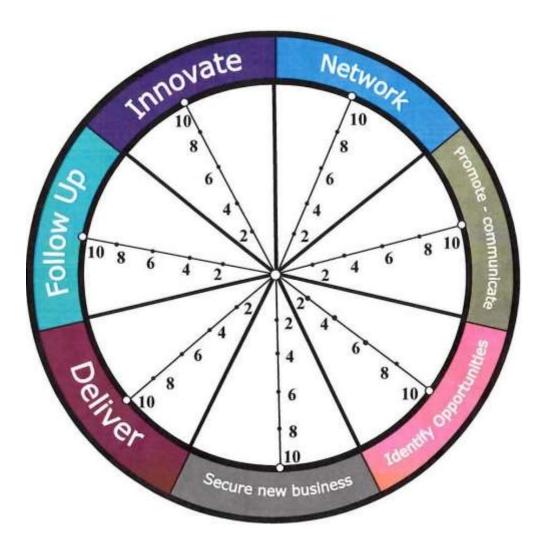
# **The Wheel of Fortune**



## Turning your network into business opportunities - The Wheel of Fortune

The Wheel of Fortune is a simple but very effective diagnostic tool for individuals, teams, departments, and organisations.

If it is going to work, contributors have to be ruthlessly honest in their reflection, evaluation and scoring. The process is designed to identify areas for improvement and further effort, not to demonstrate (sometimes falsely!) how great everything is.

#### Step One:

Individuals or teams are invited to work through the questionnaire and plot their results in the boxes and on the wheel.

#### Step Two:

Individualand/ or group results are plotted on the big wheel (ideally on a Pinboard!) so everyone can see the scores and trends. Discuss the results, explore trends and identify themes. At this stage you should capture some of these comments on the wheel. Select the areas which need attention and action.

#### Step Three:

Complete the second questionnaire based on the group discussion. Reality check your scores and identify key areas for action.

#### Step Four:

Plan the actions necessary to achieve the desired changes - you could use Pinpoint syndicate boards! Prepare a group Action Plan.

#### Step Five:

Complete the action summary. You can design your own but this one is a good starting point. Good action plans need champions, workers, measures, milestones, frequent and regular reviews, clear timescales, and commitment.

#### Step Five:

Meet regularly to check progress and review the effectiveness of the action plan. Be flexible and amend where necessary.

Many of you spotted that you can take this model and apply it to a number of different business processes. Simply change the labels and re-design the questionnaires.

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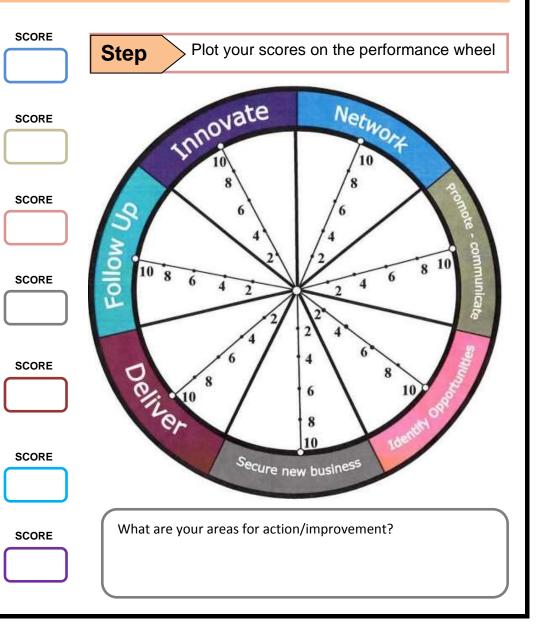
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**Secure New Business:** Does your business produce well structured proposals? Can you demonstrate value? Do get the chance to present to decision makers? Are you good at closing deals?

**Deliver:** Do you or your business have good systems, procedures, the right skills, capabilities and capacity to deliver and add value? Are you doing great work in the right areas? Do you measure and evaluate your work against others?

**Follow Up:** Do you or your business measure customer and end user satisfaction? Do you practice and encourage reflective learning? Do you regularly seek feedback from colleagues, customers and stakeholders? Do you act on what you discover?

**Innovate:** Do you or your business develop new products or services? Do you explore innovative ways of working to improve, efficiency, delivery and value? Do you or your business invest appropriate time and money in innovation and testing new ideas?



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This model was created by my great friend, colleague and soul-mate **CANUTE SIMPSON** from Smart Objectives.

He was happy for me to share it with my Russian friends but, if you use it, please remember to give us both a mention!

### Thank you Canute!

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