

DEVELOPING EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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Introduction

Emotional Intelligence (EI) refers to the ability to recognise, understand and manage one's own emotions, as well as the emotions of others (Goleman, 1995). EI plays a significant role in leadership effectiveness and workplace performance.

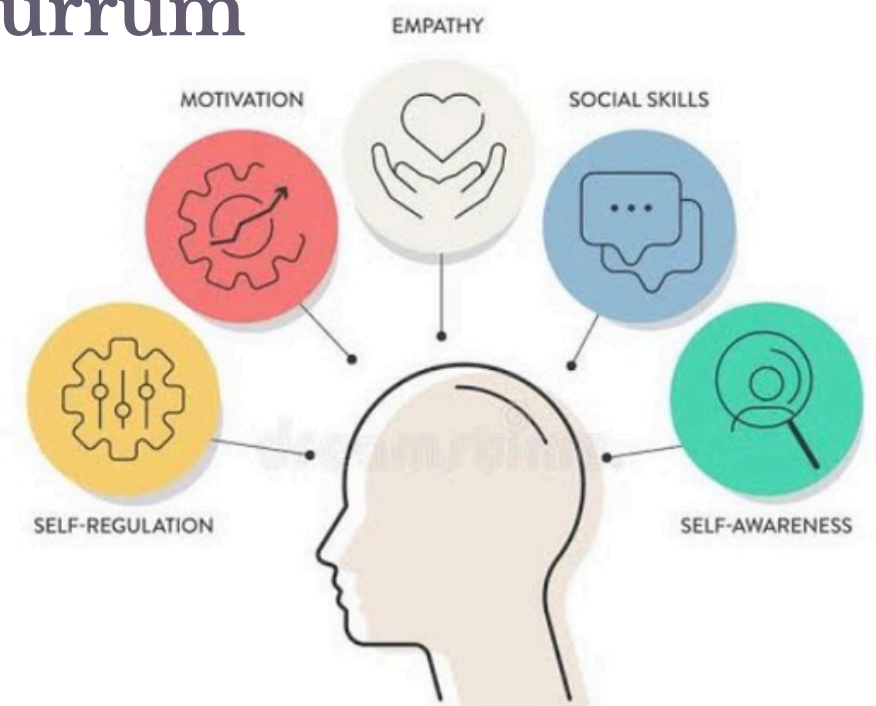
Key Components of EI

According to Goleman (1995), emotional intelligence consists of five key elements:

- Self-awareness
- Self-regulation
- Motivation
- Empathy
- Social skills

Application in Leadership

Leaders who develop emotional intelligence are better able to inspire teams, manage workplace challenges and adapt to organisational change. Emotional intelligence supports strategic decision-making and enhances overall leadership performance.



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Importance in the Workplace

Emotional intelligence contributes to effective communication, conflict resolution and improved teamwork within organisations. Leaders with high emotional intelligence create positive work environments and enhance employee engagement (Cherniss, 2010).

Benefits of Emotional Intelligence

- Improved leadership effectiveness
 - Better stress management
- Stronger workplace relationships
 - Increased employee motivation
- Higher organisational performance

Conclusion

Emotional Intelligence is essential for effective leadership and organisational success. Developing emotional awareness and interpersonal skills improves workplace relationships, productivity and long-term performance.

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