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Agile Performance Management

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It's that time of year again. HR departments are winding up their annual performance review cycles, trying to compile ratings and get decisions and approvals for annual pay increases (or not). The feverish activity most likely started a few months ago with emails and follow up chasing line managers to complete performance reviews, fill up forms online or on paper. The end goal quite often is to arrive at a set of ratings that will form the basis for annual pay reviews. More often than not these end up being a small percentage of pay leaving many employees dissatisfied. Where then is the process serving to improve performance, motivate and engage employees or build capability to achieve organizational objectives?



Are the outcomes really worth the organizational time and energy that has gone into this process? More and more organisations are coming up with a resounding "No". A Deloitte survey showed that just 10% of respondents believe that the process is a good use

Upcoming Events

Logisym Singapore
9 - 10 March 2016,
Singapore

Logisym Singapore 2016 once again promises to be a highly unique event, with the focus being to provide a platform for mid- to senior-level shippers to hear from the leading solutions in and surrounding the logistics and supply chain industry. The structure of the symposium is such that delegates will have more interactivity with supply chain peers, allowing the development of ideas and for delegates to acquire actionable take aways to integrate back at the office.

www.logisym.com/events/logisym-singapore-2016

Home Delivery World USA
30 - 31 March 2016
Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Home Delivery World USA is the only event to bring together retailers to learn about innovations across home delivery, click & collect, and ecommerce. While there are many retail conferences in the US, this event uniquely covers the entire delivery cycle, from warehousing to customer doorstep, gathering perspectives from big box retailers to innovative subscription service companies, and best in class carriers, 3PL, fulfilment and other delivery solution providers. With out of the box speakers from The Home Depot, Costco, Sears, Polyvore, Office Depot, and Alibaba, on-floor seminars led by

of their time. In a world where uncertainty prevails with cycles of boom and bust getting shorter, the so-called time-tested annual goal-setting exercises and backward looking assessment processes no longer seem to fit.

As companies recognize that leadership, employee engagement, building capability and agility to respond to ever changing external stimuli are critical to success and survival, they also realise that effective performance management is a key lever. Done well, it can drive high individual performance and engagement, impact organization results and be a process that individuals and their managers look forward to.

A fresh approach to managing performance is critical. The way forward is to keep the good bits of the traditional model and ditch the bits that don't directly relate to improving individual performance and building capability. Companies leading this transformation are redefining the way they set goals, develop employees and assess performance.

So what might this new agile avatar of performance management look like?



Agile and aligned goals: Traditionally individual goals are set once a year on the basis of the annual business plan/financial budget. While the connection is somewhat nebulous and individuals sometimes can't see where they fit into the big picture, let's assume for a minute that the "cascading" of goals has been done well. In most performance management systems these goals cannot be changed and we might arrive at year-end review to find that a large part of the activity during the year has only a remote linkage to the set goals. In a world where the past no longer accurately predicts the future, the annual budgeting process has become somewhat akin to crystal ball gazing. While quarterly business reviews allow for course correction, individual goals remain static. A sure recipe for year-end confusion, gut feeling "halo" or "horns" ratings and loss of credibility for the process. In recent research, Deloitte have concluded that companies who manage goals quarterly generate

Home Delivery experts Cagney Global Logistics, ProStar Logistics, SprintShip and Doorman, an innovation showcase for start-ups to pitch their retail idea to retail entrepreneurs and VCs, networking lunches and interactive roundtables, the event created a truly inspiring environment to help the industry further their business. Even the Mayor of Atlanta, Kasim Reed, joined the conference in support of the industry. www.terrapiinn.com/conference/home-delivery-world/index.stm

Ti's Future of Logistics
10-11 May 2016,
London, United Kingdom

The subject of innovation forms a core part of Ti's Future of Logistics conference series, the first to be held in Singapore, October 2015 and will be continued at the second in London, June 2016. Ti have now successfully run over 10 conferences in Europe, Dubai and Singapore and in 2016 will be bringing the conference series to London for the first time.

www.ticonferences.com/london/2016

Trans4
24 - 26 May 2016,
Doha, Qatar

Trans4 exhibition is a major marketplace for transport services, attracting leading professionals from Qatar, the Middle East and the world. Issues concerning the development of the Qatari transport system are discussed, and new information systems are developed for interaction between different modes of transport, aimed at successfully addressing logistics issues in the global market for transportation and logistics services. Being focused primarily on Rail, Cargo and Airline transportation services, the Trans4 exhibition demonstrates the full range of industry solutions – from transport and forwarding services to software and equipment for cargo handling.

www.trans4qatar.com

ME Translog
5 - 7 September 2016,
Muscat, Oman

ME Translog will be a mega event, where local, regional and international exhibitors will showcase latest

30% higher returns from that process than companies who manage them annually.

