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Project Management Tools

Tools that I think will be most effective in creating openness and transparency are information radiators, face-to-face communications, and daily standups.

Information radiators support openness and transparency by displaying critical team information. This means that the whole team can see what critical elements are being worked on, finished, or just started. Information radiators also promote customer collaboration and help build a spirit of trust and partnership between the development organization and business users.

Face-to-face communications are one of the most important and effect tools when creating openness and transparency because it allows agile teams to work closely-knit together in the same room.

Daily standups are effective because they eliminate the need to have long and enduring meetings, which could go on for very long periods of time, wasting precious work hours and minutes. At standups, the meetings are focused on briefly going over what will be done within the day from each section, with a time cap of 15 minutes.

The most effective tool will be face-to-face communications. This is the most important tool, because it allows team members to directly address issues and problems within the development process in person, rather than pushing out emails and not knowing for sure if the team member was properly contacted.