

Embracing a Collaborative Mindset: unlocking team potential









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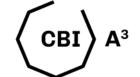
Individual Goals

Team Goals

Hopes & Fears & Expectations

Happy Snaps + Facewall Creation

Community Dinner & Pechakucha over Pizza

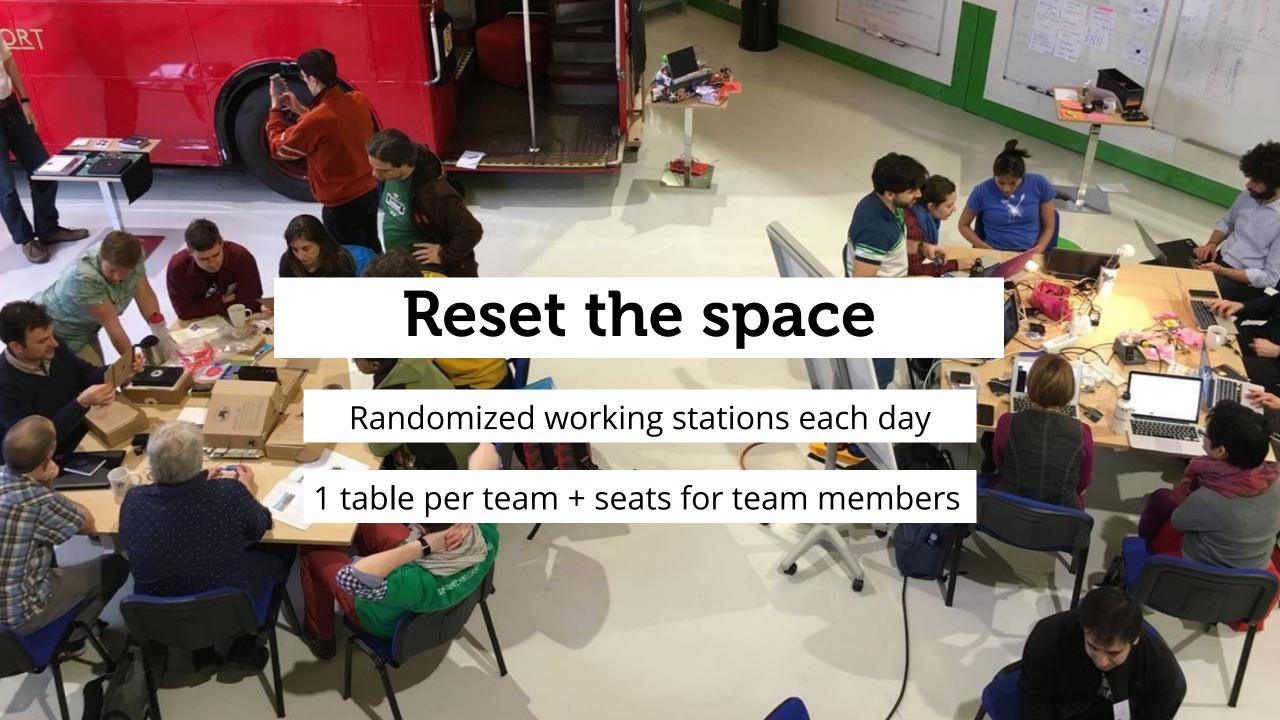














The Power of Team Dynamics

Team dynamics has a huge influence on the outcome of your project



If it was your task to built the most powerful team, what would you do?



Predictors of Success/Smartness

- General intelligence
 - IQ
 - predicts the performance of individuals on a variaty of tasks
- What about groups?
 - WeQ ??



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Research Shows

- The average intelligence of individual group members is only moderately correlated with group intelligence
- Strong predictors are
 - Social perceptiveness of group members
 - Reading the mind in the eyes (RME Test)
 - (Empathy)
 - Women
 - Diversity

(Collective Intelligence and Group Performance; A. Woolley, I. Aggarwal, T.Malone, 2015)







