

# BRIEFING FOR FACILITATORS

## *ALDOT Leadership Academy*

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## **Well, let's take a look.**

- Like it or not, you are seen as a leader.
- It is your responsibility.
- You convey the image, policies and mission of ALDOT.
- You are setting the stability and success of ALDOT.
- Each of you serve as a role model for ALDOT.
- Employees are already watching you.



## Well, let's take a look.

- Employees (supervisors, etc.) look to you for knowledge.
- Employees (supervisors, etc.) copy your attitude/outlook.
- Your inspiration is key to the example you set.
- Your experience counts.
- Great leaders want to make a difference in others.

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## Manual

Narrative Text

Fill-in-the-blank

**17  
Modules**

PowerPoint

Tool Box

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## Well, let's take a look.

- **Prepare**

- Read entire Module
  - Text (Homework)
  - Fill in the Blanks
  - PPT
  - Toolbox
- Practice (72% of nervousness is eased)
- Think about opening, experience, stories, engagement discussions, exercises, facilitation techniques, and delivery
- Examine...no, analyze your timing

- **Show up 30 minutes ahead to mingle**

- **Stay until next speaker begins for any questions and discussions**



HERE'S A FEW POINTERS!



## Number 1

Begin And End  
With The Audience's Point Of View.



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For **any** presentation  
to **any** group  
on **any** subject:

Think about what *they*  
need or want to know --  
not what you need to say.

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## Focus On The Audience



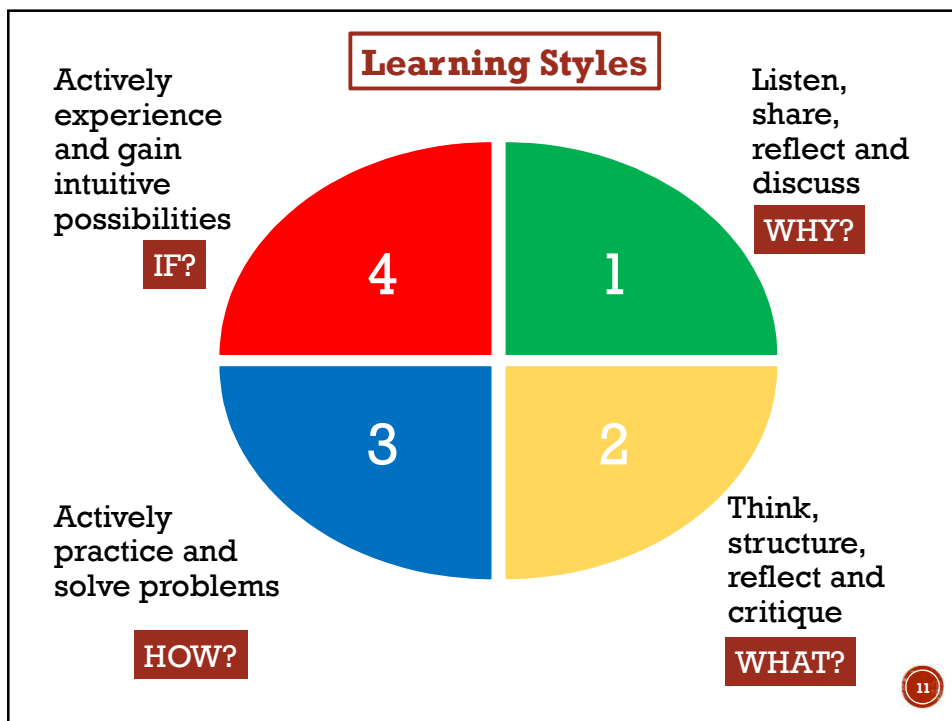
- Many speakers think that a presentation is about them.
- The presentation is not for you.
- It is for the audience.
- The presentation is for the audience's benefit.
- Begin and end, with "what do they need" and "what will help them learn or understand."

