



“My Leadership Journey” Presentation

“Stories have to be told or they die, and when they die,
we can't remember who we are or why we're here.”
— Sue Monk Kidd, *The Secret Life of Bees*

You will be challenged to craft and share your leadership journeys to engage, inspire and teach us leadership lessons learned, and the experiences, challenges and opportunities that have made/make you who you are today.

“I didn't have time to write a short letter, so I wrote a long one instead.”
- Mark Twain

Genius is in the editing.

You will each be given 5-7 minutes but please let us know if you need additional time or if you have preferences as to where you fall on the agenda. Also, provide us with your AV needs at least two weeks in advance of the session.

You will then have an additional 5 minutes for questions/discussion with all team members.

You have the flexibility to work on this as an individual or feel free to collaborate with your peers.

PURPOSE:

To learn more about who you are and what are the raw ingredients and milestones that make you the leader/person you are today. Discovering and understanding our uniqueness allows us to get past titles and roles in order to learn about, respect and appreciate the real you. Sharing your story is the basis for connection with others.

“All great literature is one of two stories; a man goes on a journey or a stranger comes to town.” — Leo Tolstoy

LEADERSHIP

DEVELOPMENT:

Storytelling is one of the most important skills a leader must master. Leading change requires that the need for change and the vision or outcomes of change be shared in such a way as to inspire, compel, build trust and gain allies enough to make change happen and stick.

Skills include: Presentation and speaking skills; recognizing what about your story will be relevant to your audience, mastering the discipline needed to craft a great story and building a strong call to action.

Vulnerability may not be a skillset as such, but vulnerability, sincerity, and openness are all essential components of creating a compelling, relevant story and building trust with your team.

Benefits to You: Self-discovery is the road to self-actualization. Knowing who you are allows you to become who you want to be.

Great leaders are great storytellers.

“It's like everyone tells a story about themselves inside their own head. Always. All the time. That story makes you what you are. We build ourselves out of that story.”
— Patrick Rothfuss, *The Name of the Wind*

Benefits to the Teams: If trust is the mission critical foundation for great teams and collaboration, then crafting and telling your story in a way that authentically represents and reveals who you are is one of the most powerful trust builders there is.

Only when we are willing to invest in finding what makes each of us tick ... our strengths, weaknesses and uniqueness are we able to genuinely connect. Building trust by sharing your stories and learning moments helps teams weather challenges and stick together to make big things happen.

“Getting to know you, getting to know all about you.”
— Getting to Know You, Song from *The King and I*