# Communicating Effectively in the Workplace



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## Overview

Most workplaces involve people. When we are with people we are always communicating with each other in one form or another, and this communication has a big impact on those around us.

Our ability to communicate effectively is an important skill that is often overlooked. Generally we expect people to automatically know how to do this, but like any skill, effective communication needs to be learned, taught and constantly refined.

There are very few workplaces today that are free of dynamics, frustrations and other ill feelings between people - whether it be towards our customers, clients, colleagues, employees, employers ... in fact anyone.

Workplaces are often filled with tension. This is generally as a result of people's communication styles. The reality is, we spend a high percentage of our waking hours at work, yet many people resent being in the workplace as a result of this tension. Research has indicated that if a person enjoys being in the workplace their work productivity will naturally be increased. Is it possible that work enjoyment and thus productivity is greatly affected by communication styles within the workplace?

When the strategies in this course are applied in the workplace there will be an increased quality in:

### Improving relations with:

### While Increasing:

- Customers & Clients
- Colleagues
- Employees
- Employers
- Contractors
- All People

- Customer satisfaction
- Employee satisfaction
- Employer satisfaction
- Unity in the workplace
- Work productivity
- Self-responsibility in the workplace



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## What you will learn:

- A simple yet highly effective way of communicating with all people
- To increase understanding while decreasing judgment

## **Topics Discussed:**

- Purposeful communication
- Understanding people vs. judging people
- Learning the difference between the intended message (the message being sent) and the interpreted message (the message actually received)
- What we do with our interpreted message
- Communicating with purpose vs gossip
- The harm gossip can bring to the workplace
- Introducing the behaviour/anxiety scale as a way of effectively communicating and understanding yourself and other people
- Knowing when to communicate what, when
- How to communicate a difficult topic
- Being Truthful vs. Being Nice
- Making the workplace about people first

## Who Should Attend?

All people in the workplace including business owners, managers and employees at all levels.

### About Tanya Curtis:

Tanya Curtis naturally expresses by teaching people to improve their own lives and knows that connecting with people for who they are is essential while supporting them to make their desired behavioural changes.

Tanya presents behaviour specialist workshops locally, nationally & internationally; is the author of 'Challenging Change, Behaviour Strategies for Life', has developed Fabic's entire product range as well as Fabic's Behaviour Change App and is also an author and co-founder of the children's book publishing company "Sunlight Ink".



