The Power in the Pause: Reimagining the Possible

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# Our time together today –the "what"

- The power in the pause (even if you never had one)
- What are the mindset characteristics of the most successful individuals and how do you adopt them?
- How do you get real *and* rigorous about talent?
- How do you use questions (and which ones do you need to ask your team and yourself)?
- Making and keeping your commitments to yourself.





# Our time together today –the "how"

- Examination
- Reflection
- Articulation
- Intention
- Articulation
- Action



"Without reflection, we go blindly on our way, creating more unintended consequences, and failing to achieve anything useful."

Margaret Wheatley



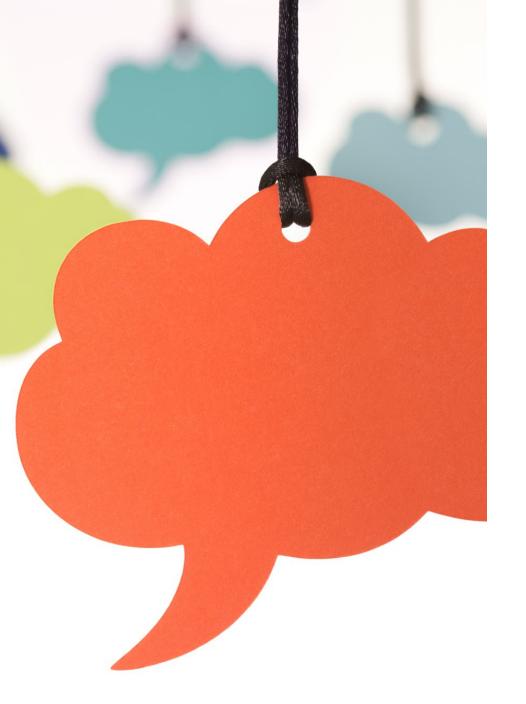




## How was it for you?

- Just the facts ma'am
- Was there a pause?
- What did you notice?
- How have you changed or been changed?





#### Exercise

• Be honest in what you share

• Listen to connect

• Allow yourself to be vulnerable



"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, smarter than you think and loved more than you will ever know."

Winnie the Pooh to Christopher Robin

## ne Power of Mindset

What do we mean by mindset?

Growth mindset versus a fixed mindset

The impact of mindset on you and the team

Mindset and organizational culture



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Intelligence: Agree or disagree? Your intelligence is something very basic about you that you can't change very much.

You can learn new things, but you can't really change how intelligent you are.

No matter how much intelligence you have, you can always change it quite a bit.

You can always substantially change how intelligent you are.



#### Personality and character: Mostly agree or mostly disagree?

You are a certain kind of person, and there is not much that can be done to really change that.

No matter what kind of person you are, you can always change substantially.

You can do things differently, but the important parts of who you are can't really be changed.

You can always change basic things about the kind of person you are.



#### Fixed – carved in stone and unchangeable

#### Growth – efforts, strategies and help from others

Alfred Binet's POV

What do Darwin, Tolstoy, Ben Hogan and Cindy Sherman have in common?



#### The differences: think of you & your team

- Avoid difficulties
- Practice does not make perfect
- Failure = disaster
- Seek approval
- Role models seated by IQ
- Not "can"

- Relish them
- Growth is possible
- F.A. I. L. = opportunity
- Seek development
- Role models other approaches
- Rather "how"



## The impact on organizational culture

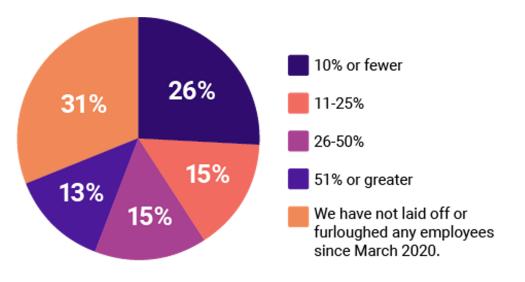
- Trust
- Empowerment
- Commitment
- Ownership
- Accountability
- Reasonable risk-taking
- Innovation



