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Motivation & Inspiration

Motivate volunteers and find ways for them to excite other volunteers about their tasks. Establishing trust and loyalty among members and providing encouragement to help people reach their full potential within your club is a fantastic attribute. It can also help increase volunteer retention and improve sustainability of your club.



Be Humble

Be realistic of what your strengths are and where you might need support.



Smart leaders acknowledge 'what they don't know'

Make sure to never stop looking for opportunities to develop your skills. Involve people who have different strengths to help you run your club well.



Future focused

Leaders must not only manage current commitments, but provide direction for future activity.



Be Bold

To be a good leader, you sometimes need to take risks be firm; have confidence when making difficult decisions. This will give your team courage and motivate them.



Speak to your people

Good leaders will communicate well and often with their people. Keeping people informed of what is happening creates a greater team feel and ethic.



Listen to your people

Your people are your greatest resource; listen to their feedback and encourage them to share their opinions and ideas.

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Strike a Balance

Being a good leader is a balancing act using different styles and strategies to deal with different people and situations. Be flexible in your approach.



Maintain harmony

Addressing conflicts and developing solutions is vital to ensuring that clubs survive and thrive.



Don't find fault, find a remedy

It is important to constantly evaluate how well your club is being run and strive to do better. This also includes giving constructive feedback and praise to your volunteers.

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