

Factsheet

Strategies and tips for implementing change

Here are some strategies and tips to support a successful change process

- Communicate the reasons for change
- Follow a realistic timeline
- Demonstrate change is a priority
- Be willing to modify elements of the culture
- Build trust everyday
- Create a communication strategy that provides information early and often to employees
- Communicate the what, why, whom, when, where, and how
- Explain what will change and what will not change. Provide the reasons for the change
- Involve the employees. Seek input as early as possible
- Tell employees "what's in it for them."
- Provide the resources necessary to get the job done
- Provide timely training necessary to help employees adapt to the change
- Acknowledge the potential losses and address the needs of the people losing something
- Link the old with the new but don't bad-mouth the past
- Develop cascading commitment. Successful change needs employees at every level championing the change.
- Develop new performance measures to reinforce what helps the change succeed
- Reward the employees who carry the change
- Lead by example
- Pilot the initiative. This serves as a trial-run and an assurance to employees that an unproven concept will not be rolled out
- Don't be afraid to acknowledge what is still unknown
- Don't hesitate to acknowledge fears, including your own, when appropriate
- Acknowledge small wins or successes throughout the change process

References: Adapted from resources developed by the Department of State Growth, Tasmania, 2015.