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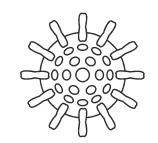
The Engagement Contagion

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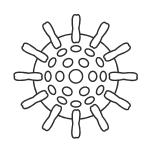




Learning from nature - not in relation to human health

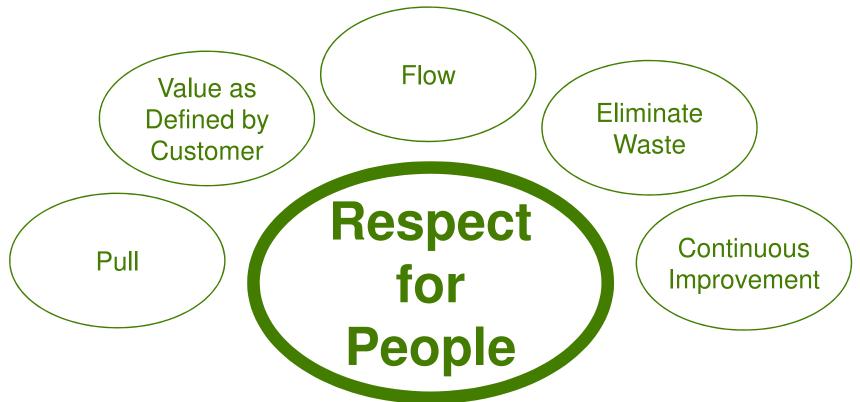
From the perspective of a virus, seeking to spread

• 3,400,000,000 years of successful adaptation





Fundamental Principle of Lean



The people who do the work are the experts in what they do They are the right people to be engaged in continuous improvement



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Tale of Two Healthcare Units

Adolescent Behavioral Health	Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
(20) 5-day Improvement Events	(20) 5-day Improvement Events
Significant achievements	Significant achievements
Committed leaders	Committed leaders
Discernable shift in culture	No change in culture

What the heck? Doing Lean is not the same as becoming Lean



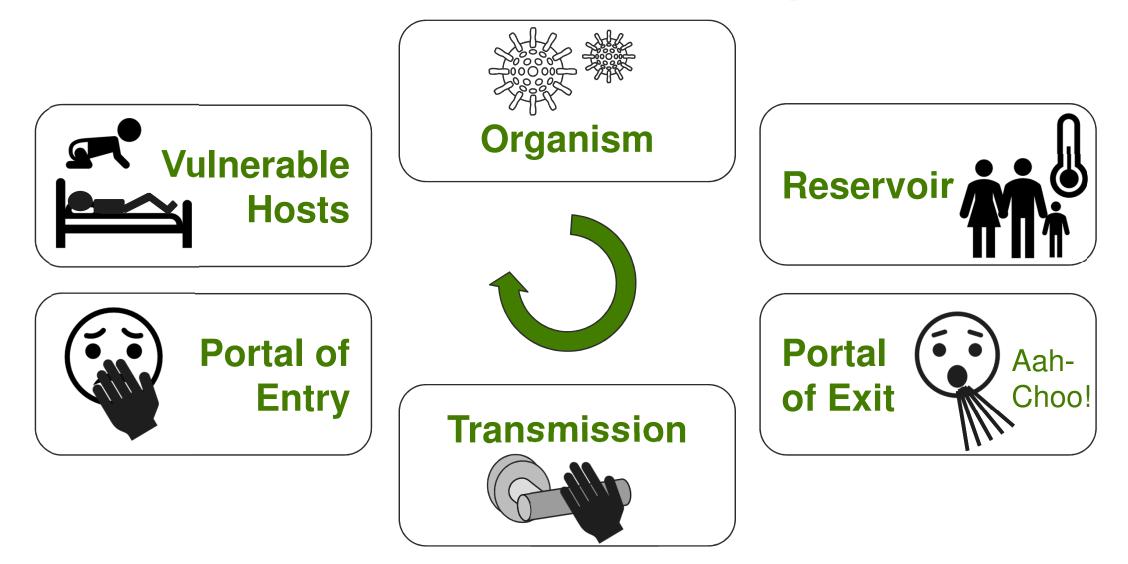


Write down two examples

- 1. A successful work improvement you have made in the last year
- 2. A work improvement you have been unable to make

