

radical honesty and fearless feedback

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This webinar addressed the critical skill of delivering and receiving radical honest feedback to foster professional growth and stronger relationships. The key takeaway is that honest feedback, while essential, must be delivered and received with grace to avoid damaging relationships.

Giving Feedback: The webinar highlighted the importance of context and structure. Presenters emphasized creating a safe space for feedback by initiating conversations with statements emphasizing care for the relationship and a focus on growth. The SBI model (Situation, Behavior, Impact) was presented as a structured approach to deliver feedback clearly and avoid ambiguity, focusing on specific behaviors and their impact rather than general personality traits. An example was given: instead of "You're lazy," use "During the project meeting (Situation), I noticed you didn't contribute to the brainstorming session (Behavior), which resulted in us missing a key deadline (Impact)."

Receiving Feedback: The webinar stressed active listening, clarifying questions, and allowing time to process feedback before responding. Defensiveness was discouraged. Presenters recommended summarizing the feedback to ensure understanding and expressing gratitude for the input, regardless of its content.

Maintaining Relationships: The importance of follow-up after a feedback session was highlighted, emphasizing checking in to show that the feedback was taken seriously and to reinforce the positive intentions behind the process. The overall goal is mutual growth and stronger relationships, not winning an argument.

Key Actions: The webinar advocates for a balance of radical honesty with constructive delivery, achieved through: (1) establishing a safe context for dialogue; (2) employing structured feedback models like SBI; (3) actively listening and clarifying when receiving feedback; and (4) following up and expressing gratitude. The ultimate aim is mutual growth and strengthened relationships within teams and organizations.