

The Board's Role in Setting

Organisational Culture







Making the fundamentals of governance free and easy to implement

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Culture and your board

- What is culture and the role of the board?
- How do we know what culture we require?
- How do we measure culture?
- How do we create culture?



What is culture and the role of the board?

As described in the Good Practice Guide "Managing Culture"

"a set of shared mental assumptions that guide interpretation and action in organisations by defining appropriate behaviour for various situations'. A colloquial definition frequently heard in workplaces is 'what we expect around here"





How do we know what culture we require ?

Every organization will typically have a **values** statement. However, the culture of the organization may or may not be living those values, so we need to be able to **measure and monitor** how well everyone in the organization is both living and breathing these values.





How do we know what culture we require ?

Your **vision/purpose** statement provides you with a glimpse of what the future could be, and your **values** provide guidance of how we behave on the journey





How do we measure culture?



- What do we want?
- What should that look like?.
- How do we monitor, measure and then change
- How do we measure?







What if the first step is not to measure culture?

"what does our culture need to look and feel like for us to truly be successful while making it a great place to work?

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What part does the board agenda play?

There should be a standing agenda item at board meetings where there is discussion and evidence presented through a board report that covers

- How are we going with our culture?
- What are we doing well?
- What are the opportunities for improvement







Net promoter score



Source: Aaron Weiche, GatherUp



A complaints register

A treasure trove of possible future trends or strategic issues of relevance to the board

- Senior management to review all complaints
- Identify trends, themes, patterns
- an early warning of more fundamental problems in culture or service design and delivery









Stakeholder involvement in board meetings

Invite a key stakeholder who is strategic in outlook and ask them to discuss with the board what that stakeholder sees as the 2 key strategic issues for that stakeholder in the next five to ten years.

- discuss the potential implications
- organisational cultural issues they see that may get in the way

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How do we create great culture

For the board and senior managers:

Your behaviour and your decisions send a message to your staff about how people are expected to behave, which in turns set the cultural standard for others to follow. The CEO is the single greatest potential influence on the organizational culture.

- The CEO can provide conscious and aware leadership
- Provide unconscious leadership and watch a series of subcultures be created around them.





Four key elements

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Mind-Set

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Symbols









In summary

A simple framework:



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require?

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