

Intensive Agile Work Training for Teams

Agile Work methods promise early, continuous and accelerating return on investment for stakeholders and high degrees of job satisfaction for team members. Yet creating a successful agile team is difficult. Why? Because agile methods, despite their benefits and simplicity, require a high degree of discipline on the part of team members, management and stakeholders. Due to this need for discipline, and unlike traditional project management practices, agile principles and practices must be understood by *everyone* involved in the work. This course launches an extended team embarking on an agile project. This course is for project/product managers, core and extended team members and stakeholders. Participants in this four-day course learn how to apply Agile Work through lecture, discussion, individual and group exercises.

Day One

What is "Agile" and Why Should You Care?

brief history - lean, Scrum, XP - empirical processes vs. defined processes - Agile Axioms - benefits of agile

The Agile Pattern of Work

overview of the process - the Agile Work Disciplines - the learning cycle - Product and Process

Roles in Agile Work

product owner - process facilitator - team member - what happened to the project manager?

Agile Work Artifacts

work item list - tasks - potentially shippable product increment - obstacles list

Mini Agile Work Simulation: Part I

intensive practice of agile methods

Day Two

Agile Work Meetings

planning the iteration - team status - delivery meeting - retrospective

Adaptive Planning and Estimating

creating a work item list - user stories - estimating value - estimating size - team capacity

Iterations: The Rhythm of Agile Work

getting to done - choosing an iteration length - iteration task list - burndown charts - velocity - staged delivery

Agile Work Teams: Self-Organization

stages of team development - agile adoption signature

Mini Agile Work Simulation: Part II

intensive practice of agile methods

Day Three

Test Everything: Test-Driven Work

what is test-driven work? - qualities of an ideal test - management tests - acceptance tests - task-level tests

Communicate Powerfully

shared space - collaboration tools - information radiators - listening - improving communication

Clear the Path: Removing Obstacles

types of obstacles - who removes obstacles? - methods of removing obstacles - removing obstacles and learning

Agile Work Disciplines

eliminate waste - amplify learning - empower the team

Mini Agile Work Simulation: Part III

intensive practice of agile methods

Day Four

Agile and Your Corporate Culture

what is corporate culture? - what is your corporate culture - how will agile work in your corporate culture?

Agile and Your Project

filling the roles - setting dates - other parameters - project success sliders - definition of done - interaction model - initial Work Item List - initial record of obstacles

Open Discussion

Conclusion

Course Details

Duration: 4 consecutive days 9:00am to 4:30pm

Breaks: 3 coffee breaks of 10 minutes and 1 lunch break of 30 minutes

Class Size: <25 people (a **single** team incl. project manager, customer representatives and all team members, including part-time and shared team members)

Price: **Call for details: 416 559 1919. Value: Faster ROI, Lower Project Costs.**