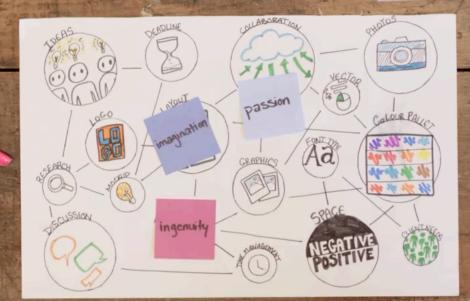
## Leaders struggled with their teams pre-covid. Now, it's worse

## 69% of companies restructured their teams during the pandemic.

While COVID-19 has radically altered life at home, it's also forced companies to make tough decisions about their workforce and teams. The study began by asking CEOs to what degree the pandemic has forced their business to restructure. Sixty-nine percent of those surveyed said their company suffered layoffs or furloughs since March 2020. Of the organizations that restructured, 28% let go at least one-fourth of the company. What percentage of your company's employees have been laid off or furloughed since March 2020?



The Value of Teams



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## Huh?

20 pieces of uncooked spaghetti

One yard of transparent tape

One yard of string

One marshmallow



## Dream teams...

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#### Build safety

Share vulnerability

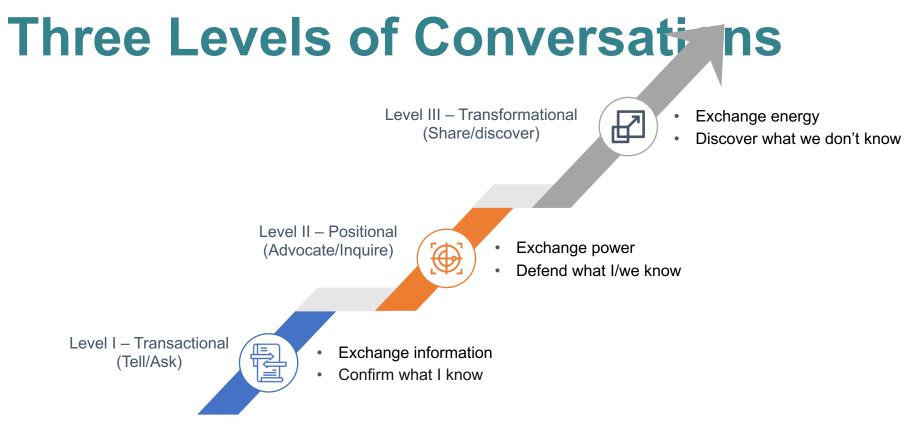
#### Create purpose



### Why your conversations matter



Conversations create Relationships and Relationships create Culture



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## **The Power of Questions\***



What if...?

What would success look like?

How could you look at this a different way?

Why is that important to you?

What meaning does this have for you?

What can we do to build common ground in this situation?

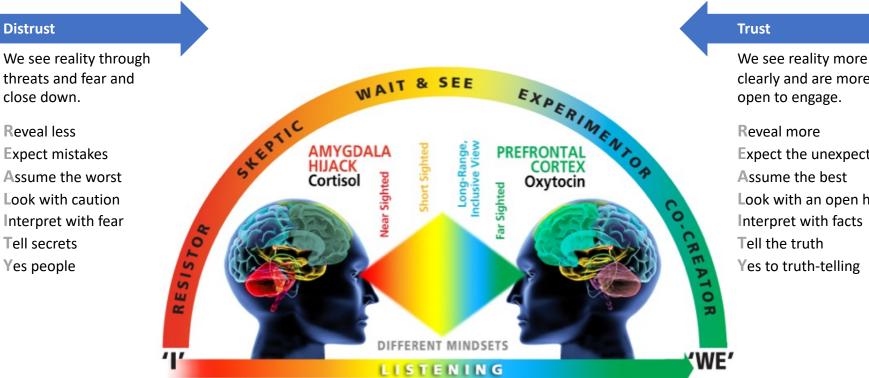
What assumptions do you hold?

What would it take to...

\* For which you have no answer



## Trust Changes Reality



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clearly and are more open to engage.

