



### **KNOWLEDGE SESSION**

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### Culture

eats strategy for breakfast, everyday



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**ATTITUDES TRADITIONS HISTORIC BEHAVIOUR BELIEFS VALUES WE LIVE ENERGY UNWRITTEN GROUND RULES** THE WAY WE DO THINGS HERE **OUR HABITS SPIRIT** 





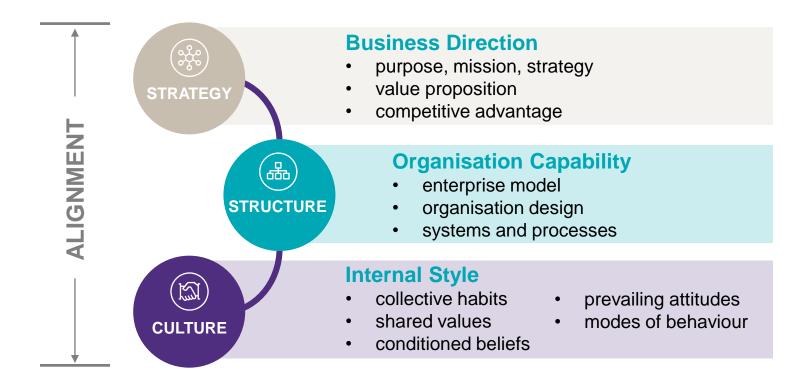
## Enron had a nice sounding values statement

- Integrity
- Communication
- Respect
- Excellence

These 4 values were chiseled in marble in the main lobby of their headquarters!

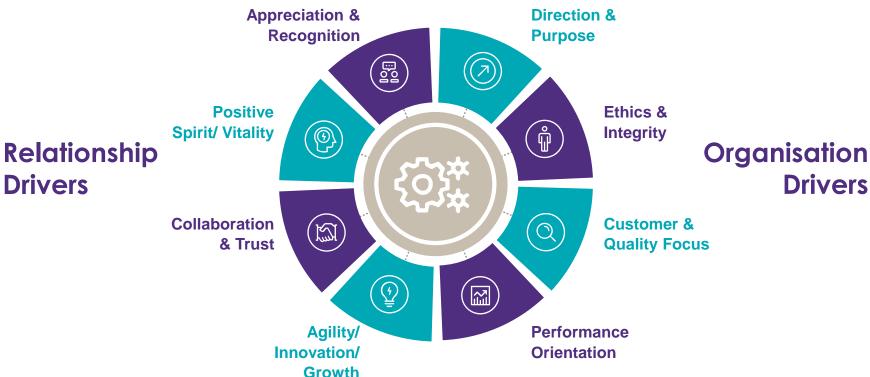


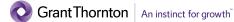
## If you align these three, you win



### The corporate culture engine

Key drivers of high performance culture





### Integrated approach needed to shape team behaviours and the culture

**Diagnose** & define

unfreeze/ educate

reinforce

apply

measure

to define current and future state THE CULTURE GAP customised workshops to shift thinking and behaviors HR systems and tools to ensure long-term change

meeting and decision tools to achieve business results

to establish baselines and monitor progress at individual, team and organisational level

sustainable results



### The Jaws of Culture at the last mile

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### **Initiatives**

- **Strategic**
- **Process**
- Customer
- **Employee**

### **Cultural barriers**

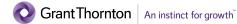
- **Turf issues**
- Resistance to change
- **Hierarchy**
- **Bureaucracy**
- Blaming and excuses

### Lack of:

- Bias for action
- Trust
- **Openness**
- **Teamwork**
- "Can-do" attitude
- **Customer focus**



**Lower Results** 



growth initiatives fail due to lack of skills, mindsets and on-going commitment\*

is the size of the business of growth, transformation and change#

of the global workforce is disengaged costing organizations ~\$ 500bn annually\* 53% believe the system is failing and 63% don't trust their CEOs^

