

MAKE SHIFT HAPPEN



Inflection Point Leadership

The Case for Shift Leadership

The bottom line on top

The Reality

Change has become unmanageable – too complex, fast and constant for traditional change management.

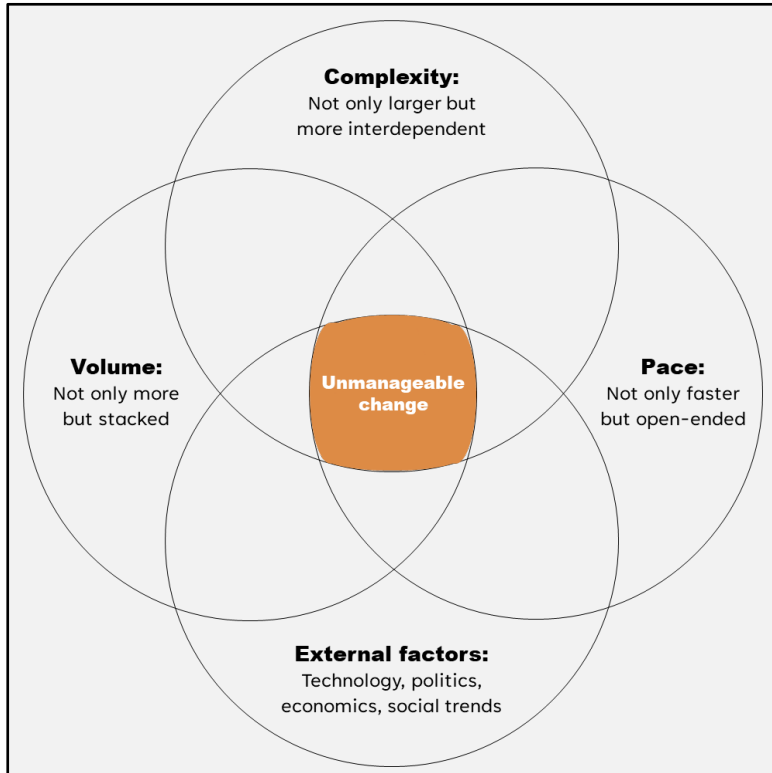
The Shift

We must lead through change – not around it – and turn influencers into movement-makers.

The Payoff

Equip everyone to lead from where they are, because when people understand how to lead shifts, organizations don't just adapt – they advance!

Change has outgrown “management”



| What's Different Now | What We Need to Shift |
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| Changes are <i>interdependent</i> across teams, systems, and regions | → Connect dots locally — leadership can't script every ripple |
| We're not just facing <i>more</i> change; it's <i>stacked and simultaneous</i> | → Prioritize, sense-make, and stay focused amid competing changes |
| Change is faster and <i>open-ended</i> ; there is no “steady state” | → Build ongoing adaptability, not just compliance |
| Technology, politics, and social trends keep rewriting the rules | → Interpret and act at the speed of reality |

Introducing Shift Leadership™



Change doesn't wait for permission. It moves – fast, messy, human.

A **Shift** occurs when someone chooses to see differently, act decisively, and lead forward.

Shift Leadership™ is the capability to influence the human movement of change –

to find clarity when things blur,

to strengthen connection when things strain,

to show courage when things get real,

and most importantly,

to confidently turn the news way forward into sustained positive outcomes.

Stop managing change as a project. Start leading it as a movement.

Tenets of Shift Leadership



- ① Change is human before it's operational
- ② Change is a constellation of continuous shifts, not a single event
- ③ Everyone can influence their own and others' change experience
- ④ Effective leadership integrates thinking, feeling, and doing
- ⑤ Positive movement matters more than compliance
- ⑥ Data guides; dialogue moves; ownership sustains