Reveal more Expect the unexpected Assume the best Look with an open heart Interpret with facts Tell the truth Yes to truth-telling



## Unpacking T.R.U.S.T



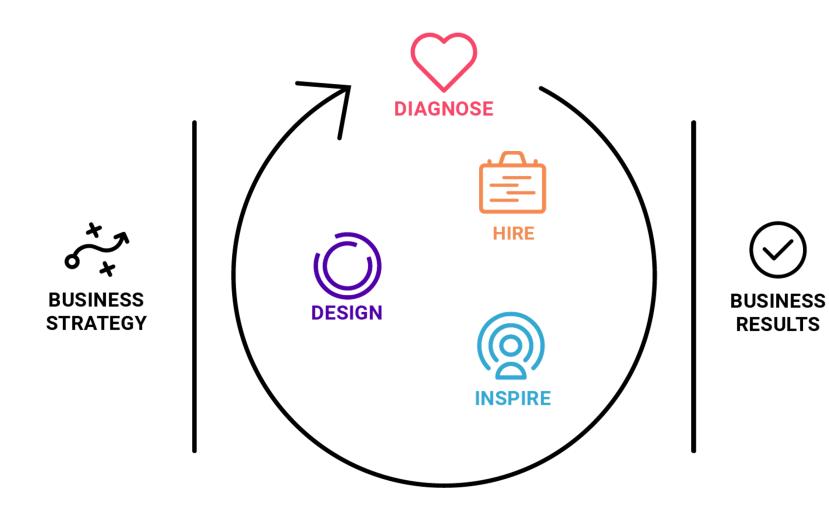


## Exercise

- How transparent are we?
- What kind of **r**elationships do we have?
- Do we stand "<u>u</u>nder" each others' perceptions?
- Do we have a vision for what shared success looks like?
- Can we tell the truth and test assumptions?

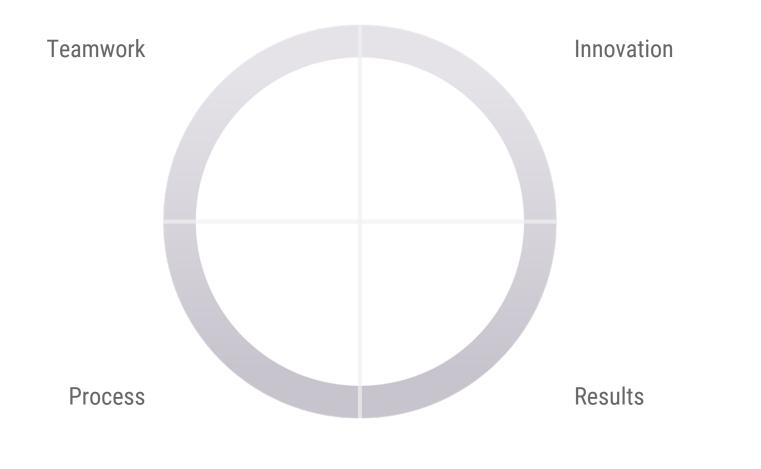


#### You job is this: talent optimization





#### The World of Work





## ONE: WHO AM I AS A LEADER?

## How do I lead?

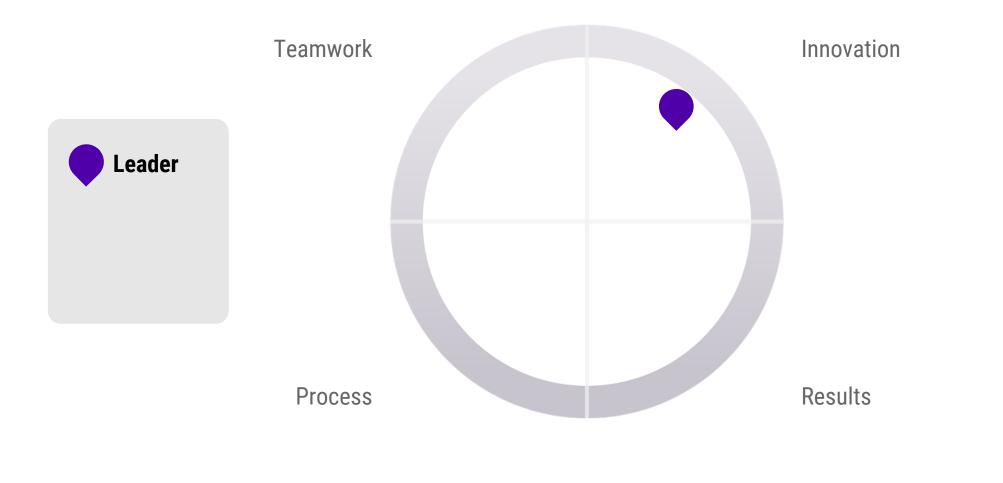
What are my strengths?