How do we make the process agile?

Individual goals should be reviewed and adapted regularly to stay relevant and keep up with changing business needs, with a focus on approach and behaviours to deliver improved outcomes; the “how” to support the “what. While the high level purpose and outcomes of a role would remain the same, the measurable objectives need to change dynamically to respond to changing internal and external conditions. Individuals need to have clarity and alignment on the role they play in the business and understand the expectations of various stakeholders. Goals should be specific, collaborative and qualitative with financial/volume and activity targets serving as a point of reference for the best possible achievement.

Regular check-ins and frequent feedback: Regular structured one to one conversations between manager and team members need to replace mid and end year reviews. The conversation should be a dialogue during which goals and progress are reviewed, challenges are discussed, and agreement reached on how to do better. The individual’s fitness for current and future roles, development needs, and progress are an essential part of the conversation. The manager acts as a coach, listening, reflecting and supporting the individual to come up with solutions to continuously improve performance and build for the future. Feedback should be real-time so that employees know how they are perceived and what they need to change.

Future focus: An effective agile performance management process is forward looking with greater emphasis on growth and development for the business and individual rather than a post-mortem evaluation of the past.

Separated from compensation: Performance conversations which happen once a year, with an end goal of providing a rating as input for a pay review, are not conducive to openness and honesty. Much of the time is spent talking about the ratings themselves sometimes deteriorating into a tug of war between manager and employee. They tend to drive alienation rather than collaboration within teams. Companies that remove ratings are seeing the conversations shift from justifying past performance to thinking about growth and development. The result is better employee development, engagement and motivation. Performance ratings and forced ranking are going out of the window with a growing belief that reducing human beings to numbers or factors and forcing them into a bell curve is counter-productive.

The shift to redefining performance management as a continuous,

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www.metranslog.com

GLCS Logisym Malaysia 11 - 12 October 2016, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

GLCS LogiSYM Malaysia 2016 promises to be a highly unique event. Building on the success of the past 4 years, the 2016 Fifth Annual Global Logistics and Supply Chain Symposium will focus this year on providing a platform for mid to senior level shippers to discuss and explore innovation, excellence and what changes we can expect to see in the Asian supply chains of tomorrow. We will hear from leading solutions providers in the industry and explore best practice collaboration case studies. The structure of the symposium is such that delegates will have more interactivity with supply chain peers, allowing the development of ideas and for delegates to acquire actionable take-aways to present back at the office.

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Logistics Executive Group Launches “The Knowledge Centre”

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Logistics Executive Group Partner with Logisym Dubai 2016

Logisym’s inaugural Middle East event, Logisym Dubai 2016 - Beyond 2020

forward-looking, agile process designed to improve results and support employees to be the best they can be is gaining traction. Large global organisations are leading the way, including Adobe, Accenture, Microsoft and even GE, long seen as the leader in performance ranking and forced distribution.

It is seen as the next big move for HR whose role will change from driving and monitoring a year end form-filling and compliance process to facilitating high performance, developing managers' coaching and feedback skills and providing real time support for just-in-time training and development.

While there can be no argument that agility, continuously improving performance and building capability are the need of the hour, the discussion is not complete without acknowledging that this also means a radical shift in compensation and reward practices. Interesting and exciting times ahead for HR!



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Logistics Academy CSCMP Quick Courses on sale

This month only purchase the CSCMP Quick Course Bundle and receive a 15% discount off overall price. Enrolments before 8th March will receive a VIP delegate ticket to LogiSYM Singapore or LogiSym Malaysia. Logistics Academy CSCMP Quick Courses allow you to learn core supply chain topics online, at your own pace, and when it's convenient for you. Consisting of a series of Thirteen (13) courses,, the CSCMP Quick Courses are highly educational Supply Chain and Logistics courses that are designed by carefully selected faculty for entry to mid-level professionals. Backed and supported by the US Based Council of Supply Chain Management Professional. For more information or to sign up: www.logisticsexecutive.com/academy/cscmp-quick-courses. Coupon code: LE2016CSCMP

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