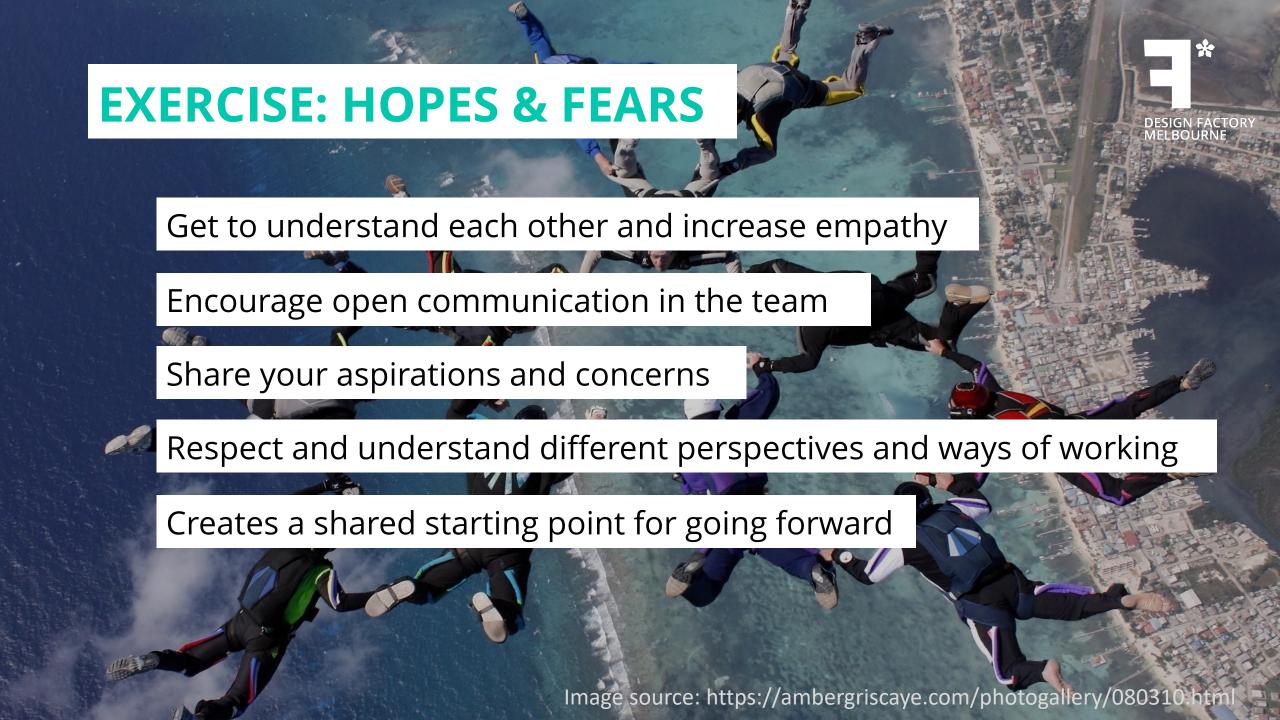


"The diverse group almost always outperforms the group of the best by a substantial margin."

"Scientists believe at their core that different representations, different perspectives are incredibly useful for solving problems."



Create space for you to share, communicate and empathise with each other





Individually write down your hopes for the whole program + 2 week Intensive Jam

These could be about project, team work, team mates, personal goals, 2 week here at CERN, collaboration and interaction with other cultures





Individually write down **your fears** for the **whole program + 2 week Intensive Jam**

Consider the project, team work, team mates, personal goals, 2 week here at CERN, collaboration and interaction with other cultures





