# **Lesson Learning Outcomes**



## Introduction to Personal Development



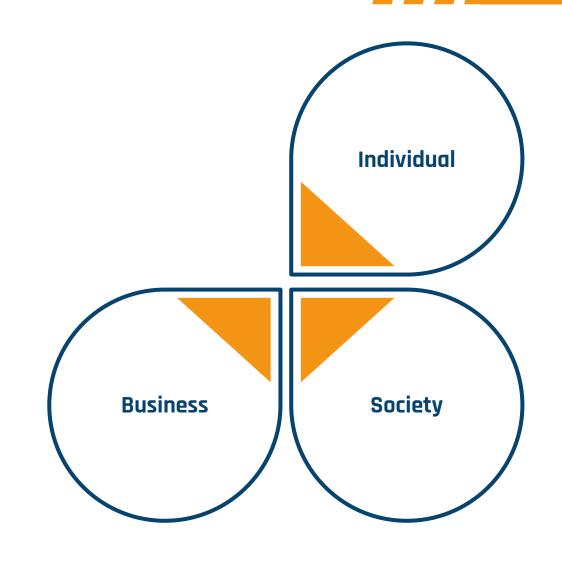
Continuous improvement of your knowledge, skills and experience to achieve success and happiness in your education, career and personal life.



A continuous lifelong process



Personal Development Plan is a simple and effective way of keeping track of your personal development.



## **Personal Development Plan**



A personal development plan, which is also known as a PDP, is an action plan that you can use to identify following aspects.

Target

Your individual goals

and what you want to

achieve

**Self Analysis** 

Your strengths and weaknesses

**Goal Setting** 

The areas you need to improve and develop to meet your goals

**Action Plan** 

What you need to do to achieve your goals

Obstacles

Anything that could hinder your progress

# Benefits of a Personal Development Plan



Provides you with clear goals

Improves your employability

Increases your motivation

Improves your sense of purpose

Helps you to identify your strengths and weaknesses

Improves your performance

Helps track your progress

Enhances your mental wellbeing and reduces stress

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# The Elements of a Personal SWOT Analysis



#### **Threat**

External things and events that are worrying you, or that might happen and prevent you from either achieving your goals, or taking advantage of the benefits

Minimise threats to your success.

### **Opportunity**

Opportunities are generally external, relating to the environment and those around you, rather than you yourself.

Exploit the opportunities available to you



### Strength

Internal positive attributes or capabilities a person has control over and can make full use of.

Promote your strengths

#### Weakness

Weaknesses are negative aspects and attributes which have little control over.

Reduce your weaknesses

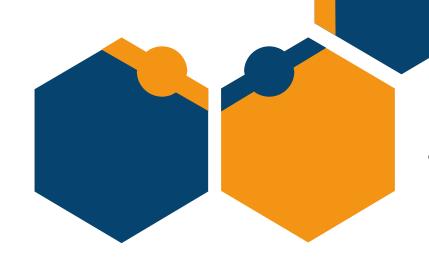
## General Steps to Create Personal Development Plan



Complete a SWOT analysis

To meet your overall aims, you should set goals so that you can fulfil your objectives.

Monitor and assess the progress of your goals and use the assessment results as milestones for achieving your goals



Breakdown your goals into action points, which will make them more manageable.

Detail the strategies and resources for achieving your goals

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## **Goals Must be SMART**

### Specific

Your goals should be specific and precise rather than generic.
You should state exactly what you want to achieve or change.

#### Measurable

Having a quantifiable goal will make it easier to track and achieve.

#### **Achievable**

Your goals must be realistic and attainable. Ask yourself whether you can achieve them in a certain timeframe.

#### Relevant

Your goals should relate to your overall aims and longer-term ambitions.

#### Time-bound

Set realistic timescales
to achieve your
outcomes. Ask yourself
when you want to
achieve your goals by.
Split your goals into
short term, medium
term and long term.

## Fail to Plan, Plan to Fail





- You need to follow your plan and track whether you are achieving your outcomes or not.
- Any failure to achieve your plan should be reflected upon and identify what causes you to fail, rectify and update your plan.



# ANY QUESTIONS?