is the size of the business of culture i.e. employee experience transformation#

## If this room were an organization ...







### Sources of energy

### To be at your best requires managing the four sources of energy:

### **Physical**

physical - base level of energy

nutrition, exercise, rest, sleep, relaxation

### **Emotional**

emotional – quality of life energy

positive moods, gratitude, appreciation

### Mental

mental – focus of energy

reduced interruptions and distractions

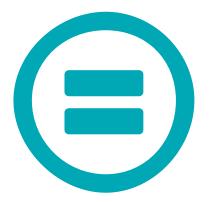
### **Inspirational**

inspirational energy of purpose

serving others making a meaningful difference



# **Energy**



Our inner feelings

### Types of energy





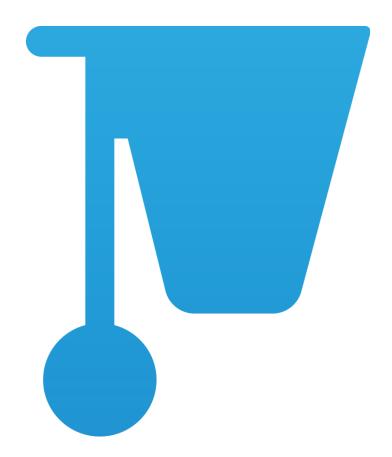




# Energy



Managing personal energy is a key to healthy, high performance



### "I think there is a world market for about five computers."

- Thomas J. Watson, 1943

### "There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in their home."

- Ken Olson, 1977



## The world we live and work in today ...

## Strategy is no longer long term, it's iterative

What the most future ready and disruptive organisations are getting right



Netflix did not kill Blockbuster. Ridiculous late fees did.



Uber did not kill the taxi business. Limited access and fare control did.



Apple did not kill the music industry. Being forced to buy full-length albums did.



Amazon did not kill other retailers. Poor customer service and experience did.

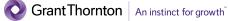


Airbnb isn't killing the hotel industry. Limited availability and pricing options are.



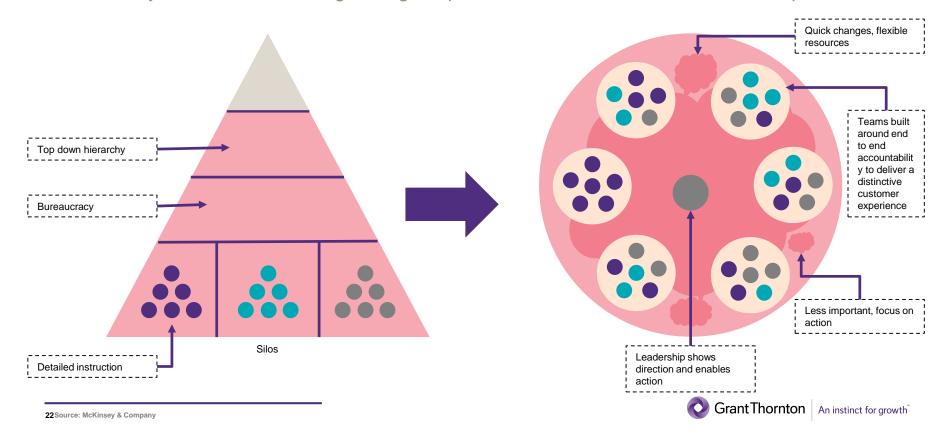
Technology by itself is not the disruptor. Not being customer-centric is the biggest threat to any business.

- Radical humanisation of products, services and experiences
- 2. Extreme fanaticism about the growth of their people, clients & communities
- 3. Excellence in every act especially in small acts, the next five minutes! 'Doing more with less'
- Data is the new oil!
  - captured by the Internet of Things
  - managed by Blockchain
  - made actionable by Artificial Intelligence

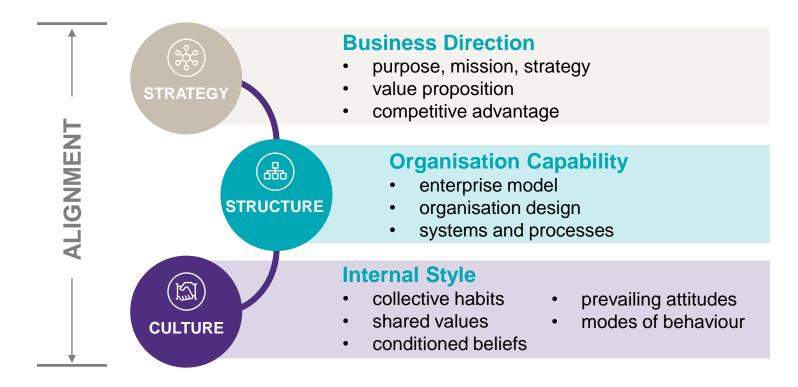


### Emergence of the agile organisational model

From hierarchy for control to self organizing, empowered teams across customer touchpoints



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## Why do you come to work everyday?