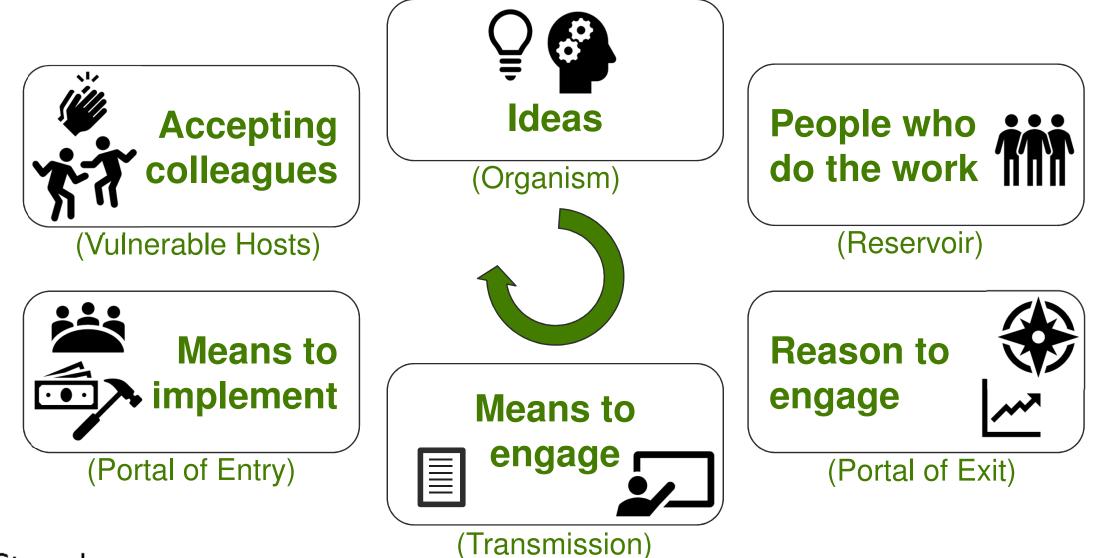


Transmission of Disease – a Metaphor

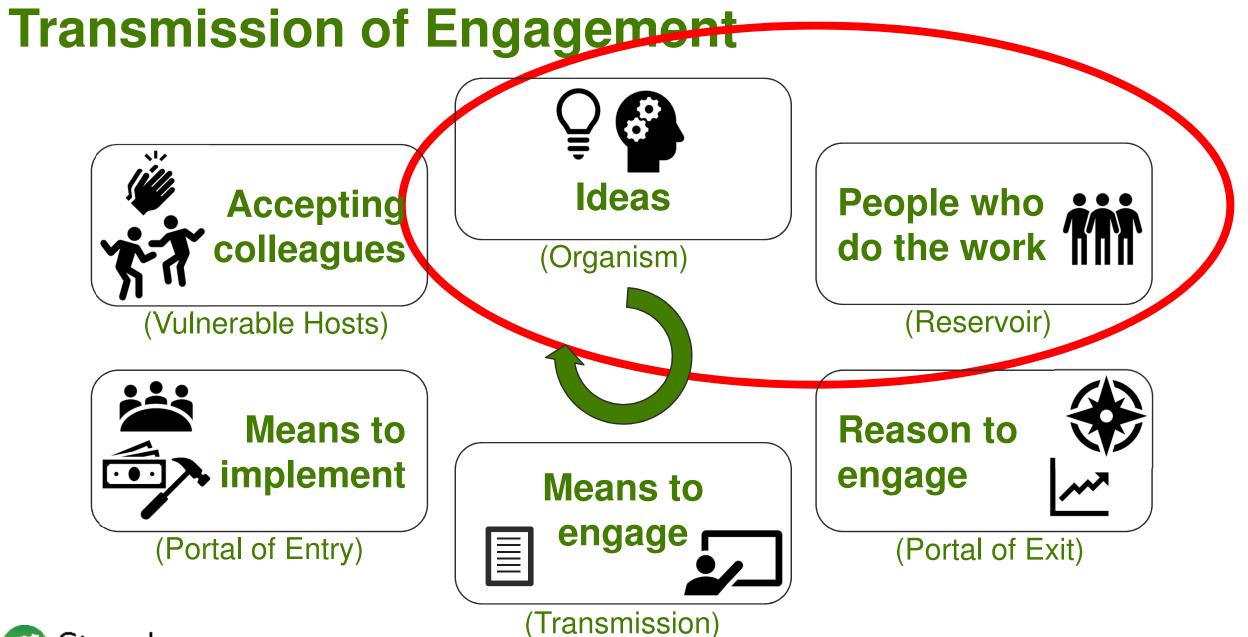




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British Leyland and Jaguar c.1984 - The eyes of the staff told a story

