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How to Create Your Internal Communications Strategy

Learn 5 steps for creating an effective internal communications strategy for your business to fuel connection and increase employee engagement.



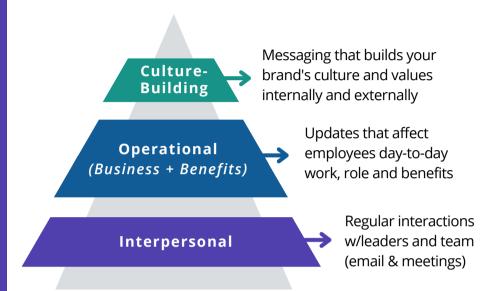
## Why Internal Communications Matter

A cohesive internal communications strategy helps fuel culture, gain employee buy-in, and increase employee engagement and retention.

In fact, productivity is likely to increase by <u>5X</u> if employees feel included and engaged in detailed communication from their employer.

#### Internal Communications Framework

In every company, there are three layers of communication.



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#### **1** Define Your Culture

Start by creating your company purpose and core values. These define who you are as a brand and will act as a guiding light for your culture and communications strategy.

#### Gather Feedback

Ask your employees how they prefer to receive communication and what type of information they are interested in through an employee survey, focus groups and/or one-on-one interviews.

### 3. Define and Segment Your Audience

Segment your audience into appropriate groups based on role type and communication preferences, so you know how to best reach them.

## 4. Create Your Communications Strategy

Now that you understand your culture and key audiences, define the cadence and channels you will use to share interpersonal, operational and culture-building messaging.

#### 5. Engage Leadership

Leaders are an important part of the communications process. Make sure they understand your communications strategy and champion your efforts.