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One of 22 sections
in the Managers Ritual Toolkit

CLOSE THE LOOP

Use these practical meeting rituals to create clearer endings, better contribution and more visible ownership.

Start with The Hard Stop to protect the final five minutes. Then choose a spoken or written closing loop when the meeting needs more clarity, contribution or challenge.

One action. One owner. One deadline.

Effective meetings

A quick closing loop to hear every voice



30 SECOND ROUND TABLE

The 30-Second Round Table gives everyone a short, equal opportunity to speak before the meeting ends. Choose one focus for the round: understanding, questions, contribution or challenge. Each person has up to 30 seconds to share one useful reflection before passing to the next voice.

Hear every voice and surface what might otherwise be missed.

1. Choose the focus

Understanding: What is your key takeaway and what happens next?

Questions: What is still unclear or unresolved?

Contribution: What would you add, build on or suggest?

Challenge: What risk, assumption or blind spot should we test?

2. Round Table 30 seconds each

The Timekeeper starts the timer. Each person has up to 30 seconds to share one useful reflection. It is always acceptable to pass..

3. Keep time, close the loop

Respect the 30-second limit. Capture anything that needs more time in the Car Park. Confirm actions, owners & deadlines in the Action Tracker.

[Open Action Tracker](#)

Effective meetings

Protected time to close meetings with clarity

THE HARD STOP



The Hard Stop protects the final five minutes of every meeting. A nominated Timekeeper calls time on the discussion, moves unfinished items into the Car Park and creates space to confirm agreement and actions. A useful discussion is not enough. A good meeting needs a deliberate ending.

Turn useful discussion into clear actions and ownership.

1. Decide who is the Timekeeper

Before the meeting begins, agree who will call the Hard Stop. Usually not the Host.

2. Call the Hard Stop

With five minutes remaining, pause the discussion. Move unfinished topics into the Car Park so they can be revisited separately.

3. Close with clarity

What did we agree?

What actions need to happen next?

Who owns each action and by when?

4. Capture the actions

Record each action, owner and deadline in the Action Tracker. Ideally run meeting recording software to make this a cut and paste task.

[Open Action Tracker](#)

Effective meetings

Quiet reflection time to surface better thinking

REFLECTION CLOSE



The Reflection Close creates five minutes of Alone Together Time before a meeting ends. Choose one focus for the reflection: understanding, questions, contribution or challenge. Each person writes a brief response avoiding bias and providing a summary that includes all voices equally.

Create space for quieter, more considered thinking to emerge.

1. Choose the focus

Understanding: What is your key takeaway and what happens next?

Questions: What is still unclear or unresolved?

Contribution: What would you add, build on or suggest?

Challenge: What risk, assumption or blind spot should we test?

2. Start the reflection

Timekeeper start the timer. Everyone writes silently for 5 minutes in the agreed place: a shared document, meeting notes or individual cards.

3. Capture & close the loop

Thank the team. Review and share the reflections after the meeting. Add actions and owners in the Action Tracker.

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Bring the Manager Rituals Toolkit to your business. Give managers a consistent approach to better meetings, feedback and 1-1s. So trust, clarity and accountability do not depend on which manager someone happens to work for.

Start with one leader, equip a management group, or embed the system across your organisation.

Ritual Operating System

RITUALS FOR PERFORMANCE