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5 Reasons Why Your Staff Training Is Killing Morale.

Paper Overview:

As organisations across the GCC and Asia pivot to meet ambitious Vision 2030 goals and ESG mandates many HR and learning and development (L&D) professionals face a growing tension.

Traditional corporate training no longer meets the evolving expectations of a multi-generational and disengaged group of Gen Z professionals and management.

In this brief paper we explore the urgent need to modernise workplace learning approaches, moving away from outdated, static models toward agile coached facilitation that is fully contextual, timely, and learner-driven.

Linkedin Is Stealing Your Best People.

As of 2025, HR and L&D are responsible for catalysing agile adaptation, not just closing skills gaps. Across the region recurring frustrations include, conflicting generational expectations, a lack of meaningful developmental choices and worries of escalating staff resignations as Linkedin offers the perfect avenue for the competition to cherry-pick your best young talent.

The 5 Ways We Work That Push Our Best Staff to Quit

1.Staff development sessions are often perceived as lacking relevance:
Despite generous budgets and good intentions many leadership programs fail to resonate with the unique realities of fast-evolving organisations.
Participants may attend training sessions, but few are transformed back at their desks.

2.Training is frequently disconnected from the actual Here and Now needs of your people:
Seriously boring generic content is imposed top-down, failing to address the real day-to-day pressures of managing teams, failing to drive innovation, or adapt to regulatory change in an increasing complex world.

3.Engagement among younger professionals is an all-time low:
With the pace of global communication standards, instant feedback, online-learning choice, and goal-driven careers, your emerging workforce demands much more choice, for their interactive, personalised and meaningful learning journeys.

4. Legacy silos persist and are killing cross-functional collaboration.
In many cases, departments operate as isolated units, leading to duplicated efforts and fragmented organisational learning with a lack collaborations and useful support.

5. After the training there isn't a support process to implement the new learnings – but it's a Must:
Let's be honest about the reality on the ground: training sessions are constantly interrupted—phones ringing, messages pinging, pressures mounting. Participants are anxious about competing priorities back in the office and often need to slip out of the training to make calls.
Where is the clear head-space for meaningful collaborative creativity and innovation?

When the course ends, Sunday's chaos returns. By Tuesday, the insights and breakthrough ideas have evaporated in the rush to clear the backlog.

Which managers ask for a training debrief? Most have no idea what the training covered and show zero interest. Some are actually irritated their staff were "out of office" so long.

Without trainer follow-up and support, how are learners supposed to apply their new skills or spread them across departments?

How do they become genuine change agents who improve systems organisation-wide?

The result is pretty much a waste of time and money, all for a tick-box training and yet another certificate on Linkedin.

So, Here Are The 3 Main Reasons Your Training Is Failing Today's Workforce:

Conventional training is defined by a generic slide deck from the 'trainer expert', top-down imposed topics, and a one-size-fits-all outdated curriculum.

This approach is falling in three critical areas:

1. It lacks contextual relevance to their reality and daily frustrations:

Off-the-shelf content cannot adapt to the needs of Now, the cultural, linguistic, or operational nuances of each organisation or audience.

As a result, your people struggle to connect the material and delivery with their own work experiences.

What's said in the room is not what's in their heads - What's in their heads is not what being said in the room.

2. The usual PowerPoint-Monkey training ignores your staff autonomy and choice:

Today's professionals, especially Millennials and Gen Z need to be enabled as co-creators of their own independent learning journeys.

They demand choice, flexibility, and the ability to shape the direction of the sessions based on what matters most to them.

3. Traditional training generally fails to transfer learning into behavioural change.
Without structured follow-up and supportive coaching, or opportunities to apply new knowledge, new hacks in context, most of what is discussed is forgotten in their rush to get back to the office and deal with the mounting problem.

In fact, and let's be honest, most of their managers don't ask what was learned, they have no idea what knowledge or new ways of working has been gained. So their staff simply aren't facilitated to spread the new hacks to their friends, to become confident learning mentors or Agents of Change.

So, what's the point of this training and expense?

How Agile Coaching Can Power Your Vision 2030

To meet the needs of today's diverse and fast-moving workforce, organisations must re-imagine their approach to learning immediately.

Three contemporary models provide powerful awareness for this essential shift in the way we professionally develop our staff across the region.

1. Self-Determined Learning positions the learner as an active agent in the self-reflection learning process (Heutagogy: Hase and Kenyon, 2000).

Considerations of this approach recognise that adults bring existing knowledge and complex motivations to any learning situation.

2. The Learning Transfer Evaluation Model (LTEM: v.13, 2024, W. Thalheimer), re-orients attention from content delivery to supported measurable outcomes in the office.

It stresses that true learning effectiveness is determined not by knowledge recall but by its successful application and adoption of the new skills across the staff back in the workplace.

