

Teamwork and ubuntu



Fostering teamwork involves creating a work culture that values collaboration. In a teamwork environment, people understand and believe that thinking, planning, decisions, and actions are better when done cooperatively.

How to be a good team player

1. Maximise your contribution.

Whether you gel with your team mates and do the work based on your strengths or not, team working is such a vital way of completing projects that it's worth developing and refining the skills that will help you make a valuable contribution to the team you're in.

2. Immerse yourself.

People who are considered team players get fully involved in tasks and participate more in group work. To be a team player means respecting your co-workers' strengths, while acknowledging their weaknesses. And, knowing what role they play to see where you fit in.

3. Talk.

It's not enough to listen. You have to reciprocate and be in the loop. Join communal discussions so that you are a part of whatever is discussed.

4. Negotiate.

Whenever people work together, there are bound

to be differences of opinion. As a team player, you may have to give others what they want or need sometimes, even if it conflicts with your needs. Sometimes, it means doing or saying things you don't necessarily agree with.

5. Do your job.

The work comes first, otherwise the team will suffer. Work hard and do things well. There is no better path to team player status than being someone that is respected for making the team look good.

6. Have respect for your team mates.

Make sure that you respect your colleagues' contributions even if you don't always agree with them.

Being a valuable team member can open new career opportunities because leaders may see firsthand what a great job you're doing. If you make a good impression, you never know what possibilities might open for you.

People who get along well with others and produce consistently are an asset to any team and a valuable member of any organisation.