What are my blindspots?

How do I navigate me?



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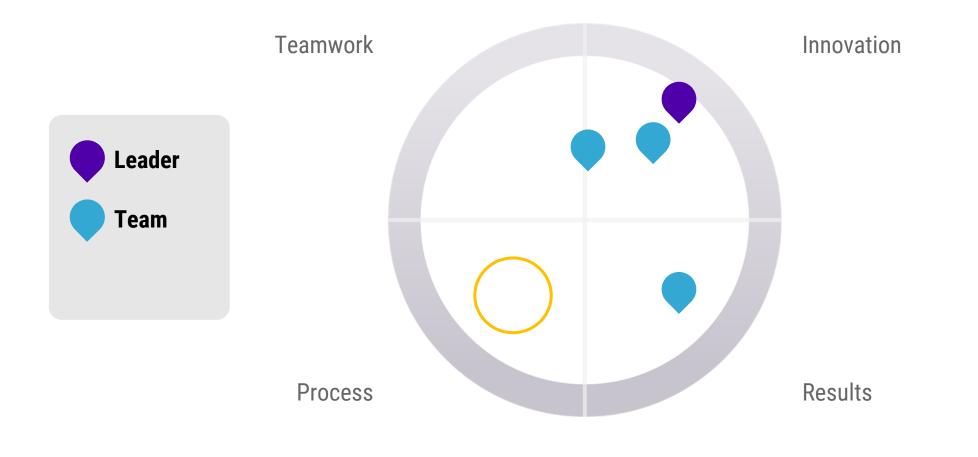
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#### TWO: Who's on my team?

<b>.</b>	How does the team go about its work?
	How do they communicate?
	How do they take action?
2	What are their strengths?
*** *****	What are their blindspots?
***	How do they interact together?

