

# **Adaptive communication**

90-minute virtual session

In an increasingly diverse and fast-changing workplace, one-size-fits-all communication doesn't work. Leaders and professionals need to flex their communication styles based on the audience, context, and desired outcomes.

This practical session helps participants build the self-awareness and agility needed to adapt their communication, enhance collaboration, and increase their influence across different people and situations.

### Learning objectives

- Understand why adaptive communication is critical in today's workplace
- Identify different communication styles and preferences
- Explore practical strategies to flex your approach for different audiences
- Learn techniques for building rapport, clarity, and engagement
- Develop a personal plan to enhance communication adaptability

#### Session format

Sessions are usually run on Zoom or Teams. Please let us know if you prefer a different platform.

Groups of up to 12 recommended, up to 20 if necessary. Please let us know if you have a larger group and we can tweak the session accordingly.

All participants receive a PDF of the slides, key learning points and pointers to further learning resources.

### Sample timetable

#### 9:00 Welcome and introduction

The power of adaptable communication

### 9:15 Communication styles

- Overview of common styles (direct, analytical, supportive, visionary)
- Recognising preferences

### 9:30 Flexing your style

 How to adapt tone, pace, content, and channels for different people and situations

## 9:50 Building connection and clarity

 Techniques for enhancing understanding and engagement

## 10:10 Action planning

 Identifying two specific communication behaviours to flex in your role

# 10:25 Key takeaways

### 10:30 Close