

DEI: More than Buzzwords and Statistics

Let's dive into the world of Innovative Management Tools[™], where diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) aren't just buzzwords; they're the beating heart of our Conversation Frameworks[™]. Learn how you can master Organizational Whack-a-Mole[™], leveraging tools that revolutionize collaborative problem-solving and embrace the foundational ideas of DEI.



Organizational Whack-a-Mole™

Our Whack-a-Mole journey kicks off with the evolution of management tools, but it doesn't stop at digital transformation. Our Conversation Frameworks have always embraced diversity, recognizing



the value of varied perspectives in crafting effective solutions. It's not just a recent addition; diversity has been at the core of their DNA from the get-go.

When it comes to meaningful conversations, our frameworks drive collaboration with structure; they're about inclusivity. No DEI stigma here – we emphasize the importance of including multiple voices. Every perspective counts, ensuring that diverse insights aren't just heard but actively contribute to actionable outcomes.

Now, "Democratizing the Tools" is our mission, and it goes hand in hand with democratizing ideas and perspectives. Our tools make space for everyone, regardless of background or role, to be involved. It's about playing Whack-a-Mole with the right people, recognizing expertise, and valuing every voice in the conversation.

Let's talk middle managers – they play a critical role, and our Conversation Frameworks empower them with the tools needed for success. The inclusivity ingrained in our approach ensures that the challenges faced by middle managers are addressed through a proactive lens, allowing for more effective connections between strategy and execution.

And here's the kicker – the agnostic nature of our frameworks doesn't just extend across industries; it applies to the diverse workforce within them. From Mergers & Acquisitions to High Growth scenarios, our tools, catering to the unique challenges of different business environments, leveraging the diversity present in every organization.

In other blogs where we dive deeper into other themes, unraveling more layers of the diversity, equity, and inclusion principles that make Innovative Management Tools not just innovative but masters of the Whack-a-Mole game for businesses.

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Inputs

- A suite of over 20 kits described as:
 - Remote collaboration
 - Focused on common business problems
 - 3-4 hours duration on average
 - Facilitated
 - Run in small groups of <10 people
 - With learning over the work
- Diagnostic tools

Activities

Organizational,
Departmental, and
Employee level sessions
using miro boards

Outputs

to drive

- Next step actions items
- Participants' buy-in to changes
- Small, incremental changes vs "fruit basket upset" changes
- Improvement ideas from the people, not telling them what to do
- Agreed understanding of the situation across the group
- Concrete visualization of the topic via the miro wall layout and content
- Historical archives for future reference and consultation

to create

Outcomes

- · Harnessing the collective brain of the group
- Guiding participants to decide on and own the needed changes
- Happier employees who were able to share their voice and ideas in a safe space
- Ideas generated faster and with less resistance
- Ability to deploy resources across more departments with less investment
- Build bridges that connect the organizational strategies with the department-level processes and work
- Give guidance to the people who usually get directives (middle managers) with little direction and support
- Fresh, engaging, inclusive, and effective change management or continuous improvement culture inside an organization

Change Management Kits/Activities

The flow above can be aligned with the concept of DEI (Diversity, Equality, and Inclusion) in several ways:

- 1. **Diversity**: The small group format ensures diversity of perspectives and experiences, allowing for a variety of insights and ideas to be shared. Additionally, by using a suite of kits focused on common business problems, participants from different backgrounds can contribute their unique expertise to solving these issues.
- 2. **Equality**: The facilitated sessions ensure that each participant has an equal opportunity to contribute and have their voice heard. The use of diagnostic tools and visualizations helps level the playing field by providing a structured framework for discussion and decision-making, ensuring that everyone's input is valued equally.
- 3. Inclusion: The approach described promotes a culture of inclusion by creating a safe space for employees to share their ideas and concerns. By harnessing the collective brainpower of the group and guiding participants to decide on and own needed changes, this process empowers individuals to actively participate in shaping the organization's future. Furthermore, by building bridges that connect organizational strategies with department-level processes and work, this approach ensures that all voices are represented in decision-making processes.

Overall, this approach to driving small, incremental changes through facilitated sessions aligns with the principles of DEI by fostering diversity of thought, ensuring equality of participation, and promoting inclusion within the organization.

Conversation Frameworks – Guiding the Power of Ideas from Within™