



# LISTEN WITH EMPATHY

Collaborative communication





## Components of a feedback system

Sender (of a message)

Recipient (of a message)

Intention (from sender to recipient)

Effect (effect on sender and recipient)



## Sender – to consider

- Timing of the conversation
- Be specific
- Avoid words as "must"
- Use "I" form
- Describe neutrally what you saw/heard/observed
- Open questions



## Recipient – to consider

- Anticipate a positive intention
- Listen
- Avoid defensive language
- Ask for clarification
- Tell what you heard/understood
- Say "Thank you!"



# What's the best that can happen when giving and receiving feedback?

Intention: encourage and support (to enrich life)

Effect: mutual learning (needs met)



# What's the worst that can happen when giving and receiving feedback?

Intention: to punish

Effect: pain (unmet needs)





### Practice two and two

#### Sender

- Give positive feedback as instructed

#### Recipient

- Listen and receive
- Say "Thank you!"



### Give feedback

- 1. When you say/do ....
- 2. I feel ... (positive feeling)
- 3. Because I need/value/appreciate ... (need)

### Receive feedback

Thank you!





# To grow in competence (... and fall back ...)

- 1. Unconsciously incompetent
- 2. Consciously incompetent
- 3. Consciously competent
- 4. Unconsciously competent



#### 1. Unconsciously incompetent

Usually responding to others with sympathy, advice, criticism or shifting the focus to myself



#### 2. Consciously incompetent

Easily lost in the story; may sometimes guess reqirements. Incipient intention to give others space, presence and focus.



#### 3. Consciously competent

Can be present with others without trying to lead them. Can reflect the other's experience without agreeing or adding opinions or judgements.

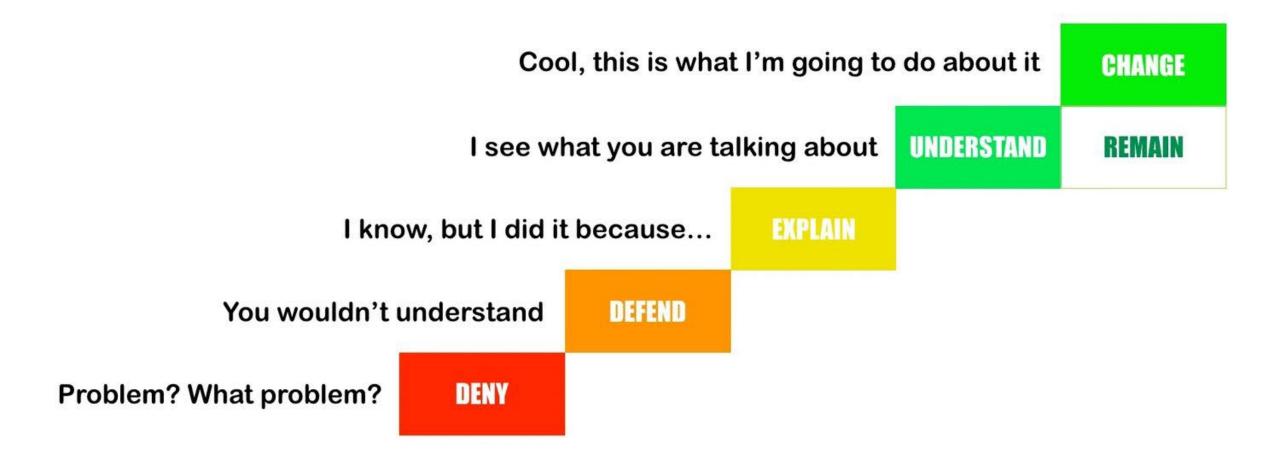


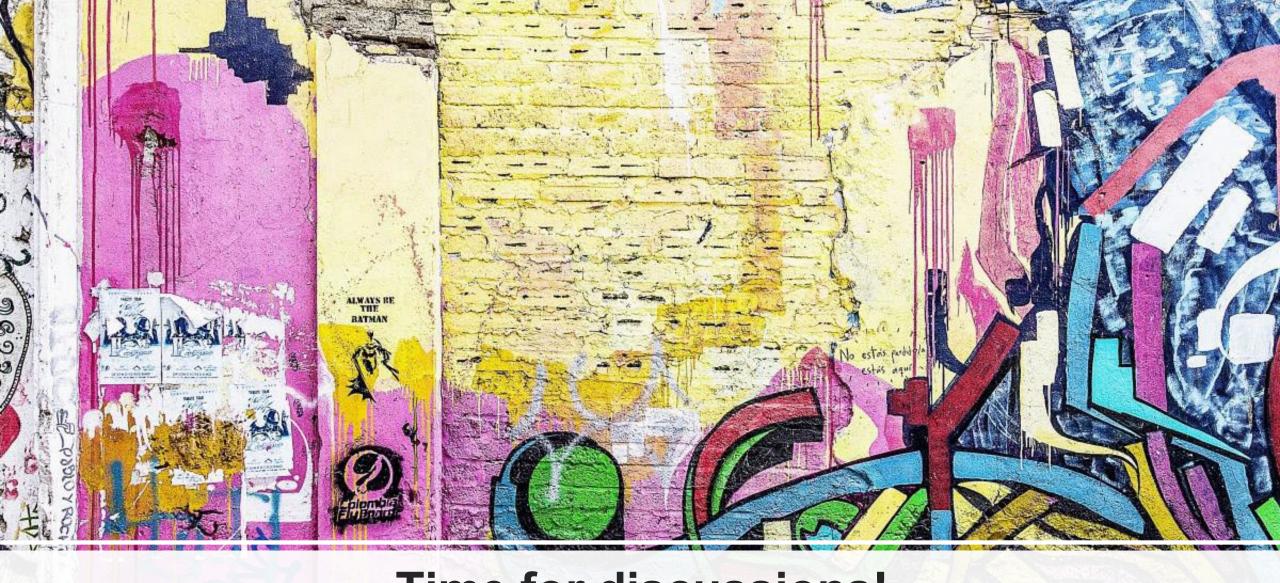
#### 4. Unconsciously competent

Focused in a natural way and stimulated by being with someone else's experience. Curious to learn and grow in knowledge.



## Feedback Staircase





Time for discussions!

## Questions - PhD

- 1. How often do you receive feedback?
- 2. How often do you ask for feedback?
- 3. What kind of feedback has been useful?
- 4. What kind of feedback would you like to receive?



## Questions - Supervisor

- 1. How often do you give feedback?
- 2. How often are you asked to give feedback?
- 3. What kind of feedback is easy to give?
- 4. What kind of feedback is difficult to give?
- 5. Do you get a response to your feedback?



## Feedback – A 'critical friend'

- 1. Just listening
- 2. Questioning
- 3. Reflecting back
- 4. Suggesting other possibilities
- 5. Encouraging
- 6. Focussing
- 7. Maintaining the process



