Dynamic Leadership and Coaching

A Handbook for Developing Exceptional Leaders in Turbulent Times

Chapter 1 - Introduction and Overview

In an era defined by disruption, complexity, and accelerated change, **Dynamic Leadership and Coaching: A Handbook for Developing Exceptional Leaders in Turbulent Times** (available Oct 1 on IOC Website) empowers coaches and leaders to evolve together.

This e-handbook blends evidence-based frameworks with practical coaching strategies to help leaders build agility, emotional intelligence, and systems awareness - while enabling leading with greater clarity, courage, and humanity. Recognizing the uncertain and sometimes chaotic time we live in, the concept of agility and adaptation to change is a central theme of each section. Written by a diverse community of experienced coaches, scholars, and practitioners, the handbook is both a compass and a companion for those committed to cultivating sustainable, people-first leadership.

Chapter 2 - The Context for Coaching

Gain a big-picture view of how coaching unfolds in real-world leadership contexts, from how engagements begin to reach desired outcomes. Learn how coaching helps navigate system complexity, create emotional agility, and readiness for change across dynamic leadership environments.

Chapter 3 - Conscious Leadership

Help leaders cultivate deep awareness, presence, and purpose to enable leading from a place of clarity, integrity, and co-creation. This chapter outlines how mindfulness and emotional intelligence fuel innovation and alignment.

Chapter 4 – Authentic Leadership

How to support leaders in discovering their core values and leading with consistency, vulnerability, and courage. Authenticity inspires trust; this chapter equips coaches to help leaders to achieve resonance, unlocking their full potential.

Chapter 5 - Relational Leadership

Explore how strong relationships - not control - create thriving teams and organizations. Use this chapter to help leaders in building trust, empathy, and belonging across diverse, interdependent systems.

Chapter 6 - Compassionate Leadership

Transforming empathy into wise, effective action that drives both care and accountability. This chapter offers a developmental path for building psychologically safe, emotionally intelligent workplaces.

Chapter 7 - Servant Leadership

Flip the traditional power hierarchy and help leaders grow through balanced self-confidence and humility, service, and shared success. Coaching strategies here emphasize trust-building, delegation, and empowering others.

Chapter 8 - Positive Leadership

Equip leaders to create organizations where people flourish and performance thrives. Leverage strengths-based practices and positive psychology to amplify meaning, engagement, and excellence.

Chapter 9 - Distributed Leadership

Unleash collective intelligence by coaching leaders to share power, delegate effectively and responsibility, and foster collaborative leadership. A pathway for developing agile teams and complex systems encompassing speed and adaptability.

Chapter 10 - Transformational Leadership

Guide leaders through the developmental journey of becoming change agents who inspire, challenge, and connect. This chapter integrates emotional intelligence, purpose, and systemic influence to help you help leaders build resilient, values-driven cultures.

Chapter 11 - Compendium: Capabilities for Leaders and Coaching

Integrating the preceding individual frameworks with the compendium is an evidence-based guide to the core, essential capabilities required for leading and coaching leaders in today's world. Use this chapter as a roadmap for coaching leaders across nine clusters of development, from self-awareness and self-management to maintaining a growth mindset, developing critical relationships, enhancing self and organizational agility, and beyond

Chapter 12 - Conclusion & Acknowledgements

The eHandbook concludes with a brief recap, together with indications of the emerging aspects of the art and science of leading and coaching. This is best captured in the tagline:

Shaping Change. Cultivating Capacity. Fostering Agility, Resilience and Humanity.

We deeply acknowledge the contributions of the 45-member community of seasoned leaders and coaches who worked closely with IOC directors to collaborate on this first-ever e-resource as a service to the practitioner community.

Who It's For

- Executive & Leadership Coaches
- OD & HR Professionals
- Team & Group Facilitators
- Learning & Development Specialists
- Leaders committed to personal and collective growth

How to Use This Handbook

- ✓ Jump into any chapter based on a client challenge or leadership goal
- ✓ Use coaching tools, questions, and models directly in sessions
- ✓ Explore connections across frameworks for holistic leadership development
- ✓ Invite dialogue, reflection, and action across individual and team settings

"More than a book - this is a practical, science-based, human-centered roadmap for leading well in a complex world."

Created by '*ReInvive*' non-profit community of Authors formed by the valued members & Fellows of the **Institute**of Coaching at McLean Hospital, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, and member of Mass Brigham General

Grounded in research. Designed for practice. Created with heart.