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## ADULT LEARNER CHARACTERISTICS

- Needs a reason to learn -- a need to know "what's in it for me?"
- Concept of self is an independent learner who is responsible for own learning
- Own experience is valued and seeks recognition for experience
- Problem-oriented or task-centered -- not subject matter driven
- Readiness to learn is determined by real-life situations
- Internally motivated

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## Focus On The Audience

- When studying for the presentation
- When preparing for the presentation
- When organizing the content of the presentation
- When delivering the presentation
- When conducting activities within the content
- When ending the presentation

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## **Number 1**

**Begin And End  
With The Audience's Point Of View.**



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## **Number 2**

**Maintain The Purpose Of Presentation.**



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## Reason For Presentation

- To inform
- To teach
- To motivate
- To activate
- To persuade
- To entertain



**Inform • Teach • Motivate**

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## HOW TO MAINTAIN



- Practice your talk to purposely target your reason for speaking.
- Do not get side tracked from purpose.
- Stick with it to the end of the presentation.
- The last thought should reiterate your purpose.

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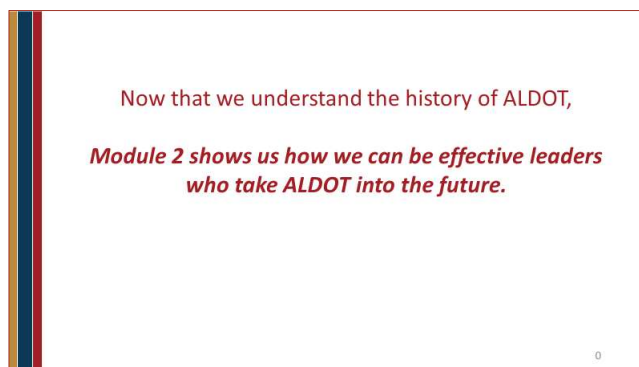
**You have about 60 minutes to cover your module.**

- Introduction
- Make a transition
- Mention homework
- Teach the module
- Engage participants
- Conduct exercises
- Allow for discussion
- Share a story from experience

**How does this happen?**



**Transition Slides Are Built Into PPT**



**How does this happen?**



## Objectives Are Built Into Each Module

### Objectives

- Understand why it is important to be a highly effective leader.
- Recognize the difference between management and leadership.
- Identify leadership characteristics, attitudes, and skill sets.
- Construct a career path to become a strong, admired, and transformational leader.

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How does this happen?

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## Discussion Questions Are Built Into PPT

Leadership Discussion...



What is effective leadership?

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How does this happen?

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## Individual Reflection Is Built Into PPT

### Are You a Leader?

#### Your Leadership Self-Assessment

Think about the questions on the next slide and respond on a scale from 1 to 5.

- 1 = not at all
- 2 = to a little extent
- 3 = to some extent
- 4 = to a great extent
- 5 = to a very great extent

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How does this happen?

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## A Final Thought Is The Last PPT Slide

### Final Thought

*Ability may get you to the top,  
but it takes character  
to keep you there.*

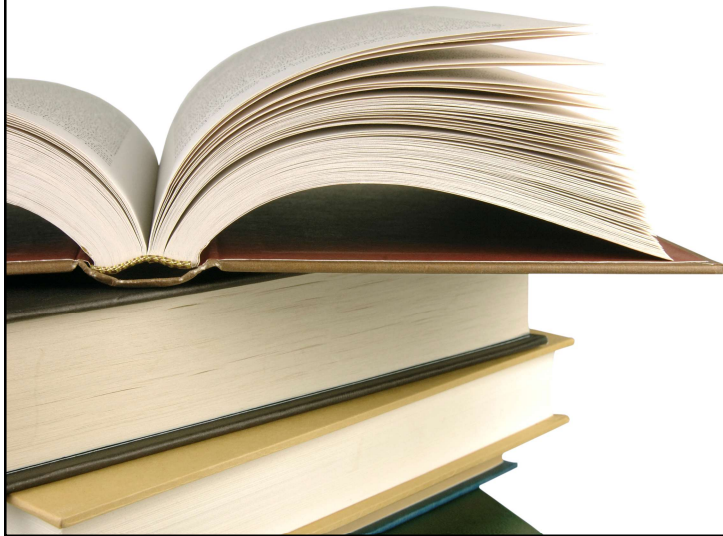
John Wooden

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How does this happen?

