated equally they are given the same equal rights regardless of existing barriers they face.

## Equity

Individuals are unique, have different circumstances, needs and their specific requirements are taken into account.

Ensuring policies and processes are fair and appropriate resources available for equal opportunity to reach potential and achieve highest outcome



# Inclusion

Integration of diversity and equity in action where individual needs taken into account

People are actively included and valued for their different perspectives

Individuals feel like they belong, can equally engage and participate by being their authentic selves

Recognising and encouraging inclusion:

fuels creativity

increases performance

brings people together

promotes and encourage collaboration

**DIVERSITY IS A FACT.**

**EQUITY IS A CHOICE.**

**INCLUSION IS AN ACTION.**

**BELONGING IS AN OUTCOME.**

# Unconscious Bias

Unfair prejudice for/against someone or something

Inclination towards one way of thinking – or people most like us

Normal natural to function in complex social environment

Brain shortcut and fills in gaps based on experience, helps us make sense of world

Can't eliminate but can become aware of

Categorise people on basis of social status, job titles, gender, age etc

Clouds judgement/can make false assumptions

Need to adjust – impacts how we think, feel and act towards people – job promotion, projects, time off, workload, social events.





Proximity Bias – favour those we see more often – in person/remote

Attribution Bias – giving credit/blame for mistake

Affinity Bias – gravitate towards people like us

Maternal Bias – less committed or skilled

Likeability Bias – personality

Performance ability Bias – over estimate men's ability to women – impacts hiring/promotion decisions