Why Shift Leadership outpaces traditional Change Management

Change Management

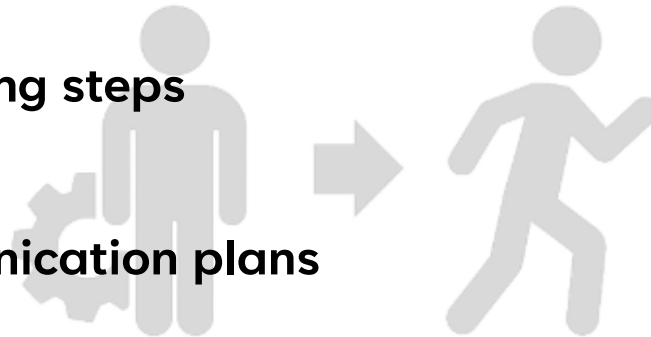
Episodic events

Managing steps

Communication plans

Compliance

Owned by specialists



Shift Leadership

Continuous adaptability

Leading momentum

Human connection

Capability

Shared by everyone



Peeling the layers of the Shift Leadership™ Model

1. Shift Filters

- Head – *Rational Thinker*
- Heart – *Emotional Stakeholder*
- Hands – *Practical Doer*

2. Transition Phases

- Ending
- Neutral Zone
- New Beginning

3. Transition Personas

- Stability Anchors
- Proof Seekers
- Early Enthusiasts
- Preoccupied Doers
- Answer Finders
- Momentum Carriers
- Conditional Adopters
- Practical Executors
- Future-Finders

4. Catalysts -> Experiences

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| Clarity | ← | → | Enlightened |
| Connection | ← | → | Engaged |
| Confidence | ← | → | Entrusted |
| Capability | ← | → | Equipped |
| Capacity | ← | → | Effective |
| Change-Agility | ← | → | Empowered |

An effective Shift Leader . . .

. . . activates the right layer(s) of focus and action to spark meaningful movement at the right time.



From managing change → to leading movement → to making shift happen

For the organization initiating change

| Traditional Change Management | Shift Leadership™ Difference |
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| Treats change as a project to be managed — with a plan, milestones, and rollout communications. | Treats change as a movement to be led — powered by mindsets, meaning, and momentum. |
| Focuses on process compliance and adoption metrics. | Focuses on cultural capability — building adaptive muscle that accelerates every future change. |
| Centralized ownership (by HR, PMO, or consultants). | Distributed ownership — every employee learns to <i>lead the shift</i> from where they sit. |
| Produces one-off readiness plans. | Creates a repeatable system — linking data, personas, and leadership actions to sustain transformation. |
| Measures success by implementation completion . | Measures success by how the energy, engagement, and endurance across the organization contributed to outcomes. |

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For the leader guiding others through change

| Traditional Change Management | Shift Leadership™ Difference |
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| Leaders “ cascade ” messages and follow HR’s change playbook. | Leaders become sense-makers and shapers — interpreting, personalizing, and modeling the shift. |
| Emphasis on communication scripts and milestones . | Emphasis on Head–Heart–Hands actions — clarity of thinking, empathy in connection, and decisive doing. |
| Focuses on getting buy-in . | Focuses on creating belonging and belief . |
| Views resistance as a problem to overcome. | Views resistance as data — a clue to where people are in the transition journey. |
| One-size-fits-all training. | Tailored tools and Personas to equip leaders to meet people where they are. |

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For the individual experiencing change

| Traditional Change Management | Shift Leadership™ Difference |
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| You're expected to "get on board" once plans are announced. | You're invited to reflect on your own change experience — where you are in the journey and what helps you move forward. |
| Change feels like something being done to you . | Change becomes something you can navigate and own . |
| Generic messaging and town halls. | Personalized My Shift Journey™ insight — visualizing your current state, challenges, and progress. |
| Focus on compliance ("Did you complete the training?"). | Focus on confidence and connection ("Do you feel equipped and supported to adapt?"). |
| Temporary coping tools. | Enduring resilience and adaptability skills that carry across all future changes. |

A sunset scene with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a warm glow over a vast expanse of white, fluffy clouds. The sky transitions from a pale blue at the top to a golden yellow near the sun. Overlaid on the right side of the image are several curved, semi-transparent white lines that resemble a stylized rainbow or a series of concentric arcs.

Lead Shift Before Shift Leads YOU!

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