LTEM reinforces the need for experiential learning design, performance support tools, and post-training coaching to achieve lasting change.

3. The Individual Learning Journey Model stems from doctoral research conducted in the GCC adult learning domain (Dr Laurence H. Brown, 2002 - 2006), during the co-construction of the GCC's first online 'Flipped-Learning' hybrid degree programme.

This Individual Learning Journey model follows the precepts of both Heutagogy as well as LTEM, and was taken up by Saudi Arabia's largest energy company a decade ago.

These contemporary learning models underscore a fundamental truth as we move into the complexities of this year, that for professional development to be relevant, effective and authentic, it must be fully embedded, flexible, active and anchored in your staffs' authentic daily concerns.

Coached-Facilitation: The Only Fully Agile Response to Shifting Dynamic Needs

Coached facilitation is a learner-centric methodology in which facilitators engage participants as active Collaborators rather than passive (really bored) Recipients. These workshop sessions utilise design thinking tasks, coupled with the in-the-moment active listening skills of the professional coach.

The learning environment becomes a live forum where real challenges, tensions, and aspirations are brought into the open.

This method of Flipped-Learning is fully embraced by the training participants who become animated and fully engaged in deep discussions from the first hour, leaving their phone messages alone, and often staying after time for confidential individual coaching.

The coached-facilitation method is particularly effective in multicultural or second-language settings, where abstract theory may create barriers to learning. This inclusive and fun method prioritises contextual clarity, interaction and relevance, often within excitable bilingual discussions, leading to greater inclusivity, lasting collegiate trust and immediate positive impact beyond the training session.

Design Thinking group work breaks down operational silos and generates fresh perspectives, with post-training supported ESG/OE awareness and scenario planning exercises building strategic foresight and systemic awareness that extends across departments.

New Learning That Sticks — And Scales

The value of agile, coached interventions lies not only in the quality of learning from the discussion sessions but in the continuity of its effects.

When participants are engaged in their learning and encouraged to apply new techniques and outcomes as co-creators, they become confident Agents of Change back in the office, building morale and implementing and testing necessary processes amongst their peers and direct reports.

The increased motivation is a catalyst for change.

New routines and habits are more likely to be embedded into day-to-day team practices. Management skill toolkits are expanded along with core emotional intelligence approaches for the benefit of all. New hacks, new ways of working discussed during the sessions are carried back into meetings with direct reports, performance reviews, and project planning.

Participants experience a tangible increase in self-esteem, the belief that they can affect positive change and lead with increased agility.

This psychological shift offers increased confidence, proactive behaviour, resilience, and creative innovation. As more individuals gain the tools and confidence to experiment and support others, departmental silos are lowered and the organisation becomes more responsive

to change and better positioned to achieve its strategic goals.

So, in summary, during these practical workshops this new High Performing team are given the headspace to make their own discussions and choose their preferred solution to implement next week.

They now own their learning outcomes for real impact.

It's truly glorious to watch these lovely young people soar to new heights together. So, give them wings!

To engage tomorrow's leaders today, in a world of increasing transformation, the role of learning is no longer to transmit knowledge, it's not an information dump, but rather to build future-forward capacity with a wider range of future ready skill-sets; to Realise and Release the immense power, that hundreds of years of Human Capital Intelligence that already exists in your departments but is never activated.

How crazy is that?

In this scary, new volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world professional development must become a truly impactful strategic function that cultivates resilience, clarity, and adaptability across all

levels of the organisation.

This requires a deliberate and immediate shift in how learning investments are made. Rather than spend heavily on overly content-rich programs with a ridiculously impossible number of learning outcomes, organisations will find a far greater ROI in shorter and thus, less expensive, collaborative problem solving workshop sessions.

These truly engaging and inclusive workshops can be more regular, focused interventions that are designed to stimulate creativity in collaborative team working to retain and empower high-potential staff.

What We Must Do Now: A Call to Reimagine New Ways of Working Together

Organisations in the GCC and across Asia are not short on ambition, but without lighting the spark of collaborative engagement they risk losing their best staff.

You know that they are being headhunted daily, such as via Linkedin invitations, so many more staff than you realise are actively considering new roles which offer a greater individual choice of imperative learning topics and more immediate promotions. To engage tomorrow's leaders today, we must now adopt models that are fully agile, participatory, supported and strategically aligned to the nation's Vision 2030 Pillars.

Now is the time to stop treating training as a sleepy checkbox exercise , and start using it as a catalyst to recruit from your staff an army of dedicated Agents of Change to carry you all forward.

For L&D decision makers seeking to spark meaningful change, coached-facilitation with follow-up support offers not just a method, but an imperative Future-Forward pro-active mindset.

The road to Vision 2030 isn't paved with more information, it's built on insight, shared purpose, and the empowered sharing of new ways of working.

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