More Key Points – Introduction

The main thing to focus on in this section is the 5 core properties of Kanban for development as set out by David. J. Anderson. These are the guiding properties that can be used to carry out kanban in any business. Therefore, the main body of this class is split into a different section for each property. So here is a re-cap. Understand these and you have an excellent foundation in Kanban.

Each property will be explained in more detail so don't worry if you don't understand some of the terms fully! :)

5 Core Properties

o *Visualise the workflow:* This makes it easy to see how work is progressing and where there are issues to solve to make progress.

o *Limit work-in-progress:* Therefore there should be a limit to the amount of work in process at any one time to prevent overloading of the team(s).

o *Measure and manage flow:* This means constant reevaluation of the workflow so we can change it when necessary to improve the amount of work delivered.

o *Make process and policies explicit:* i.e. there should be agreement and consensus on working policies within the organisation.

o *Use models to recognise improvement opportunities:* There should be methods to review and communicate issues with or views on the workflow. Those involved work together to find the best way to move forward using

scientific methods.

An additional point to understand is that Kanban allows a business to change in an evolutionary way. There should never be a sudden shock to the system. This keeps the business running smoothly while improving continuously as you will see.

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