2 plants with shared history of poor quality and declining market share

British Leyland in continued decline

• Eyes vacant, detached, going through the motions

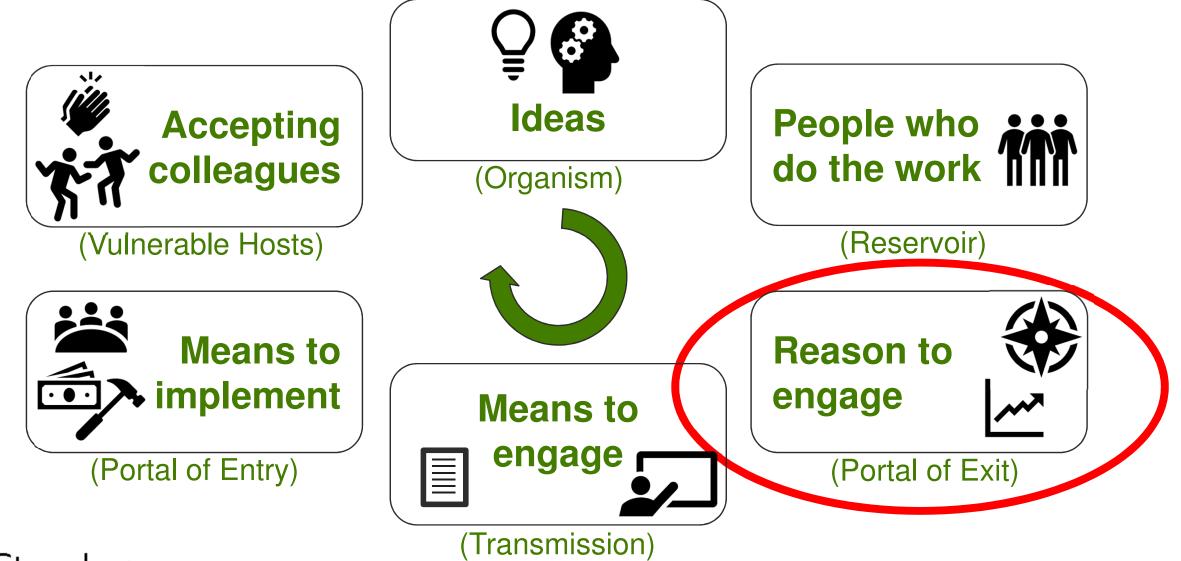
Jaguar in turnaround

• Eyes alive, interested, engaged

How could 2 such similar environments have very different engagement?



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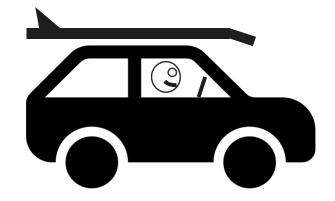
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Frank leaves early ...

It is 1pm on a Friday:

The President approaches the Director of Operations

"I just saw Frank (a mechanic) driving off with a windsurfer on his roof and a big grin on his face"