#### TWO: Who's on my team?





## THREE: WHAT DOES MY TEAM NEED TO DO?

Teamwork - engagement, morale

Innovation - breaking new ground

Process - systems, operations

Producing - results, accountability

Or, some combination of the above

## Which are critical to your strategy in the next 12-18 months?



Foster and cultivate creativity or a new vision for the company



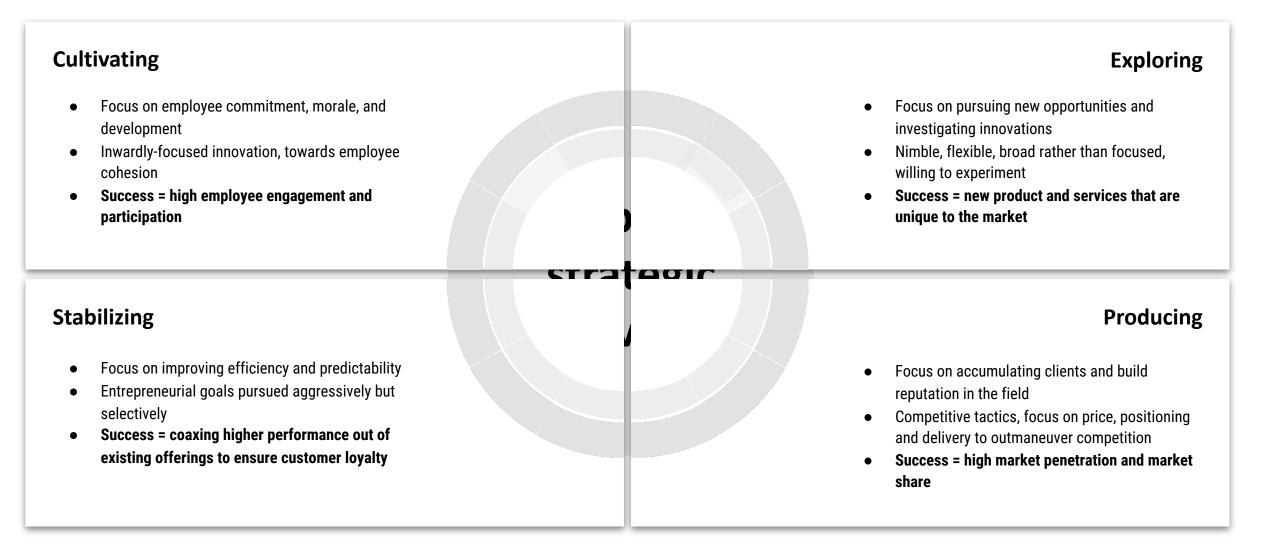
Implement new systems

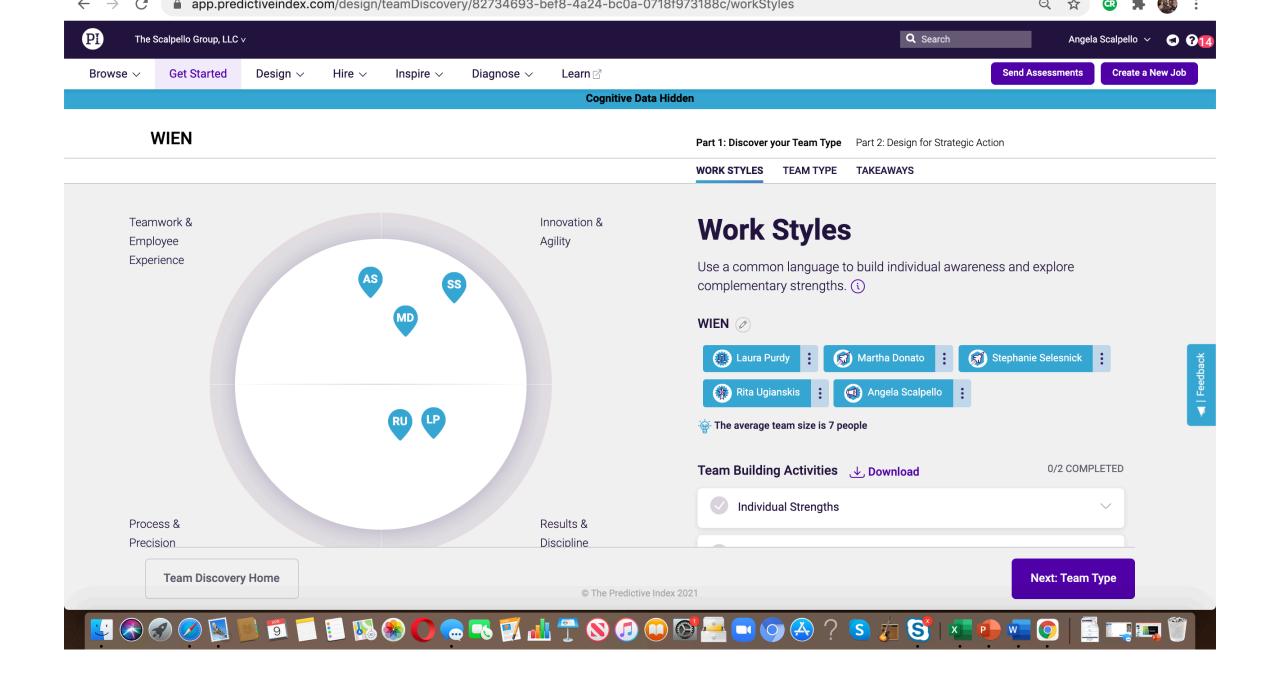
Drive employees to achieve results with vision and passion Drive growth through increased

