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Principles of the
Agile manifesto



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How does Servant
Leadership relate to
Agile principles and
practices?



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Do Certifications
Matter?



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What are your
most effective
Retrospective
techniques?



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Agile for
Non-IT Projects and
Organizations



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Motivating People



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Is it possible to be
Perfectly Agile?



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How effective are
Agile mechanisms
without the
underlying values?



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What are
the benefits of
Pair-Programming?



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Tips for working
with Remote Teams



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What's the minimum
needed to be Agile?
(aka Minimally
Viable Agile)



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What changes
can we make
to deliver faster?



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What does
"Respect for People"
mean in the
workplace?



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What (or who)
is DevOps?



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What is the last
conference or
training you
attended?



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Moving teams
from Scrum
to Kanban



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Saying
"I don't know"
and asking for help



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What is the ideal
Sprint / Iteration
length?



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How can we
identify and prevent
Backsliding?



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Can one person
serve as both the
ScrumMaster and
Product Owner?



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Why, when
and how
do we start
scaling Scrum?



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Top-down vs.
Bottom-up
transformation
strategies



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When do
estimates become
commitments?



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What to do when
the Product Owner
is absent?



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Is there a place for
Fun and Joy
in the workplace?



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Integrating Agile
in a Waterfall
Organization



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The differences
between having
an External vs.
an Internal Coach



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Exploring the
Definition of Done



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What is (or isn't)
on your bookshelf?



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Know any good
team-building
exercises or
training games?



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Agile Metrics:
the good, the bad
and the ugly



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Pair-coaching to
increase learning
and effectiveness



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What is a
Scrum of Scrums
all about?



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How well-groomed
should the Project
Backlog be?



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Writing
technical
User Stories



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Extending
Agile values
beyond the team



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Scrum for
Beginners



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User Story Mapping
and personas



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Finding process
improvements with
Gemba Walks



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How do you deal
with conflicting
priorities from
stakeholders?



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Dealing with
naysayers, bullies
and bad apples



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What is
Extreme
Programming?



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How important is
continuous
learning?



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What do you do
when a project
completely fails?



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Techniques for
uncovering
and tracking
dependencies?



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Do your teams use intentional practices to improve?

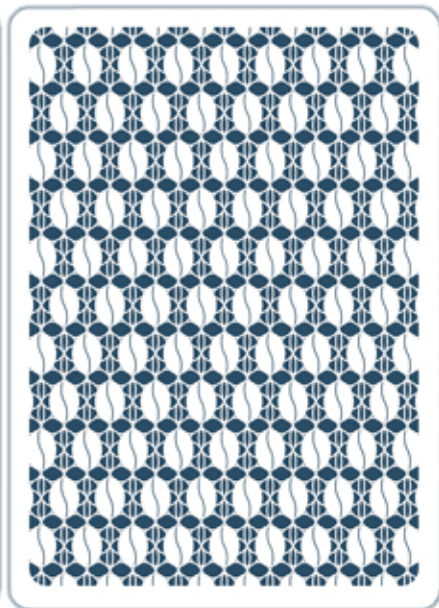


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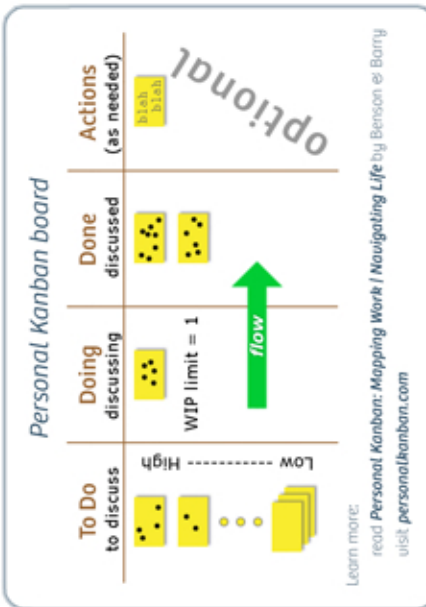
How to run a Lean Coffee

Simple rules make this tool powerful

- set up a personal kanban board
- decide what you want to discuss
 - use this deck or make your own with index cards or sticky notes
- dot vote to determine priority
 - eg. everyone gets three votes
 - *tip:* some whiteboard markers may be erased off cards in this deck if attempted promptly
- agree on a time-box (eg. 5 mins) and pull the first topic in
- at the buzzer, decide to extend the conversation or move on



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Uses of Lean Coffee

Lean Coffee is a great format for hosting meetups and impromptu gatherings. There's no requirement that Agile or Scrum must be the theme, so any community can shake things up with an alternative to the stodgy, agenda-driven events we've grown accustomed to. There's a place for everyone.

In an Agile workplace, we can use Lean Coffee as a medium for retrospectives, brainstorming and other meetings. A trained facilitator and a mature team can do just about anything with this format.

We've even created the Agile Coffee podcast using this format. The host no longer needs to create an agenda or script, and sessions can be timeboxed to fit nearly any duration.



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About Lean Coffee™
- source: www.leancoffee.org

What is Lean Coffee?

Lean Coffee is a structured, but agenda-less meeting. Participants gather, build an agenda, and begin talking. Conversations are directed and productive because the agenda for the meeting was democratically generated.

History of Lean Coffee

Lean Coffee started in Seattle in 2009. Jim Benson and Jeremy Lightsmith wanted to start a group that would discuss Lean techniques in knowledge work – but didn't want to start a whole new cumbersome organization with steering committees, speakers, and such. They wanted a group that did not rely on anything other than people showing up and wanting to learn or create.




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- Agile Coffee Conversations, vol.3
- Essentials for Beginning Scrum
- Coach's Toolkit: Laws, Theorems, Illustrations and Definitions
- Agile Games
- Scaling the Agile Transformation

... and more coming soon



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Contains 46 topic cards,
5 blank cards & instructions.

One deck to evoke meaningful conversations on topics of Agile, Lean, Scrum and building a better workplace.