

4 Effective Leadership skills that are key to Successful Leadership

1. Communication
2. Demonstration (Living the example)
3. Listening to others
4. Empowering others.

Learning to Communicate Effectively

Relationships that leave out the ability to communicate effectively are doomed to fail.

Communication skills however often start with the ability to be, not only effective speakers, but to be open and receptive to the attitudes, ideas and opinions of others as well as the ability to empathize and understand another's circumstances.

Demonstration (Living the example)

Many years ago Gandhi said "*We must be the change we wish to see in the world*". In order to lead effectively, we must first demonstrate the attitudes and behaviours we expect and want from others. If you're a business leader and you want your staff to dress professionally, you set the example by arriving in a suit every day.

Learning to Listen:

As a leader it is imperative to be able to listen to what is said and "not" being said i.e. the general mood state of one's employees and/or peers. This information will help the leader know well in advance when the wind has been taken out of the sails thereby helping them take swift corrective action.

Learning to Empower Others

With power comes a feeling of responsibility that often makes the leader feel like they must do everything themselves. Unfortunately this often overwhelms them and the organization.. A great leader knows and trusts the strengths of their employees and how to nurture self confidence in them.