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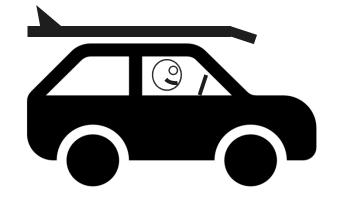
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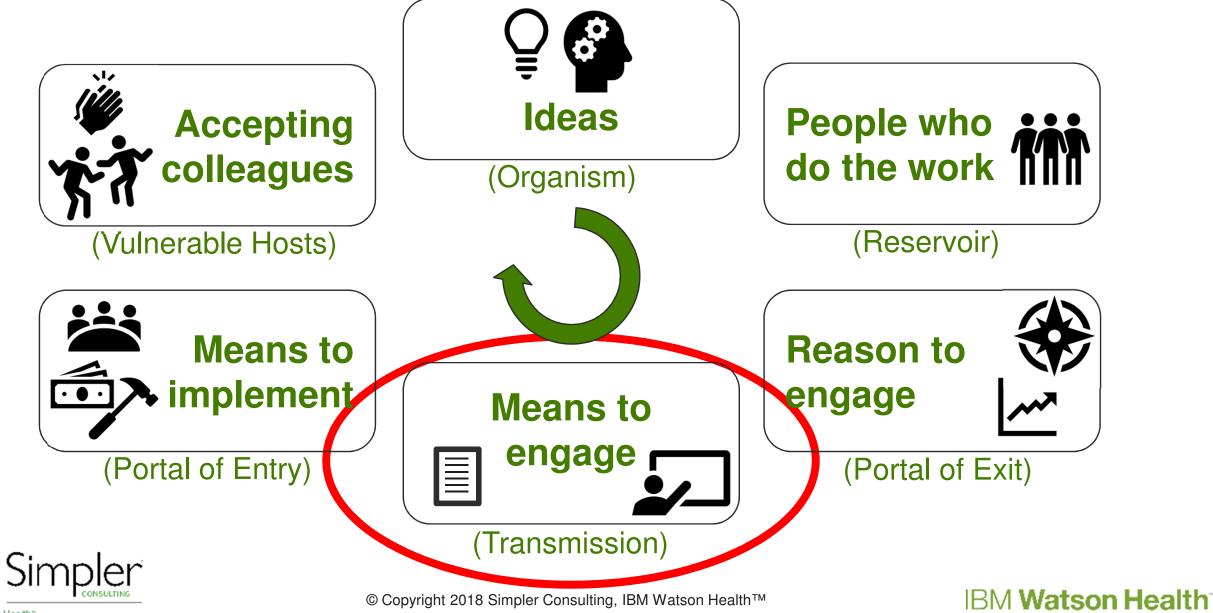
"I just saw Frank (a mechanic) driving off with a windsurfer on his roof and a big grin on his face"

"I think our job as leaders is to make sure Frank has that same grin when he comes back on Monday morning"





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Marshmallow Challenge

Task: Support a marshmallow as high as possible above the table Materials:

- 1 Marshmallow
- 20 sticks of spaghetti
- 1 yard of string
- 1 yard of tape
- Time: 18 minutes





Marshmallow Challenge

What enables success?



Thoughtful, studious



Playful, experimentation

... all about willingness (courage) to engage in rapid learning behavior



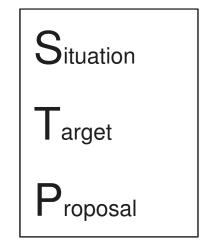
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Surgical Services – Midwest Children's Hospital

On Lean journey for 18 months

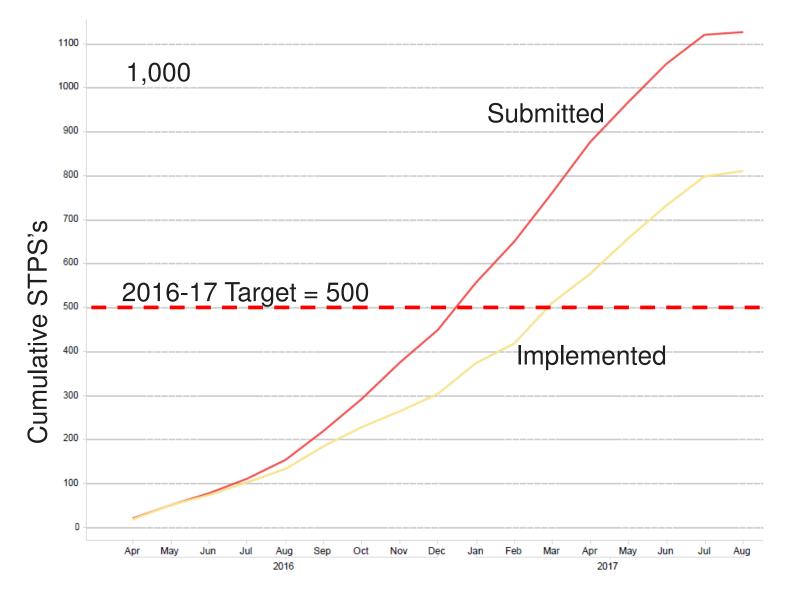
- 8 Improvement Workshops
- Deep/wide implementation of Daily Management
- Implemented system for staff-initiated continuous improvement
- Challenged to implement 500 improvements in first year