Share *hopes* one by one - explain and discuss similarities

Think how to help the team realize these hopes

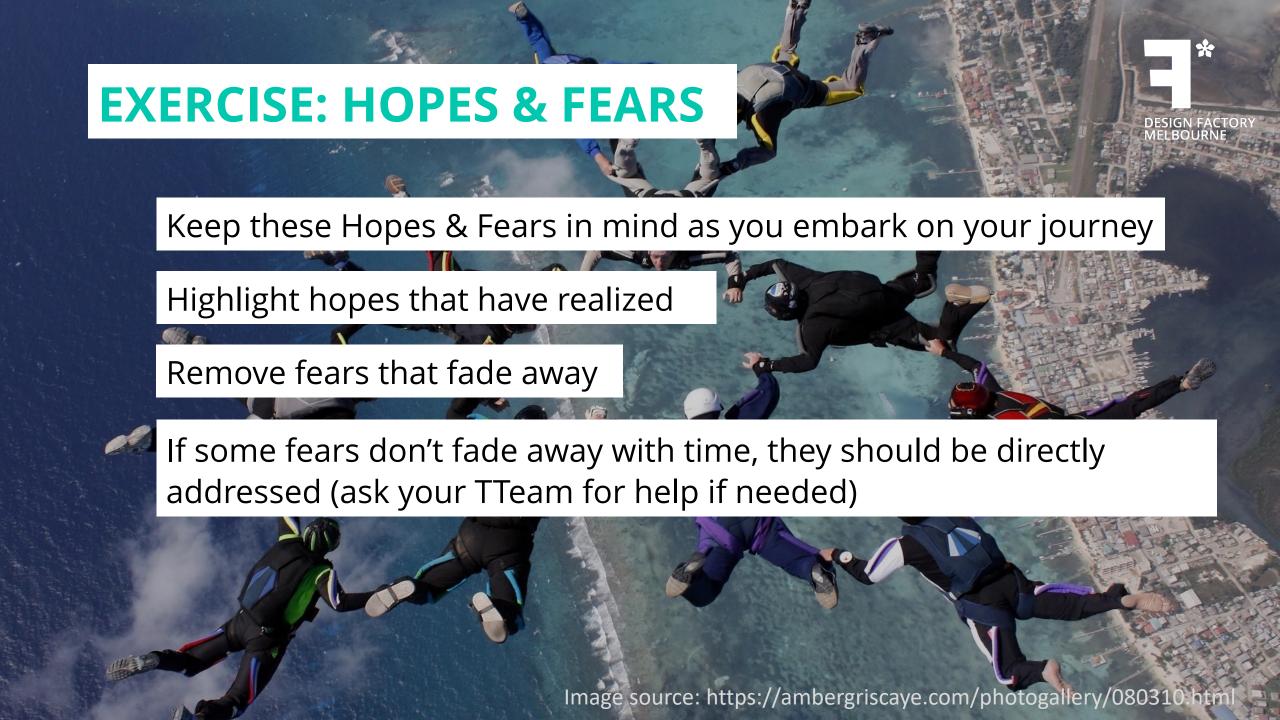




Share *fears* one by one - explain and discuss similarities

Think how to make the fears fade away









What do you as an individual hope to achieve?

How are you going to make that happen?

Write your goals on post-its

5 min

Team Goals

What are your team goals?

How are you going to make that happen?

Start from the end of the 2 weeks and work backwards

What does success look like?



5 min

Combine your goals

Cluster your post-its

Look for similarities & themes

Create **shared** goals

7 min

Capture and record these on 1 large flipchart

YOUR team's ways of working

What are the ground rules that you want to agree on?

How are you going to communicate?

Consider how you might work towards a positive team culture

Consider how you might support each others growth journey

5 min

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- Make your skills and knowledge explicit in the early phase of the project
- Create common ways of working and team culture at the beginning of the project
- 4 Make sure that the atmosphere is appreciative, encouraging and supportive
- Be open to everyone's crazy, funny and impossible ideas without judging them immediately
- 6 Remember to give positive and constructive feedback to your team members
- Organize informal gatherings with your team

SOURCE:

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Be aware of the capabilities of the team and utilize them.

The value of a diverse team is in its heightened ability to solve complex tasks through the broad array of expertise, skills and knowledge but only when it is being properly utilized. The skills that others can bring to the project may not only be related to the educational backgrounds but also to the life experiences, passions and hobbies people have.

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2 Make your skills and knowledge explicit in the early phase of the project.

Only this way the team is able to utilize the expertise and knowledge.

The further the project proceeds, the more difficult it is likely to get to change the perception others have and promote your skills to others.

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3 Create common ways of working and team culture at the very beginning of the project.

Practices built early on stick and serve throughout the project and help in solving things out.

However, these mutually agreed practices need to be cultivated along the project.

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Make sure that the atmosphere is appreciative, encouraging and supportive.

Without feedback people don't know whether they are doing things right or the right things.

Positive feedback also increases confidence and strengthens the motivation of individuals.

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The level of participation on the divergent and convergent phases depends on how freely people can share their unique knowledge and bring up their own perspectives within the team.

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Remember to give positive and constructive feedback to your team members.

People feel more confident in opening up and freely sharing their thoughts.

Establishing this kind of an atmosphere comes from small things: small words of encouragement and appreciation and acts of help.

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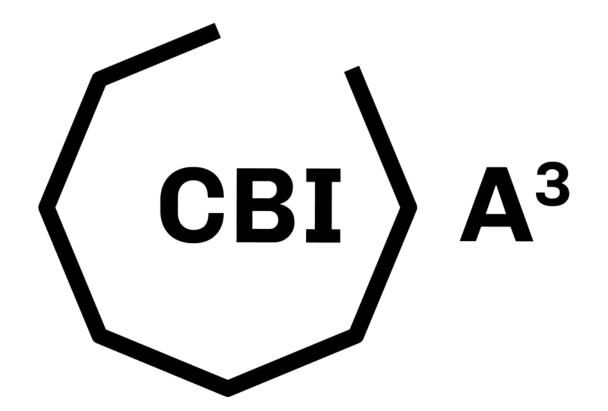
The teams that spent more (leisure) time at the beginning of the project to get to know the team members and to have fun with the team were less affected with the setbacks that occurred in the later phases of the project. Organizing informal gatherings with your team might help to keep the feel of togetherness even through tougher times.