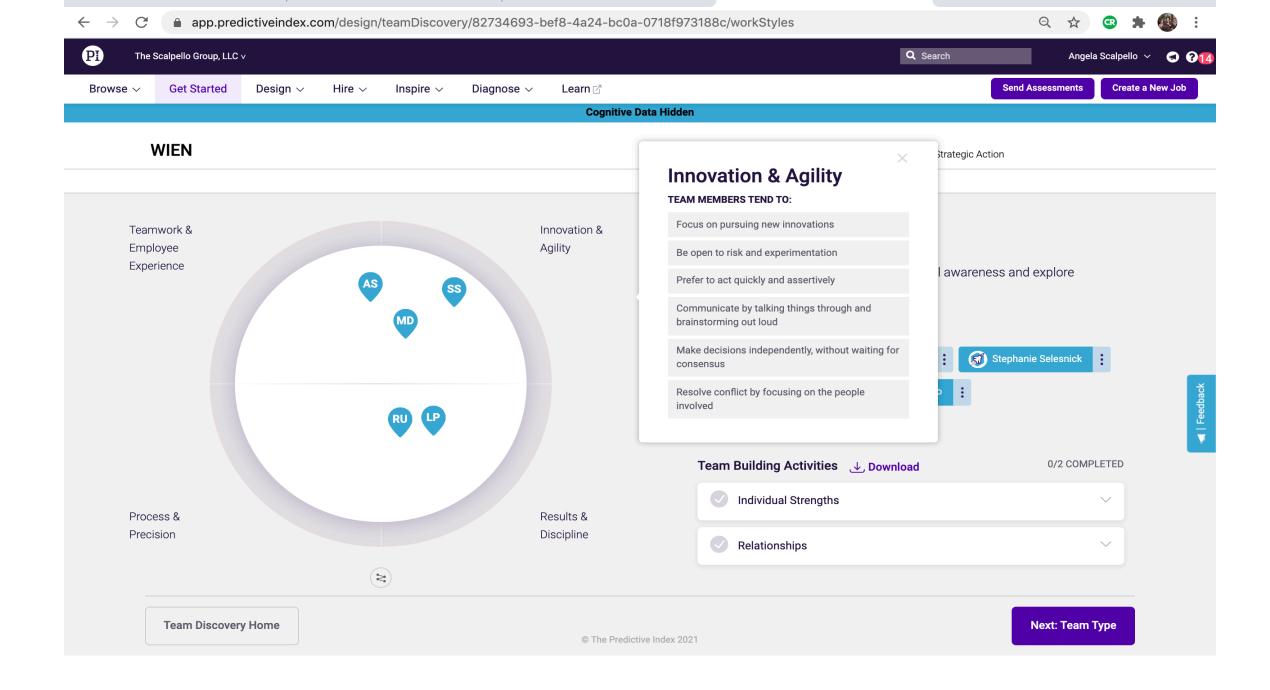
- sales or improved customer
- retention
- Improve employees' loyalty and
- faith to the company

