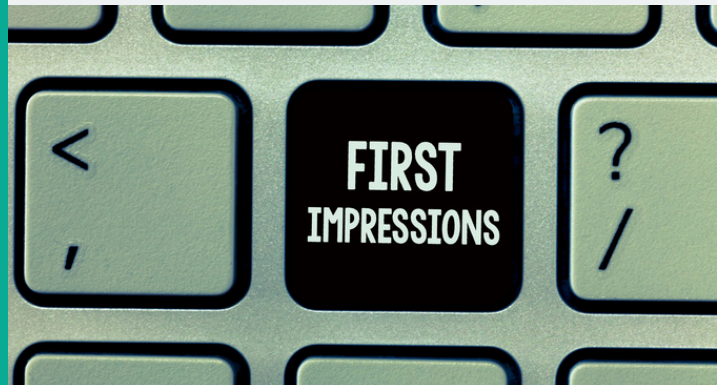


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Imagine this:

You join a company, but there's no welcome, no plan, and no sense of belonging. A disconnected Day 1 experience sends a clear message:

"We're not prepared for you. We're not invested in you."

Employees make emotional decisions about your company **within hours** of arrival.

Getting Day 1 right cements loyalty and builds momentum.



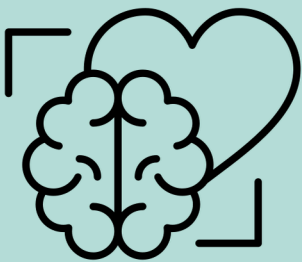
Why Day 1 Sets the Loyalty Trajectory



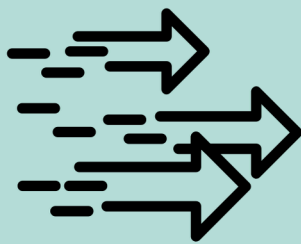
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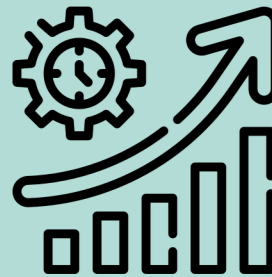
Build Emotional Connection



Accelerate Engagement



Increase Productivity



Reduce Early Turnover



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What New Employees Need on Day 1



Delivering a great first impression means being intentional about:

1 Warm Welcome



Schedule Ready

Friendly Faces

Personalised Touch

2 Immediate Belonging



Introduction To Team

Company Culture

3 Tools Prepared



E-mail

Systems

Desk Setup Ready

4 Clear 1st Week Plan



What Does Success Look Like?

How Curatech HR Helps Get Day One Right

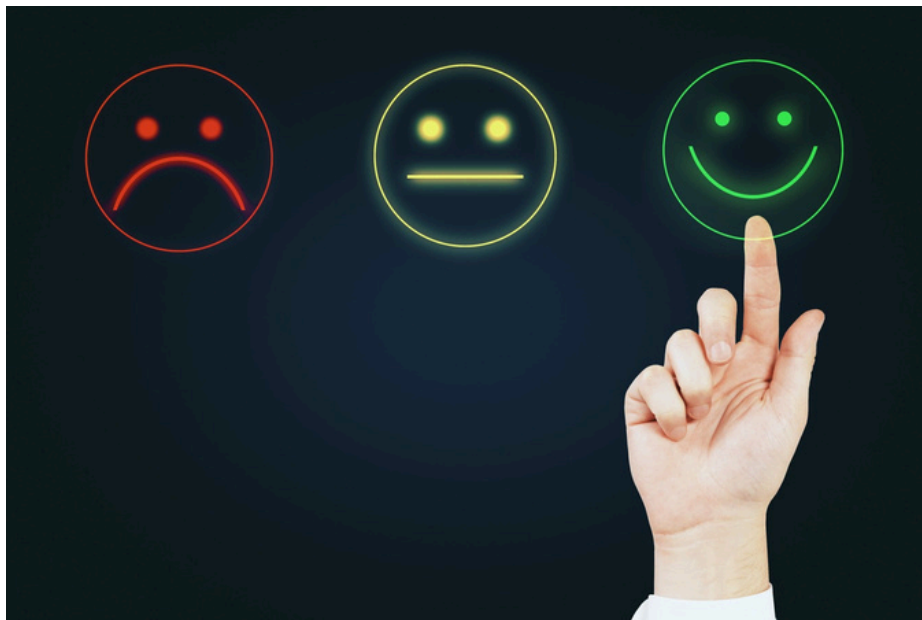


At Curatech HR, we design onboarding journeys that make Day 1 unforgettable — for all the right reasons.

We help SMEs deliver:

- Custom Day 1 plans
- Digital + physical welcome packs
- Manager training to confidently lead Day 1
- Automated tech setups
- Ready-to-use checklists and templates

Our onboarding solutions combine **global best practices** to build lasting loyalty from the very start.



Final Words:



**"You only get one day 1. Make it
unforgettable."**

— Chisara Nkemakolam