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Open Session:

Navigating
Challenges in Urban
Redevelopment
Projects

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Learning Objective



Be able to apply effective project communication strategies, identify and engage stakeholders, and implement conflict resolution techniques in project teams.









Setting The Scene

Today, we'll dive into the £5.6 million revamp of Glasgow's Sauchiehall Street; a project that's as much a story about ambition as it is about lessons learnt the hard way.

Sauchiehall Street was meant to become a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly area that brought people together and revitalised the local economy.







Setting The Scene

But along the way, delays, staffing challenges, and unexpected design changes created roadblocks; not just in construction, but in relationships with the very people the project was meant to benefit.

Local businesses were left frustrated, and the community's patience ran thin.



Setting The Scene

We're going to dig deeper into this story, not to criticise but to uncover valuable lessons.

"How do communication failures impact trust?"

"How do we engage stakeholders effectively, even when things don't go as planned?"

"How can we resolve conflicts in project teams before they derail progress?"



Purpose of the Project

The redevelopment was designed to modernise Sauchiehall Street, making it more walkable, attractive, and socially engaging.

Goals included widening pedestrian pathways, improving lighting, and integrating green spaces.





Challenges Faced

Delays: The project timeline stretched beyond initial estimates, frustrating stakeholders.

Staffing Issues: A shortage of skilled workers and high turnover rates disrupted progress.

Design Changes: Adjustments were made mid-project due to budget constraints or unforeseen challenges, adding to confusion.



Impact on Stakeholders

Local businesses: Many experienced reduced foot traffic and revenue losses during prolonged construction.

Community: Residents expressed dissatisfaction with perceived mismanagement and lack of clear communication about delays.



DEMOCRACY

Urban development projects should reflect the collective voice of the community, achieved through democratic consultation and ongoing dialogue.







The Problem

During the Sauchiehall Street redevelopment, poor communication created confusion among stakeholders. Design changes, unexpected delays, and staffing issues were either not communicated in a timely manner or conveyed inadequately, leading to misinformation and growing frustration.

Local businesses, who were directly affected by the disruptions, felt left out of the loop. This lack of transparency created mistrust, damaging relationships with the very stakeholders whose buy-in was crucial for the project's success.



The Role of Communication

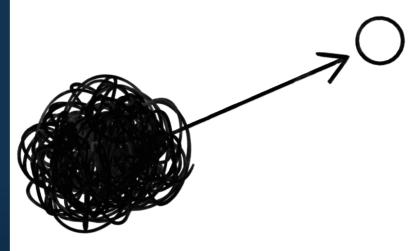
Transparent communication is vital for managing expectations in complex projects. Even when updates aren't positive, openness about challenges fosters empathy and understanding.

For instance, if the project team had shared staffing shortages and their mitigation plans, local businesses might have been more patient and supportive.





The Role of Communication



Clarity in updates; both in frequency and content, helps stakeholders understand how changes will affect them.

For example, instead of announcing "unexpected delays," specifying a revised timeline and outlining steps to resolve the issue would build confidence and reduce ambiguity.



Practical Techniques

Weekly Bulletins

These brief, easy-to-read updates can include key milestones achieved, upcoming plans, and any emerging challenges.

Centralised Channels

Establish a dedicated email or social media account where stakeholders can access information at any time.

Proactive Media Use

Anticipate and address stakeholder concerns through public statements or press releases.





What If?

Imagine you're managing the Sauchiehall Street project. Halfway through, significant design changes are required due to budget constraints. Local business owners are already frustrated.

How would you communicate these changes in a way that reduces frustration and builds trust?







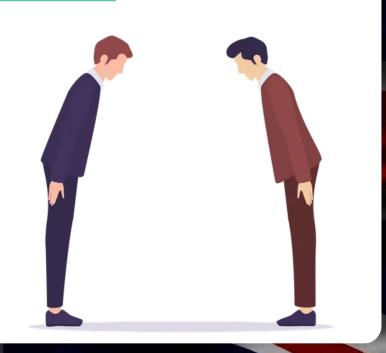
Possible responses might include:

- Hosting a town hall meeting to explain the changes face-to-face.
- 2. Providing visual aids (e.g., 3D renderings) to illustrate the updated design.
- Offering a detailed Q&A document addressing anticipated stakeholder concerns.

