

# HR Monthly Newsletter

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## Create a strong onboarding experience.

First impressions matter! A well-structured onboarding process can set the tone for the entire employee experience, ensuring that new hires feel welcomed, valued and equipped to succeed. Here's how to make sure your onboarding process is impactful as possible:

### **Introduce organizational culture early:**

- Set the tone with leadership. A strong cultural foundation can help employees feel more aligned with the organization and contribute to a sense of belonging.

### **Offer a structured onboarding plan:**

- set clear expectations in the first 30, 60, and 90 days, provide a detailed schedule, include key resources (handbooks, IT access, communications tools).

### **Assign a Buddy or a Mentor:**

- Give new hires a 'go-to' person for questions and support, helping them feel welcomed, reduce stress, and get up to speed faster.

### **Facilitate continuous feedback and two-way communication:**

- Effective onboarding does not stop after the first week or month - it should be an ongoing process. Encourage feedback throughout the process, check-in regularly and encourage open communication.

### **Make technology work for you:**

- Leverage tools to enhance the experience and keep things organized. Consider video walkthroughs, virtual tours or even onboarding software. Technology can improve the efficiency and also make the onboarding experiences easier for new employees.

## HR Tip of the month

**Promote flexibility and autonomy in the workplace:** empowering employees with flexibility and autonomy leads to higher job satisfaction and productivity. Here's how to incorporate this into your workplace:

**Offer a flexible work schedule:** allow employees to adjust their work hours, especially if they are managing personal responsibilities or prefer non-traditional work hours.

**Enable remote work options:** offer the flexibility to work from home when possible, providing employees with the choice to balance work and personal life.

**Trust your employees:** empower employees to make decisions in their roles and trust them to manage their own work. This not only fosters a sense of ownership but also boosts confidence and morale.

## Curiosity Mindset

### **Listen more than you speak:**

**Builds trust:** when you truly listen, employees feel heard, valued and respected - which strengthens relationships, boosts morale, and encourages open communication.

**Encourages openness:** listening creates space for honest conversations and fresh ideas making it easier for team members to speak up, share concerns, and contribute creatively without fear of judgement.

**Improves understanding:** you gain better insight into concerns, motivations, and how to support your team effectively - leading to more thoughtful decisions, and a deeper sense of alignment.

**Fosters engagement:** when people feel genuinely listened to, they're more likely to stay engaged, take initiative and feel a sense of ownership at work.