Negativity bias

Confirmation bias – Find evidence to support what we think

Availability bias – Information/People

Negate Bias by supporting

In office days

Productivity logs v Hours worked

Clear expectations and boundaries

Social/cultural events

Weekly check ins

Perspective taking at meetings

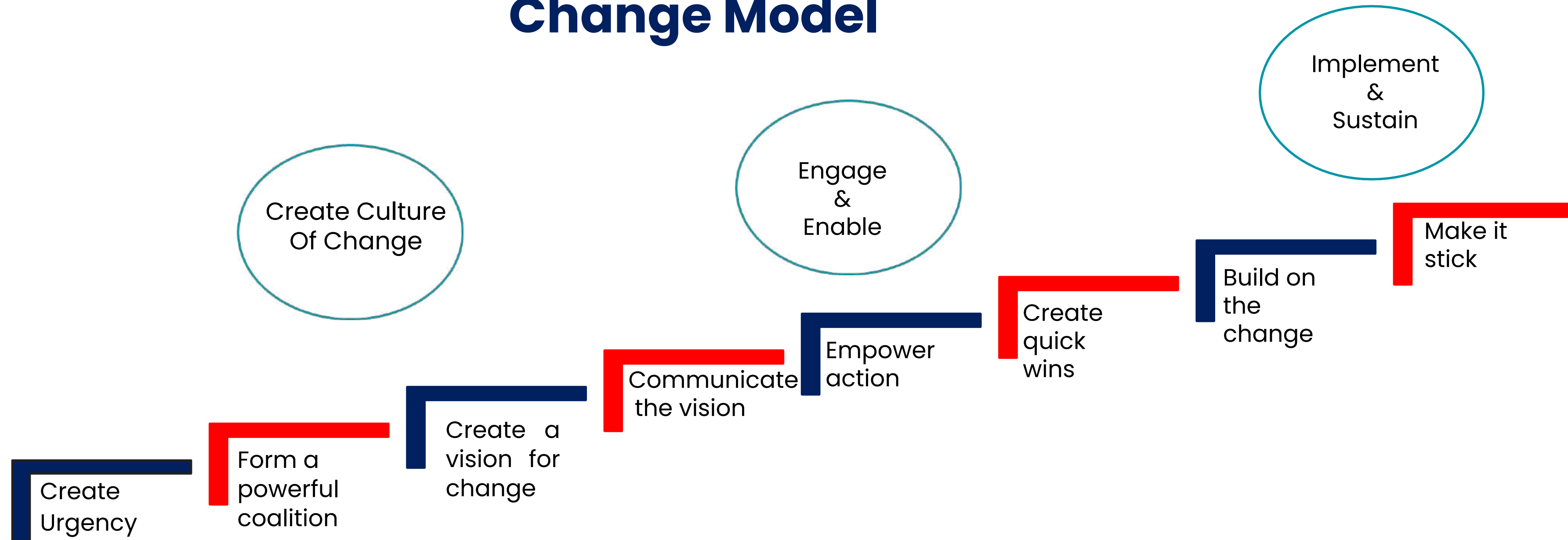
Ask what they need and want

<3% Of people don't  
recognise bias when  
they see it

# Promoting Change



# John Kotter's 8 Step Change Model



# Questions To Ask

What do we need to achieve?

Why?

How?

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When?

Where?

Who will be affected?

How will they react?

Do we have the resources to manage the change?

How do we communicate change and facilitate buy in?

How do we deal with resistance?

What part of the change do we need help with?

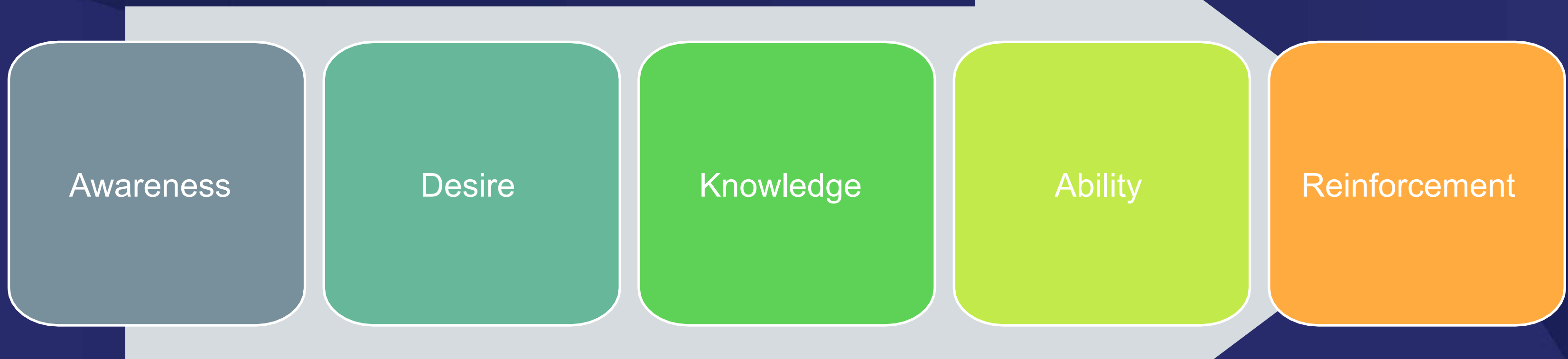
How do we know what success is and how is it going to be measured?

After the change, then what?



# Introducing Change

- 1 Build trust – be open and honest
- 2 Build a compelling logical case for organisational change
- 3 Match what you say with action
- 4 Involve the people affected from as early as is possible
- 5 Communicate a sense of confidence in the change
- 6 Repeat your main messages and be consistent



# Managing Remote/Hybrid Teams





## Remote Teams

Often temporary

Geographically dispersed

Temporally dispersed

Culturally diverse

Multilingual



# Remote Team Management



Communicate & collaborate work schedules

Encourage an “us” culture

Explore and set most effective modes of communication

Think about how you will measure performance/productivity

Create occasions to bring people together

Get to know your teams and their needs – check in often

Refine and redefine your company's mission and vision

Hire wisely, quiet hiring



# Remote Team Management

Clear rules to uphold professional behaviour

Clarity on tools, processes and resources, shared workspaces

Chain of communication and command

Ongoing training, mentoring, coaching

Lead to engage, motivate and inspire

Identify and brainstorm issues early

Provide timely, non-judgmental feedback

The Mindset – The Attitude – The Motivation – The Clarity – The Commitment

To confidently lead and empower your team  
through all seasons of change and uncertainty



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# Reflection

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My top take away from today is

The main areas I will level up my management skills are

I will do this by (action steps)

This will benefit me and my team by



# Summary & Questions

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