### **Basic**

# **Guide to Mentoring**

Mentoring is a deeply fulfilling experience. This guide presents pointers on how we can build trusting mentoring relationships with our mentees, through which we grow together with our mentees!



### **Know Your Mentee**

Gain insights into your mentees's thoughts, aspirations, concerns and feelings for more effective mentoring.

Practice <u>active listening</u> to encourage your mentee to share more about himself/herself.

#### **Build Trust**

Create a psychologically safe environment for your mentee to share freely about professional opportunities and challenges.

- Embrace trust as the <u>basis of innovation</u>.
- Build trust intentionally through a variety of ways.
- Withhold judgement for this is key to building trust.





### **Co-identify Growth Areas**

Co-explore growth areas to create ownership in the growth process.

- <u>Collaborate</u> with your mentee to surface growth areas together.
- Use a <u>conversation log</u> to bring focus into your mentoring conversations.
- Provide <u>effective feedback</u> that helps your mentee to move forward.

## **Be Adaptive and Responsive**

Vary your approach to adapt to the situation and/or respond to your mentee's needs.

- Understand the <u>attitudinal shifts</u> of your mentee in order to nuance the mentoring journey accordingly.
- Be mindful of <u>the needs</u> of your mentee at different stages in his/her career or development.
- Vary your approach using this <u>conceptual framework</u>.







#### References

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