



17 *Creative Ways* to *Supercharge* Your Team Meetings with More *Engagement & Energy!*

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If you are conducting your next staff meeting or conference, ONE key element to a successful event is **Creative Engagement.**

Without this, your audience will not be focus in the event, start fidgeting, get on their phones and worse, walk out.

On the other hand, when they are engaged, your audience will get motivated, energised, ready to learn and even contribute back - making them feel important and a time well-spent.

As a professional speaker with more than a decade speaking at various events, I have had the opportunity to experience things that either increase or decrease engagement, resulting in different outcomes.

Below is a list of 17 creative ways you can do to increase engagement and make your next staff event a successful and memorable one.

Easy & Creative Ways to incorporate fun & increase engagements at staff meetings

- 1) Kick off the meeting with compliments, appreciation & gratitudes, sincerely.** Start the meeting sharing something that you are grateful about, or genuinely appreciate your fellow colleagues who have helped you in achieving a goal
- 2) Play upbeat and fun music as people arrive at the venue.** Environment shapes behaviour, so this is one way to create that positive environment
- 3) Start a meeting with a fun trivia or puzzles.** This could trigger creative juices which is useful in the meeting. Relate these games to the meeting agenda if possible
- 4) Have a fun-sound buzzer to encourage people to speak.** Yet it is also to keep them to their time limit
- 5) Hold short standing meetings.** This encourage movements to get ideas flowing.
- 6) Start meeting at odd timing.** For example 1.43pm. Human brains tend to remember unusual things better. By starting the meeting at such timings, that will ensure their punctuality as well. I frequently use this method in my workshops. Results: At least 90% punctuals everytime!
- 7) Meet in a crazy location.** E.g. at the office cafeteria, or a local coffeshop near office building. This will add fun and the new surrounding could trigger new ideas.

8) Organise ice-breakers. Use the first 7-10 mins as a social mixer. The ice-breaker could be as simple as sharing their accomplishments the past week, or what did they do over the weekends. Use a small ball (or any small material) and throw it to the audience for them to catch. The one who catches it will share. Then, throw the item to the next person, at random, to continue the sharing session.

9) Bring food for the meeting. Create a roster where a few people will take turns to bring food to the meeting. The food could be consumed as the meeting progresses or upon completion of the meeting; a.k.a a motivating factor to end meeting on time.

10) Idea Ticket Admission. Prior to the meeting, frame a problem to address. Get each people to bring at least an idea or suggestion to the problem, written on index cards. Collect the index cards at the door to enter the meeting. Start the meeting by reading their suggestions out loud.

11) Play a different role(s). Write popular (real or fiction) characters on the meeting room whiteboard - eg Charlie Chaplin, Superman, Albert Einstein, Doraemon etc. Have each person pick a character, play the 'character' and think of how the character would respond to the issue(s) at hand.

12) Conduct Reverse Brainstorming. Get the participants to do a reverse brainstorming where they would need to generate ideas that leads to "worst possible scenarios". Use the scenarios as triggers to generate possible solutions.

13) Paper Aeroplanes. Have each audience write down one idea on a paper, and fold the paper into aeroplane. Then, send it “flying” to someone else. Upon reading, write down modifications or improvements that could be made on the initial idea. Then send it “flying” to another person and continue the process until everyone has contributed.

14) Oscar Acceptance Speech. Giving a speech in a form of storytelling can help people envision the future. Ask each person to write down a goal they want to achieve for the year, then imagine that they have achieved it and “share” in the speech on how the specifics that lead to the goal being achieved.

15) One-Half Football Match. Arrange the meeting for 45 minutes instead of 1 hour. Studies have shown that the longer we sit, our energy and focus to wane. So stick to a 45-minute meeting but still can get things done.

16) On The Go. If the meeting involves only 2 or three people, have the meeting ‘on the go’. Make it a walking meeting, moving from one point to another within your office building or beyond. Walking increase blood circulations which deliver more energy to generate more ideas in a short span of time.

17) Include a Surprise Guest Speaker. Consider having your team meetings that includes guest speakers who could share 15 minutes of inspirational talk each time. It could be from your contacts or your past clients. This would add another dimension in your meeting.

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Shayusri Sharif, Founder - Little Big Minds Singapore

Getting to know Hazriq Idrus.



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