### Why do we work?

DO WHAT YOU **IMPROVE GROW BE A PART OF SOMETHING** LOVE **DEVELOP LEARN MAKE A DIFFERENCE BE CHALLENGED SENSE OF MEET NEW HAVE AN IMPACT PURPOSE ACHIEVEMENT PEOPLE** 

### What helps you do your best work?

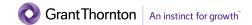


## What stops you from being your best?

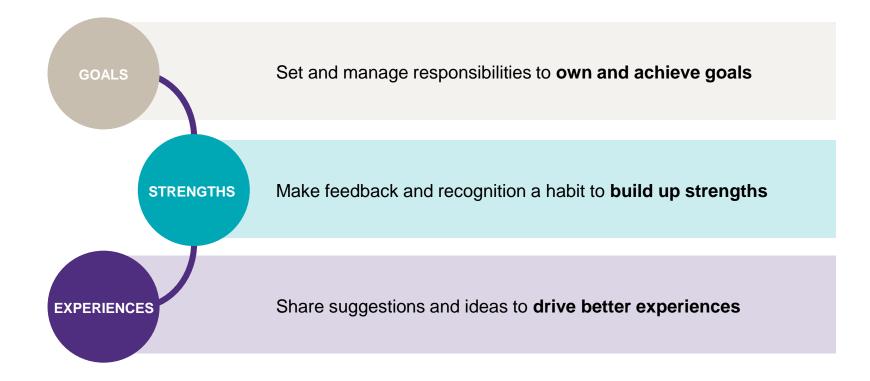


## What stops us from being our best?

LOW **NO ONE NO FEEDBACK NOT ENOUGH CLARITY AUTONOMY LISTENS DON'T GET HONESTY** LOW SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE **APPRECIATED NO COLLABORATION LOW VISIBILITY FEEL EXCLUDED** 



### We are at our best when all of us ....



# How are these related to intrinsic drivers of motivation?

Goals

Autonomy

Strengths

Mastery



## The iconic culture deck by Netflix ...

The real company values, as opposed to the nice-sounding values, are shown by who gets rewarded, promoted, or let go



### How do we currently address this?



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**Forms** 

**Templates** 

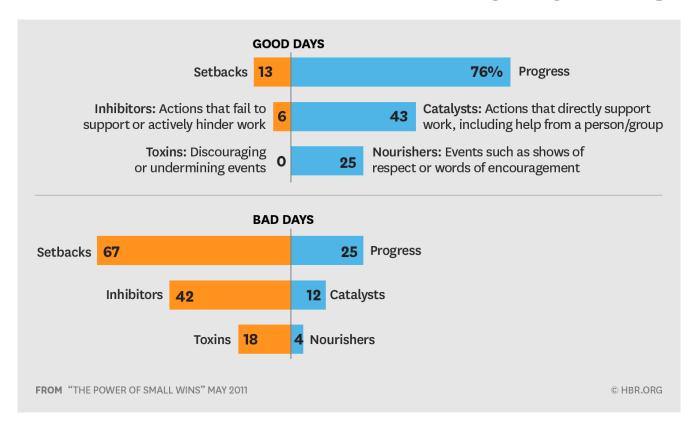
**Questionnaires** 



**Structured Retrospective and periodic Idiosyncratic rater bias** 



### At the last mile, culture is an everyday thing ...





## At the last mile, culture is very personal



I am what I think, feel and see everyday!

#### Leaders and mindful conversations shape

## **Culture**



What "we" permit and promote is what "they" see

"Grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change, the courage to change the person I can, and the wisdom to know it is me."

#### It's time to conclude!



#### The evolution of organisational models

#### The evolution and co-existence of organisation models

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- Constant exercise of power to keep teams in line
- Fear is the glue of the organisation
- · Highly reactive, short- term focus

Amber

Orange

## Green

- Thrives in chaos
- · Highly formal roles within a hierarchical pyramid
- Top-down control and command
- Stability is valued; maintained through rigorous processes
- Future is repetition of the past
- · Goal is to beat competition; achieve profit and arowth
- · Innovation is key to stay ahead
- Management by objective (command on what: freedom on how)
- Focus on culture and empowerment to achieve employee motivation

- **Current examples**
- Militias
- Street gangs

- · Government agencies
- Public schools

· Multinational companies

· Culture driven organisations such as Southwest Airlines and Ben & Jerry's

- Key breakthroughs
- Division of labour
- Command authority

#### Wolf pack

- Formal roles
- Processes, compliance and discipline

- Innovation
- Accountability
- Meritocracy
- Empowerment
- · Value-driven culture
- Stakeholder model

