



Agile Leadership

Course Description

This course focuses on the leaders and stake holders outside the Agile project team. It outlines and examines the leadership role in dealing with Agile project teams and teams working in an Agile manner in general.

We look at the leadership behaviours and traits required to be effective and efficient in an Agile environment. We cover the role, responsibility and accountability of line management and team leaders, both de-facto and nominated. We also cover the key areas of 'group wisdom', 'servant leadership' and 'self organising teams'. The course will impart leadership tips and techniques to enable leaders to be more effective and to help them build high performing 'Agile' teams.

This course is NOT meant for program managers, project managers or iteration managers. They should attend the Agile Project Management course and if they attend that course then they do not need to attend this Agile Leadership course. This course, Agile Leadership, is an extract of the Agile Project Management course.

Course Outline

Introduction

- What's different about an Agile environment
- Agile values and principles
- A simulation of the Agile development process
- Introduction to common Agile practices

Agile leadership

- What Agile leadership is all about..
 - Wisdom of crowds
 - Servant Leadership
 - Self organising teams
- Lean/Agile principles of flow, pull and cadence delivering effective throughput
- Agile leadership roles within and outside a project
- Agile leadership behaviours in practice
- Getting to a decision and breaking deadlocks using collective knowledge

Supporting Agile projects

- Working with and understanding Agile project teams
- Roles and responsibilities of the project manager and iteration manager
- How to get the most from the Agile project team
- Holding Agile teams accountable
- Project smells

Source: Agile Academy Website <http://www.agileacademy.com.au>



Learning Objectives

Understand the role of a leader in an Agile environment and the leadership skills required for an Agile project team. Also understand the principles of 'Lean and Agile' operations to deliver maximum throughput.

Target Audience

Anyone in a leadership position wishing to lead in an Agile way or requiring to interact with an Agile project team.