Surgical Services – Midwest Children's Hospital

- Over 600 implemented improvements in first year
- Currently over 1,500





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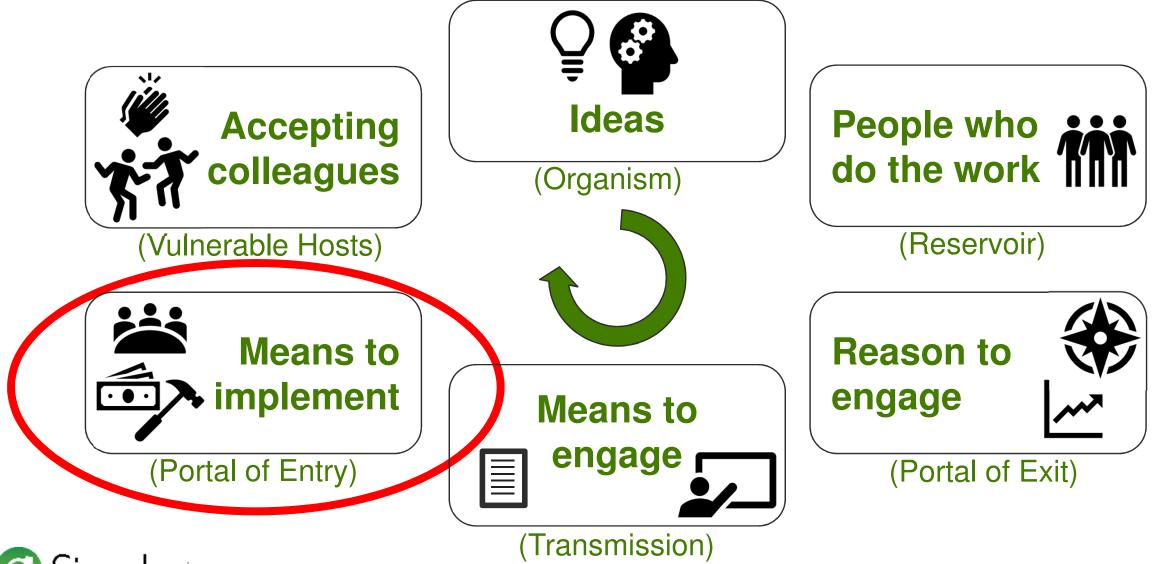
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How did other components of the Daily Management System enable this level of engagement?

- Daily readiness huddles provided forum to engage every day
- Huddles surfaced abnormalities and prompted problem solving
- Metrics raised awareness of performance needs and gaps
- Standard Work provided a trusted pathway to implement



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Two weeks after an Improvement Workshop ...

"Alan, I need you to come up to 5-East right now!"





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Two months after an Improvement Workshop ...

