

Transform Difficult Conversations into Important Conversations

"When you assume positive intent, you invite clarity instead of conflict"

Get Clear on Purpose & Mindset

Clarify Your Why: What's the goal of this talk? Choose curiosity over judgement.

Ask open questions, stay inquisitive.

Reframe 'difficult' as 'important.'

Prepare & Structure

Map the Territory:

Plan discussion, order & outcomes

Use SIBC

Situation: What happened?

Behaviour: What did you observe? **Impact:** How did it affect you/your

team?

Change: What's needed instead?

Communicate with Clarity & Kindness

Clear is Kind: Focus on facts, not emotion. Keep your tone simple & human.

Embrace silence: Discomfort drives growth.

Your voice defines your values. Use it well.

"Growth happens at the edge of support & challenge"

Inspire as a Cheerleader:

Acknowledge strengths

Challenge as a Critic:

Give constructive feedback

Guide as a Coach:

Ask questions, co-create solutions

"Every time you give feedback, invite feedback"

Act Promptly, Not Perfectly

Avoid using **'busy'** as an excuse. **Delaying** tough talks only **builds anxiety**

You can't walk on a lumpy carpet - unresolved issues don't flatten themselves.

Listen, Reflect, Improve

Actively Listen.

Ask Questions:

Deepen understanding before responding

Reflect & Iterate:

What did/did not work, and why?

