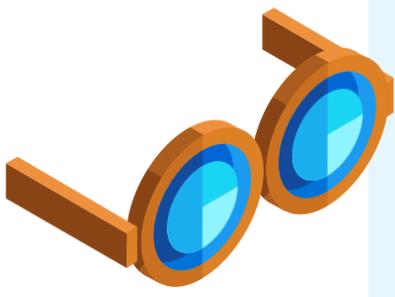




6 GENERAL KANBAN PRACTICES



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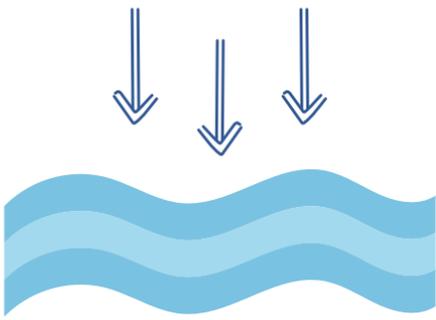
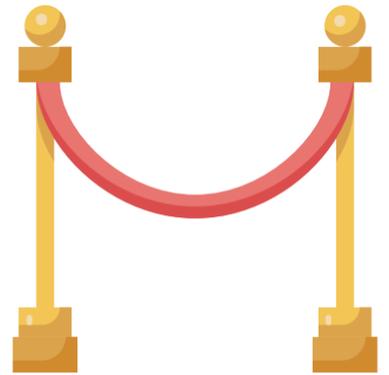
VISUALIZE

VISUALIZING THAT WORK AND THE FLOW OF THAT WORK GREATLY IMPROVES TRANSPARENCY. VISUALIZATION SUPPORTS COOPERATION, AS EVERYONE INVOLVED LITERALLY HAS THE SAME PICTURE.

2

LIMIT WORK IN PROGRESS (WIP)

WHEN RESOURCES ARE FULLY UTILIZED THERE IS NO SLACK IN THE SYSTEM AND THE RESULT IS VERY POOR FLOW, JUST AS IN RUSH HOUR ON THE FREEWAY. IN KANBAN, WE LIMIT THE WIP TO BALANCE UTILIZATION AND STILL ENSURE THE FLOW OF WORK



3

MANAGE FLOW

THE GOAL OF MANAGING THE FLOW OF WORK IS TO COMPLETE WORK AS SMOOTHLY AND PREDICTABLY AS POSSIBLE, WHILE MAINTAINING A SUSTAINABLE PACE.

4

MAKE POLICIES EXPLICIT

ALL POLICIES SHOULD BE AGREED TO JOINTLY BETWEEN ALL PARTIES INVOLVED INCLUDING CUSTOMERS, STAKEHOLDERS, AND EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBLE FOR WORK ON THE BOARD. THE POLICIES SHOULD BE PLACED IN A CLEARLY NOTICEABLE AREA



5

IMPLEMENT FEEDBACK LOOPS

A FUNCTIONING SET OF FEEDBACK LOOPS STRENGTHENS THE ORGANIZATION'S EVOLUTION BY MEANS OF MANAGED EXPERIMENTS.



SOME COMMONLY USED FEEDBACK LOOPS IN KANBAN ARE THE BOARD, METRICS, AND A SET OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND REVIEWS (CADENCES).

6

IMPROVE COLLABORATIVELY, EVOLVE EXPERIMENTALLY

KANBAN IS A METHOD FOR CONTINUOUS CHANGE, AND WE MAKE THOSE CHANGES COLLABORATIVELY USING DESIGNED EXPERIMENTS BASED ON MODELS AND THE SCIENTIFIC METHOD. WE DESIGN SAFE-TO-FAIL EXPERIMENTS SO THAT IF THE RESULTS ARE NOT POSITIVE, WE CAN EASILY ROLL BACK TO THE PRIOR STATE.



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