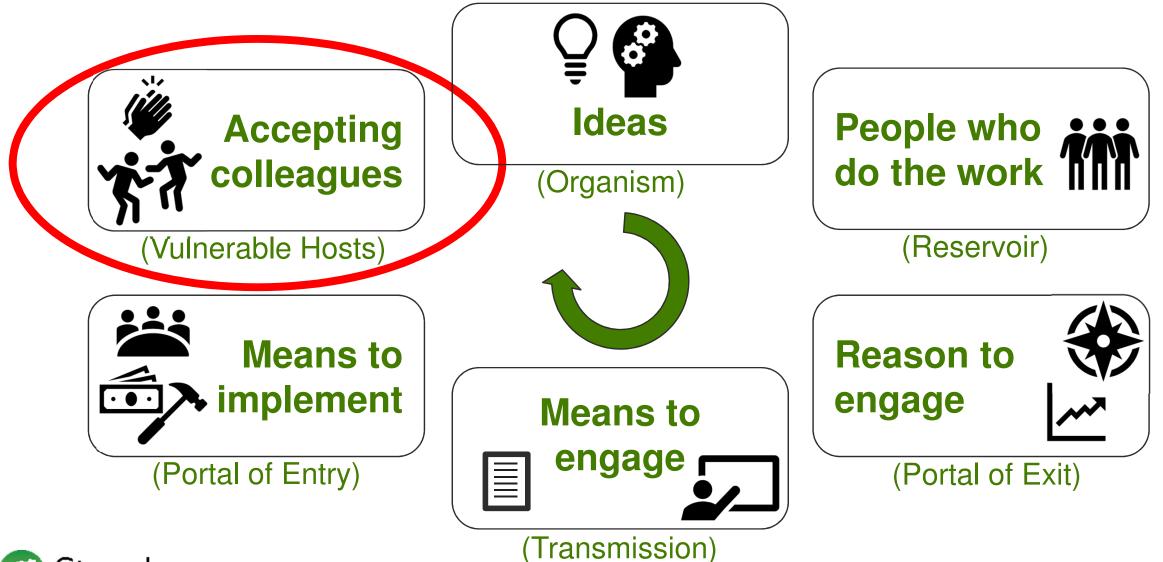
"Alan, do you have a minute, I'd like to show you something!"

- Cut a wider slot in the workbench to use as a holding device
- Now much easier to tighten fitting
- Took 10 minutes to make
- But it took 2 months to <u>admit</u> he had made the improvement !
- What am I missing?



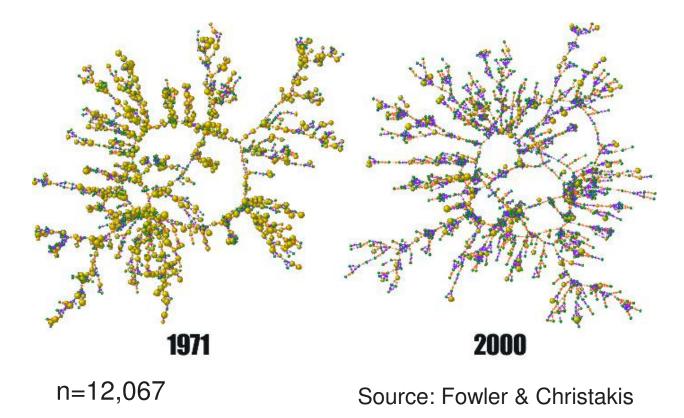
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Framingham Study – Connectedness of Smoking behavior



- Smoking cessation correlated to close social ties (spouse, siblings, friends, small work groups)
- Remaining smokers tended to be marginalized - on the periphery of the network



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Pre-requisites for Engagement

Needs of Individuals	Role of Leaders
What does my organization need?	 Establish direction
• How can I help?	Build problem-solving muscle
Am I making a difference?	Provide feedback
	Adapted from Joe Murli – Lean Enterprise Institute



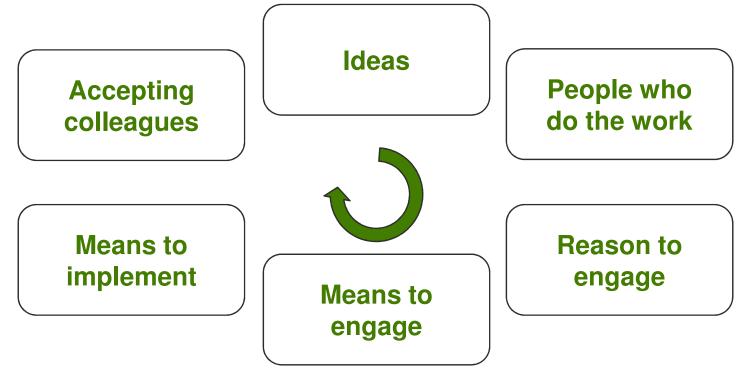
Exercise - Refer to the two examples you wrote down earlier

An improvement you have made in the last year

• What enabled it to be implemented?

An improvement you have been unable to make







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Take-Away Thoughts

Improvement events on their own are insufficient

A strong Daily Management System makes a big difference

Framework for engagement – if you forget, Google "cycle of disease"



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