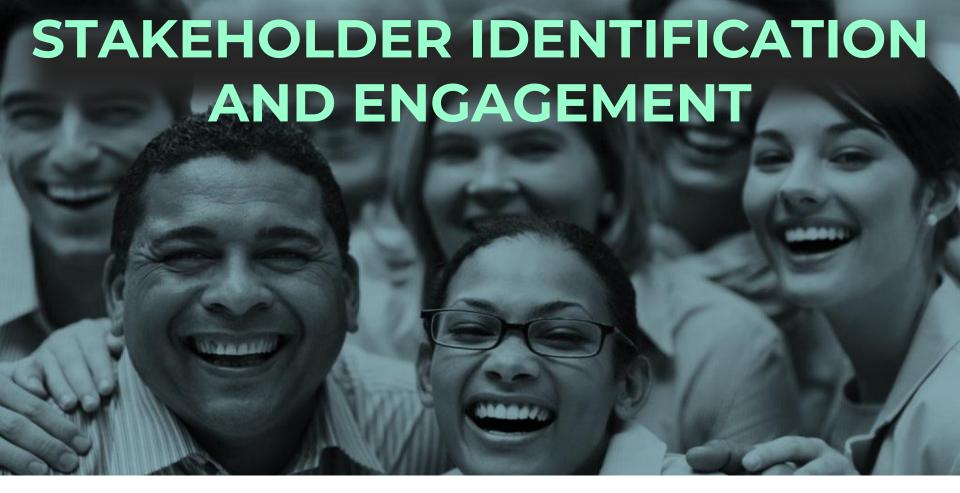


MUTUAL RESPECT

Respecting stakeholders means keeping them informed and addressing their concerns openly, fostering trust and collaboration.













Key stakeholders; including local businesses and residents; felt neglected.

Poor engagement led to frustration, distrust, and a perception that their needs and concerns were not a priority, damaging long-term relationships.



Mapping Stakeholders

Primary Stakeholders

Local businesses: Directly impacted by construction disruptions and loss of foot traffic.

Residents: Affected by noise, dust, and access challenges.

City councils: Accountable for project funding, timelines, and outcomes.



Mapping Stakeholders

Secondary Stakeholders

Media: Shaping public perception of the project through their coverage.

Neighbouring Areas: Indirectly influenced by economic and social changes in Sauchiehall Street.



Engagement Strategies

Early Involvement

Including stakeholders in early design discussions fosters ownership and reduces resistance.

Feedback Loops

Regular forums, virtual Q&A sessions, or surveys allow stakeholders to share concerns and stay informed.

Empathy Mapping

A tool to identify stakeholders' pain points, fears, and priorities.

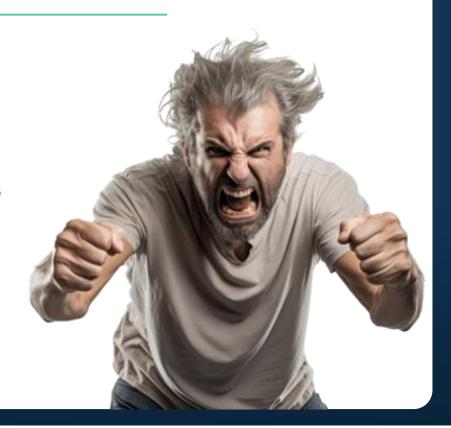
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What If?

You're meeting with frustrated café owners who fear losing customers due to prolonged construction.

What's your opening line?





What If?

Examples of Responses

"I understand this construction has been disruptive, and I want to hear how it's affecting your business so we can find ways to minimise the impact."

"We know delays have been frustrating. Let's discuss temporary solutions, like enhanced signage or adjusted delivery access, to help your business during this time."



TOLERANCE

When engaging frustrated café owners, stress the importance of being open to differing perspectives and finding common ground.











The Problem

Delays, resource shortages, and design changes created tension within the Sauchiehall Street project team.

These conflicts hindered decisionmaking and progress, exacerbating delays and frustrations.



Recognising Conflict Triggers

Misaligned Expectations:

Team members had different understandings of project timelines, leading to confusion and missed deadlines.

Poor Workload Distribution:

Overburdened team members felt unsupported, while others felt underutilised.



Resolution Techniques

Mediation

A **neutral facilitator** helps address grievances and find common ground.

Collaborative Problem Solving

Encouraging teams to co-create solutions builds buy-in and reduces resistance.

Emotional Intelligence

Managing emotions and fostering empathy within teams.



What If?

How Sauchiehall Street Delays Could Have Been Mitigated

Regular team check-ins to address challenges early.

Cross-functional communication tools, such as shared dashboards, to align team members.









CONCLUSION



Key Points

Effective communication builds trust and clarity.

Stakeholder engagement fosters loyalty and collaboration.

Conflict resolution maintains team morale and productivity.



CONCLUSION

Whether you're managing a multimillionpound redevelopment or a smaller workplace project, these skills are your toolkit for turning challenges into opportunities.

"What's one thing you'll start applying in your work tomorrow?"







RESOURCES

Articles

- ✓ <u>SAUCHIE HORROR SHOW Glasgow's Sauchiehall St revamp facing more</u> <u>delays as workers 'axed' days before Christmas.</u>
- ✓ <u>Transparency In Partnerships: Our Approach To Stakeholder Engagement</u> And Scientific Research.
- ✓ <u>Daniel Goleman's Emotional Intelligence in Leadership: How To Improve</u>
 <u>Motivation In Your Team.</u>
 - **✓ How Leaders Can Communicate To Build Trust.**



Thank you for attending