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**Teach the module.  
Share a story from experience.**



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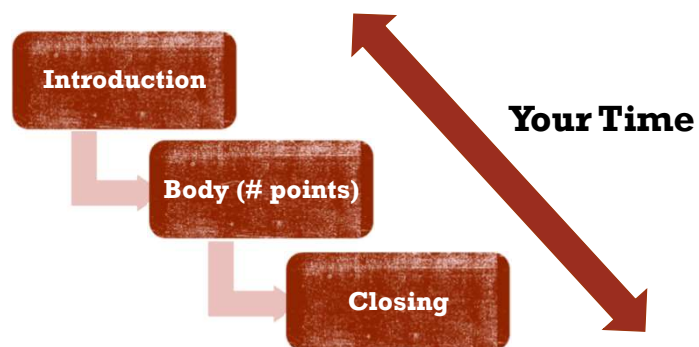
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Organize For Structure and Time.



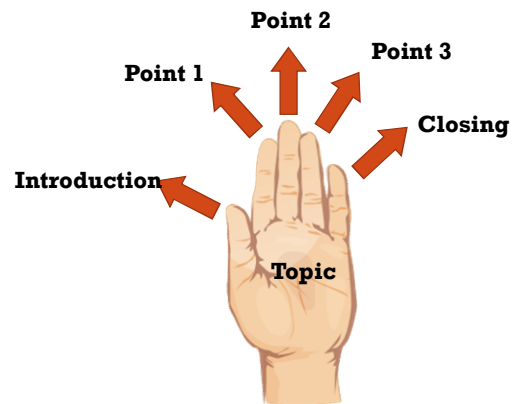
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The flow of a presentation includes:



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## HOLD UP YOUR HAND



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Structure Matters.



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## INTRODUCTION

- Establishes your credibility
- Expresses expertise or experience
- Should be short and snappy
- Should not be boastful
- Should not be self-degrading



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## Types of Opening

- ✓ **A question which relates to the content**  
Allow short reflection, engage a short group discussion and/or make it rhetorical in nature.
- ✓ **A startling statistic that relates to the content**  
Make it current and accurate and cite your sources.



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## Types of Opening

- ✓ **A story that pertains to the content**  
Appeal to the emotion, permanently etch the learning, engage the audience's hearts and minds, draw in the audience and make it a short and strong point.
- ✓ **A joke or humorous story which leads to content**  
Get the audience enthusiastic and positive, make the audience laugh, make it uniquely yours and/or transition from someone else's presentation to your presentation.
- ✓ **Provoking the audience's sense of curiosity**  
Help capture audience attention and assist in getting the audience to listen more closely.

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## Types of Opening

- ✓ **Impact statement**  
Challenge a societal norm, contradict a recognized expression to tradition, state a little known fact and/or state a false statement the audience will recognize.
- ✓ **An analogy**  
Help the audience better understand the unknown.
- ✓ **A quote that relates to your content**  
Use a pause for thought or repeat the part which emphasizes the point.

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## Introduction

- In the first 7 seconds, the audience is gaining their impression of you.
- In the first 30 seconds, command the attention of your audience.
- In the first 3 minutes, the audience is sizing you up.
- Openers should be used to grab the attention of the audience.
- Use an opener that fits your personality and your audience.

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## Body

- Must be solid and contain needed content
- Must be easy to follow
- Must allow the audience to flow with you
- Should be a simple logical progression

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## Closing

- ✓ Brief (2-3 minutes)
- ✓ Review of major points
- ✓ Future expectations of audience
- ✓ Presentation conclusion and final thought slide
- ✓ With last slide on screen, ask for questions

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## Actual Closing

- ✓ Why was this Module important to include in the Leadership Academy?
- ✓ What did you learn through this Module?
- ✓ What is your “take away” from this past hour?
- ✓ How will you implement this Module back in the office?

