

## Relationship Building in the Workplace

Effective communication in the workplace is essential for collaboration, relational harmony, and productivity. The five-stage program I've developed is structured to evaluate workplace relationships, promote team building, and offer specific communication tools tailored to individual strengths and needs. I meet regularly with senior management to make sure we are accurately addressing goals. Here's how it works:

### Evaluation Process

I begin by interviewing team members individually to evaluate the impact each has on one another, discover their strengths and challenges in working together, and assess the organization's communication structures.

### Communication Styles Module

Next I meet with the team for a seminar based on the communication styles framework outlined in my book, *Do You Know What I Mean? Discovering Your Personal Communication Style*. This structured seminar helps individuals discover their personal communication style: the strengths, relative weaknesses, and how to manage conflict both proactively and reactively. The book and workbook are provided for participants.

### Goal Setting

Because establishing personal communication goals and objectives forms a concrete path to change, I meet a second time with participants individually to help them deepen their understanding and use of the communication styles framework and tools.

### Team Development

Then I work with the group and guide them in sharing individual goals, establishing mutual goals, and creating appropriate communication structures, which fosters development of greater cohesion and accountability.

### Follow-up

I provide further support after team members have worked intentionally with their communication style and toward their goals. This follow-up group meeting, scheduled two to six weeks after the team-building session, helps them deepen their understanding of the process, develop advanced communication skills, and address any lingering obstacles in the work environment.