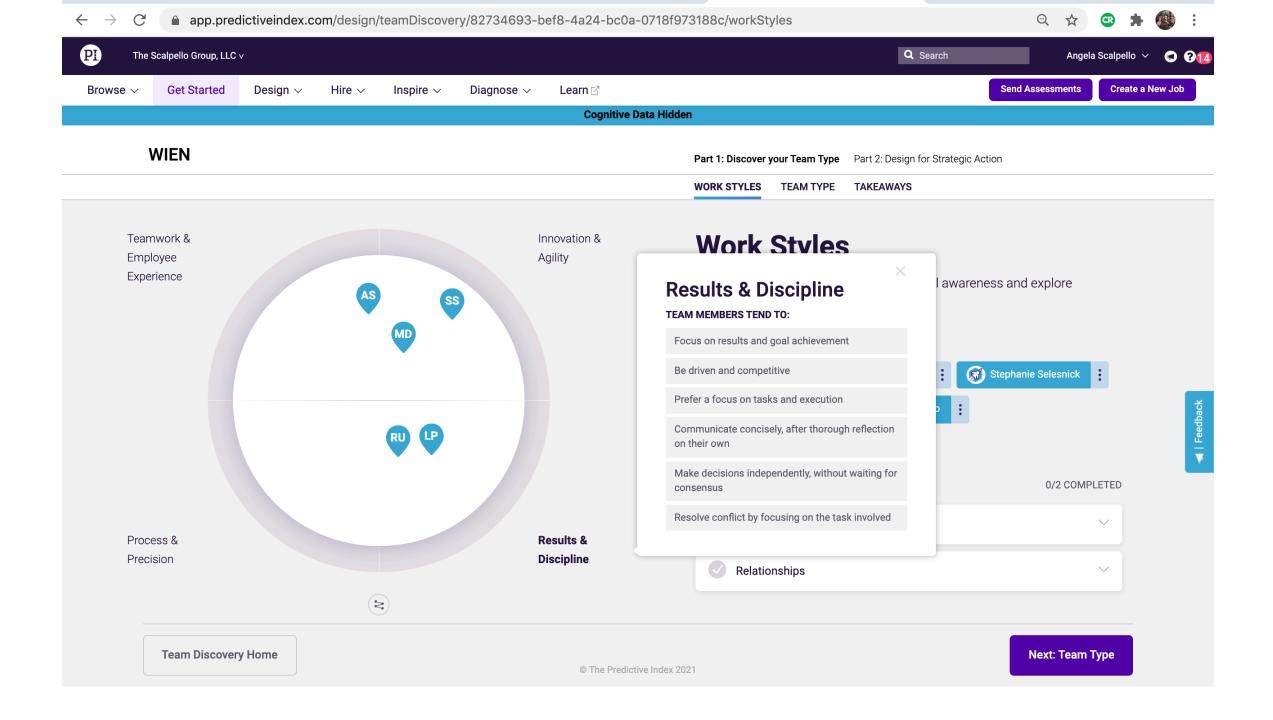


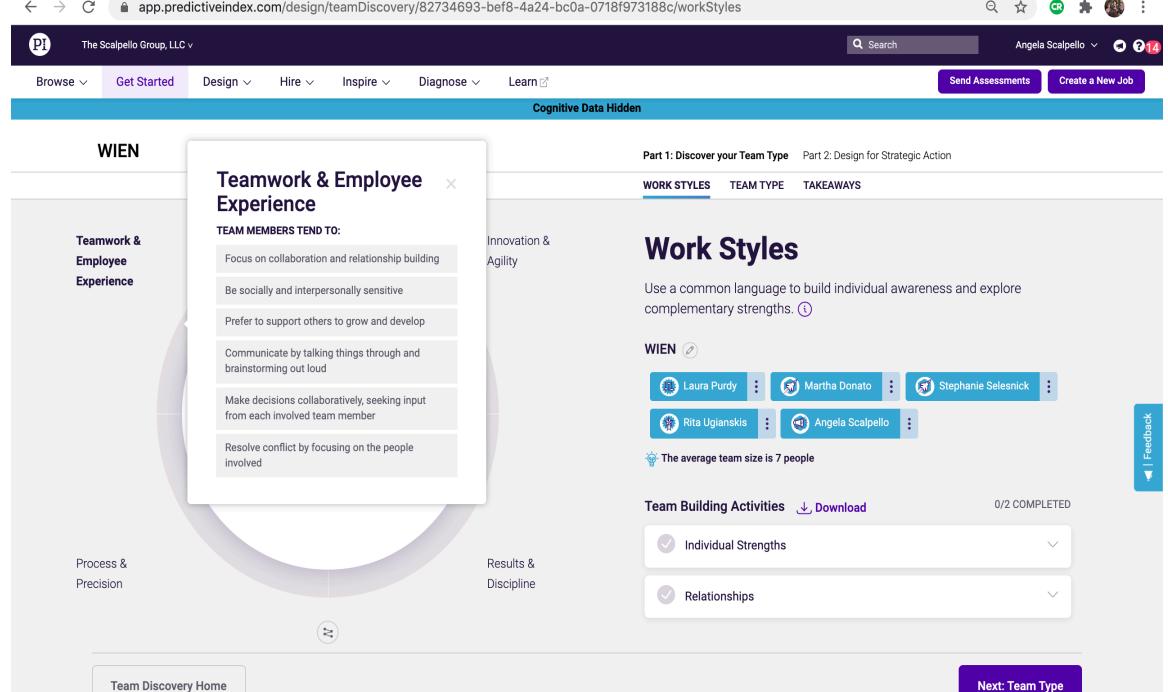
#### Strategy mapping and natural behavioral styles