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**Number 3**

**Organize For Structure and Time.**




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**Number 4**

**Make Your  
Non-verbal Communication Count.**



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What do others see while you are speaking?

You project what you believe and feel on the “inside.”

So what is your “outside” telling people?

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Three elements impact believability each time we speak:

Verbal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The message itself</li><li>• The words we speak</li></ul>	7%
Vocal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Voice volume, tone and pitch</li><li>• Speed and resonance of our voice</li></ul>	38%
Visual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Observable aspects from our face, eyes, stance, movement and body</li></ul>	55%

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## Non-verbal Communication Skills

- Eye Contact
- Kinesics (Gestures)
- Facial Expression
- Vocalics
- Proxemics
- Haptics
- Chronemics
- Chromatics
- Artifactual (including podium)
- Appearance (Grooming and Attire)

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## The Eyes Don't Lie



- They allow you to establish a bond with audience and put people at ease
- They hold people's attention
- They demonstrate you are speaking honestly and with genuine interest
- Eyes convey self-confidence and credibility
- Eyes acknowledge other people

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## Your Eye Contact

- Look at your audience before you start.
- Scan from one side to the other before you speak.
- Connect with one person at a time.
- Hold contact for 2 - 3 seconds with each person.
- Do not look above people's heads.
- Do not look at the ceiling or out the window.

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## Arm and Hand Gestures

- Gestures are the most expressive.
- Make your hand gestures above your elbow and away from your body.
- Hand gestures should be vigorous and definite to show conviction and enthusiasm.
- Hand gestures should be full and varied rather than partial and repetitious; making the same movement over and over is distracting.
- Make your hand gestures larger for large audiences to ensure that even people in the back of the room can see them.

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## Arm and Hand Gestures

Avoid :

- Pointing fingers
- Making a fist
- Using a karate chop
- Touching the face
- Putting hands in the pockets
- Standing with hands in a fig leaf position
- Posing hands in a prayer position
- Crossing arms at the chest
- Maintaining the same placement for too long



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## VERBAL REINFORCEMENT

- Begin and end with telling them you main points.
- The best presentation is delivered as a conversation to every person in your audience one person at a time.
- Reiterate key points with images or stories.
- Repeat something three times for people to remember.
- Use transitions from one main point to another.
- Be ready to *leave out* something less important if time is crunched.
- Never *end* with a question and answer slide.

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## Number 4

Make Your  
Non-verbal Communication Count.



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## Number 5

# Engage Your Participants.



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## WHAT IS ENGAGEMENT?

- **Improve involvement in class**
- **Increase learning**
- **Increase long term retention**
- **Ensure application on the job**
- **Improve performance back on the job**

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## What Can *You Do*?

- Take facilitation seriously but not yourself
- Make it a conversation
- Let a little of “yourself” out (laugh, share, have fun)
- Be energetic
- Practice so you can enjoy the time

## Participant Engagement



## What Can *You Do*?

- Make it relevant
- Connect emotionally
- Try not to “chunk” material
- Keep pace (transient attention: 8 secs, sustained attention: 10 mins)
- Emphasize benefits

## Participant Engagement



## What Can You Do *With Them?*

- Group discussions (built in)
- Individual exercises to explore (built in)
- Pre-work (built in)
- Videos (built in)
- “Shout outs” (during and review at the end)
- Ask them about their experiences

## Participant Engagement

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## What Can You Do *With Them?*

- Gimmick activity (potato & straw, blocks, dice, post-its)
- Quick “probe pairings” (60 seconds)
- Polling
- Debate (informal)
- Charting

## Participant Engagement

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## Number 5

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## Final Thought

***"We are all salesmen every day of our lives.  
We are selling our ideas, our plans, our enthusiasm  
to those with whom we come into contact."***

**Charles M. Schwab**

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