#### OMBUDS OFFICE VIRTUAL COMMUNICATION SERIES



# IMPROVE YOUR WORK CULTURE -ADOPT A RITUAL

**Based on the book,** Rituals For Work 50 Ways to Create Engagement, Shared Purpose and a Culture That Can Adapt to Change Oznec & Hagan 2019

### A Ritual is...

•"Actions that a person or group does <u>repeatedly</u>, following a similar pattern or script, in which they've imbued <u>symbolism</u> and <u>meaning</u>."

# Types of Rituals

- Change and Transition
- Creativity and Innovation
- Community
- Performance and Flow
- Conflict and Resilience

### The Why

Rituals can help with transitions, anxiety, sense of control, creativity, conflict.

#### Conflict & Resilience Rituals

Conflict is inevitable how we address it is NOT!

- These rituals can help people be more mindful, self-reflective and aware
- Use when you want to improve morale, prevent burnout, create psychological safety

## Principles

- Rituals have a magical effect
- They can be modified to adapt to needs
- They are the physical and tangible way to process the psychological

#### Conflicts Rituals to Help

- Lack of transparency: "Elephant, dead fish, vomit"
- Burnout & Low Morale: "Small Moments Jar"
- Psychological Safety & onboarding: "My First Failure Book"
- **Gossip**: "Community Conversations"
- Preventing Conflict: "Trade-off Sliders"

