

Inter Office Memo

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Note: We are an international company, all communication will proceed in English.

Flexibility Definition

1. The quality of bending easily without breaking.

Hello.

Please hold.

Welcome

I am Andrea, your

THOUGHTFUL, CONSIDERATE, SELFLESS, CARING

Assistant today.

I see you have ordered the

VIBRANT, LIVELY

DayPack organised by

HAPPY, CONTENT, JOYFUL

People.

This is your desk for the day.

Do sit down, we aim to create a BEAUTIFUL, LOVELY, ATTRACTIVE

Space.

We know concentration is of utmost importance to get those creative juices flowing.

Now try the light.

Touch it.

We have a brand new iMac there for you to use.

Just log in with your CLOUD credentials.

Then you will be all set.

And create AMAZING, REMARKABLE, WONDERFUL

Things in no time.

You just touch the screen,

See?

Flexibility Definition.

- 1.1. The ability to be easily modified.

Please hold

If things don't work we get

shit DONE, COMPLETED, ENDED

And fix it.

I have just been informed that one of our ENVIRONMENT AGENTS didn't come to work today. We are so sorry. Please remove the empty cup from the desk.

They are monitored by their own HAPPY EMPLOYEE program, but unfortunately, not everyone suits our FLEXIBLE PROGRESSIVE ethos.

We are in this TOGETHER

We are a WE

you and I

We have EMPATHY.

If the ENVIRONMENT AGENT couldn't do her job before 7 am today, she can try again tomorrow. We always give people another chance, to IMPROVE, PROGRESS, ADVANCE

Their performance.

Flexibility Definition

1.2. Willingness to change or compromise.

I assure you, you will be able to concentrate here, it's all up to you really.

How you spend your time.

How you come up with ideas.

How you execute them.

We call it **HARNESSING OUR TIME**.

There are methods if you struggle. There is always a way.

Our **METHOD AGENTS** will give you a tutorial if you need.

Just raise your hand.

Try it!

Our 24/7 IT partners will solve technical issues for you.

If you need a **SOCIAL MEDIA LOCK** to secure your **FLOW**

We can add that. Just select a time and we will lock down all distractions.

We are here for your **CREATIVITY**.

Agility Definition

1. Ability to move quickly and easily.

Oh, before you start I want to show you the rest.

We know you **LOVE**

Post-it notes.

Here's a whiteboard so you can plan your **PIPELINE**
if you need, we, of course, have a **SCRUM MASTER**
at hand.

To help with optimum planning.

I see there are some Post-it's from the previous session, again the **ENVIRONMENT AGENT**.

We are so sorry.

So sorry indeed. It is not ok.

You can walk up and take them yourself if you like.

You can also report other errors if you like, there is an iPad at the exit for that purpose.

She will be able to see it from home, so I suggest you do log your GRIEVANCES,
COMPLAINTS, CRITICISM.

We can all get better.

We do Love what we do here because we know we are creating something bigger.

We will remind the ENVIRONMENT AGENT.

That she can get better.

ALL the time.

Agility Definition

1.1 Ability to think and understand quickly

If you are like most of us who like nature and the OUTDOORS,
you will appreciate the PLANTS

They are CURATED

By our plant CURATOR

To refresh both body and soul.

Do TOUCH.

Yes, that one just ahead of you.

Now I will leave you with our vibrant SPACE

I know you are alone now but we do our utmost to make your BODY

Feel at home.

STAY TRUE TO YOURSELF

WE believe in you.

THIS IS YOUR TIME.

FLEXIBILITY.

DEFINITION TYPE 2.

«The quality of yielding to pressure and the readiness to yield to influence of persuasion, pliancy of mind or disposition”

While flexibility as freedom calls to mind an athletes dexterity, the latter definitions play on the word’s most literal definition, an object’s pliancy. Flexibility means freedom through versatility a quality said to inhere in the private market and in the digital technologies that often serve as a proxy for it. Besides versatility, the ability to anything, flexibility also suggests capriciousness, the willingness to bend and yield as required.

Where nimble and lean refer to the shape, size and expenditures of a firm, invoking austerity rethoric’s moral sanction against ‘waste’, flexibility refers specifically to the ways in which time, compensated and otherwise, is commodified and controlled. A nimble organisation maximizes productivity while minimising labor costs, but it also requires flexible employees who can bend into as many different shapes as possible.

Credits:

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