



Creating New Possibilities

We define 'creating new possibilities' as developing something new which did not exist before. This can be a new aspect of something which already exists or something entirely new. Creating new possibilities is developing something which is more than what presently exists.

A new possibility - whether it is an idea or a project - assists people to achieve their goals successfully in an area of their life.

This article shares three ways to create new possibilities. These are:

- Increase Your Skills and Knowledge
- Develop Visioning Skills
- Create Effective Work in Groups

Here is a description of each of these three ways.

Increase Your Skills and Knowledge

One of the most effective ways to create new possibilities is to develop your skills and knowledge. This creates momentum for new ideas and solutions in your work.

Here are three ways to develop skills and knowledge.

- Read and Study

Reading and studying the ideas of people with expertise in your field helps you to expand your knowledge and develop new ideas in your own work.

- Writing and Developing Your Own Ideas

Writing down your ideas helps you to develop them further. It assists you to create original work.

- Engaging in Conversations

Sharing your ideas with people in your field can lead to creative ideas which were not present before. It is helpful to share your work with colleagues and receive their suggestions.

Taking time each day to develop your skills and knowledge increases the value of your work and your ability to contribute to the lives of other people.

Develop Visioning Skills

Visioning is the ability to conceive and develop new ideas for what you would like to create. It is often the first step in developing an idea for a project. You can vision by yourself or with a group.

A Vision Statement assists you to be clear about what you would like to create. A few ideas for developing successful Vision Statements are:

- Describing a project as if you are already engaging in it successfully.
- Including the positive qualities of the project - these can become a part of the the purpose of the project and also the way you engage with your customers and clients.
- Describing the benefits of the project to your customers and clients.

At times, ideas which are a part of your vision come while you are engaging in other activities. Other times, they come when you create focused time to work on them. Once you begin to develop an original idea, you may want to schedule regular times to continue to develop it so that an idea can become a successful project.

Create Effective Work in Groups

Group work is also an essential skill for creating new possibilities.

Here are seven ways to work successfully in a group.

1. Be open to ideas which are different from your own.
2. Explore every new idea for ways it can contribute to a present or future project.
3. Acknowledge and appreciate the ideas and work of members of your group.
4. Develop your listening skills and continue to refine them.
5. Create guidelines for the way you achieve project goals together.
6. Develop guidelines for the way you work through differences and create solutions together.
7. Revise your goals and actions regularly.

These three ways of creating new possibilities - increasing your skills and knowledge, developing visioning skills and creating effective work in groups - assist you to create success. You can develop these skills by yourself and also with a group. They help you to go beyond your current goals and expand your contribution to society.

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