**Machine** 

**Army** 

**Guiding metaphor** 

**Family** 

#### **Evolutionary teal/ agile organisations**

**Current examples** 

Key breakthroughs

**Guiding metaphor** 

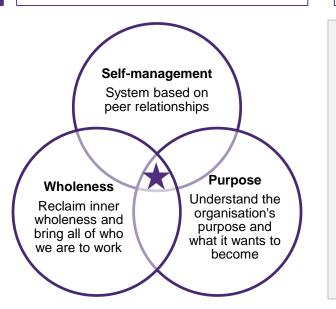
- Self management over hierarchical pyramid
- · Organisations are living entities, oriented toward realising their potential

Morning Star

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- Self- management
- Wholeness
- Evolutionary purpose

Living organism



- collaborative cross-functional teams
- teams that are trusted to put their own processes in place to control organisational risk, not have them imposed
- teams that can resolve conflict, negotiate, and make decisions
- transparency at a strategic, operational and tactical scale
- commitment to transparency, openness, giving and receiving feedback, continuous improvement
- clear line of sight from the work being done to "end user value"
- investing heavily in training individuals outside of their "technical" sphere, in both business and soft skills
- less management, and fewer operational issues escalated

## Four principles of culture shaping

Purposeful Leadership

The senior leaders must own and lead the culture-shaping process.

Leaders cast a powerful shadow.

Must be a clear and compelling purpose.

Personal Change

Unfreeze existing habits and make personal behaviour change.

Understand the purpose for shaping culture.

The culture journey needs a clear "fromto."

Broad Engagement

The faster the whole organisation engages in the process, the higher probability the culture will shift.

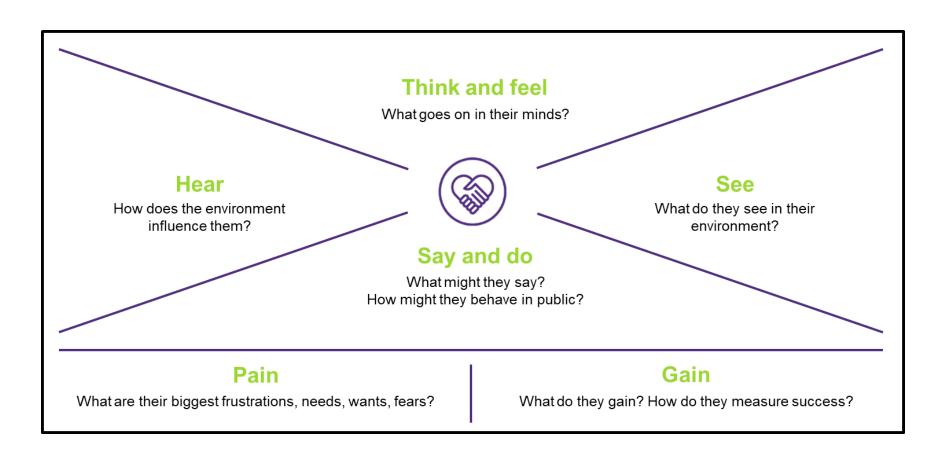
Use a Leader-led process.

Systemic Reinforcement

Reinforcement at individual, team and organisation level.

Institutional practices, systems, performance drivers, capabilities to drive the desired culture.



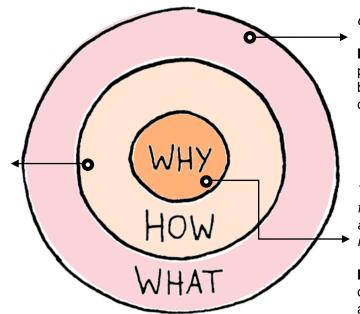


## Start with why: the golden circle

The what can be articulated but the why needs to be felt

The **limbic brain** responsible for feelings like trust and loyalty, and for all human behaviour and decision-making

In business terms: showcasing what makes us special or sets us apart from our competition i.e., our core value proposition



The human brain's neocortex that controls rational thought and language

In business terms: appealing to our potential customers' rational approach by marketing our product and service offerings

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In business terms: our core purpose of existence, achieved by establishing a connection with potential customers and influencing decision making by appealing to their actual need / reason

Source: Start with why by Simon Sinek



### And focus on quality of conversations!



AND



#### **APPRECIATIVE:**

"What I appreciate about you is..." and Why!

#### **CONSTRUCTIVE:**

"I feel you could be even more effective if..." and Why!

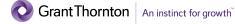


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#### You must be the change you wish to see.

- Mahatma Gandhi

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# Be a goals champion



Have continuous conversations

# Be a strengths champion



Recognise others

# Be an experiences champion



**Express** yourself



# Thank you!