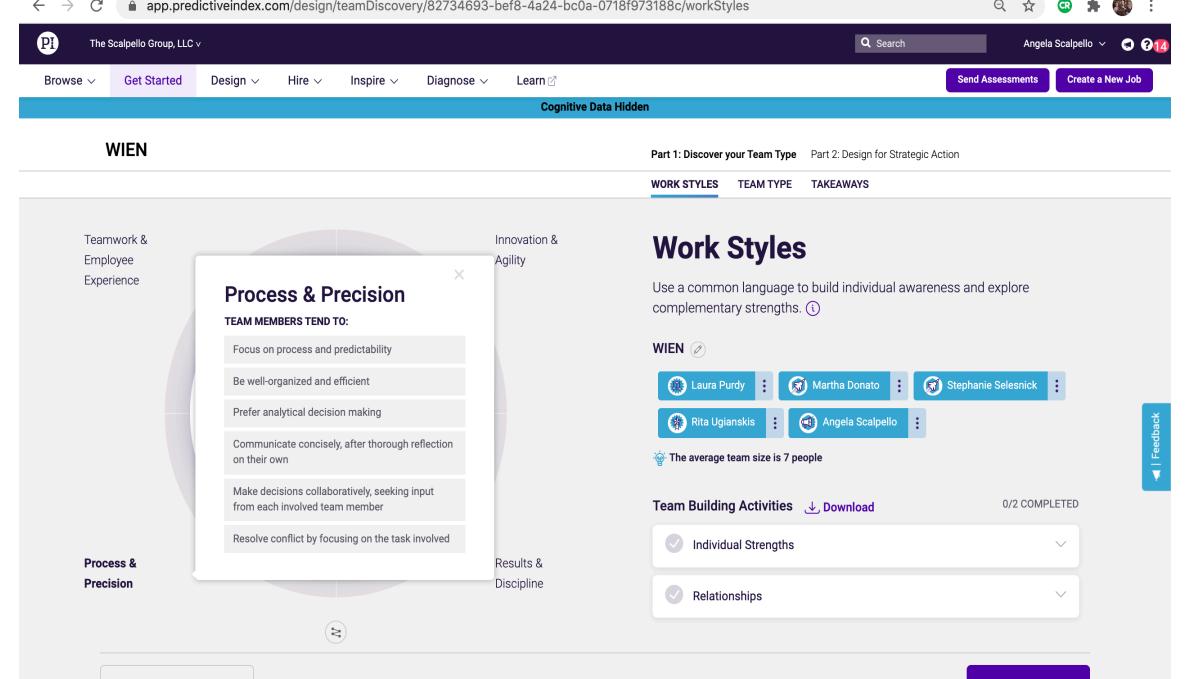








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**Team Discovery Home** 

Next: Team Type



## Your team

- Who are you as a leader?
- Who is on your team?
- What is the work to be done?
- What are the team members "Superpowers," what are the "Better Together" combinations, what is the "Team Type?"
- Who needs to be on your team?



There is power in a pause – how can you create those pauses?

How can cultivate and strengthen a growth mindset in yourself and others?

How can you deliberately and intentionally create a Dream Team?

What commitments will you make going forward?





# In closing my wish for all of us

## "I dwell in possibility."

**Emily Dickinson** 





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