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End of Day Practicalities







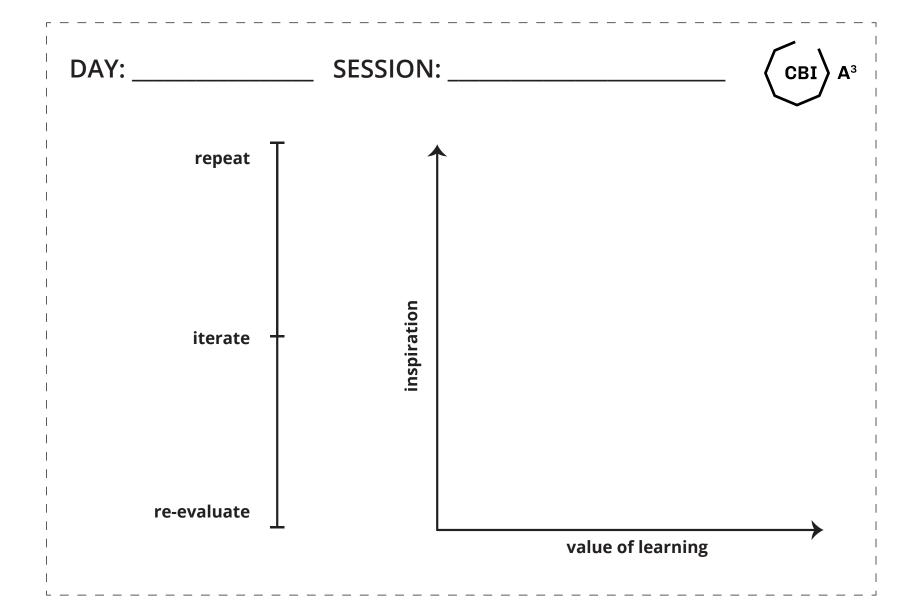




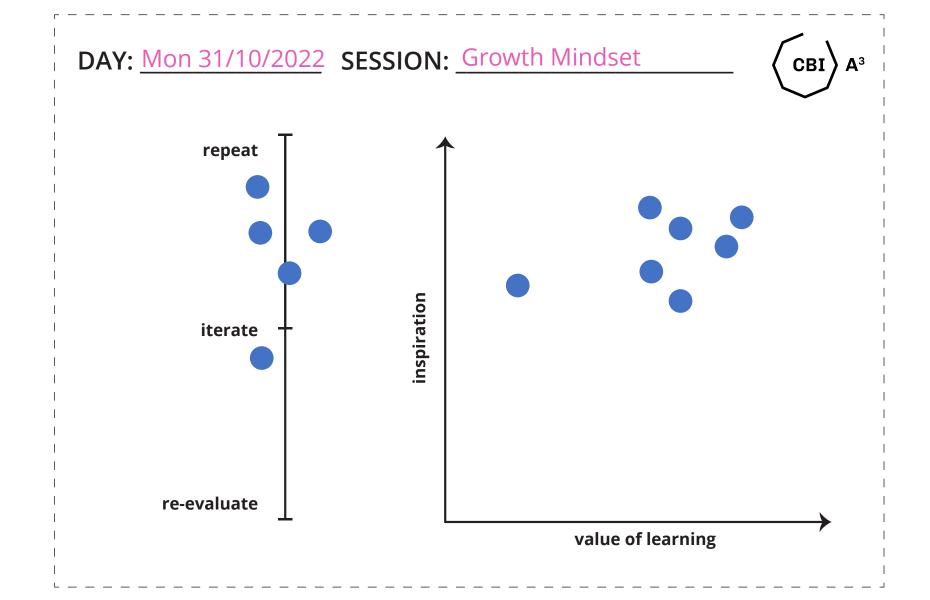




Rapid session feedback



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Halloween Happy Snaps

Time now to get making!

Build a Facewall of our CBI A³ community

Prototype some Halloween accessories

Come up with your Halloween 'alter ego'

WE WOULD LIKE TO TAKE **TWO** PICTURES:

- 1) A Normal Picture....with a smile
- 2) A Halloween-ieprototype your accessories

Come to Aaron in the container at any point to take your pictures

