

Agile Coffee Conversation Starters  
Volume 1

Do your teams use intentional practices to improve?

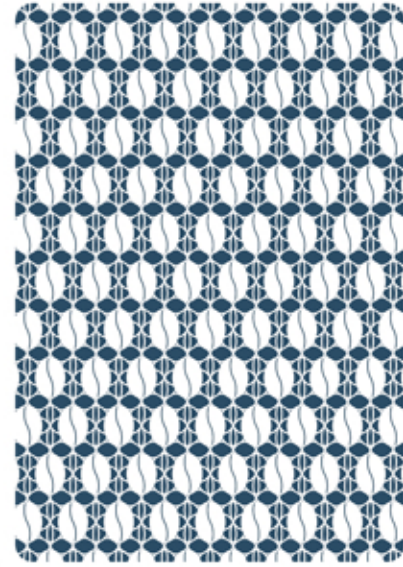


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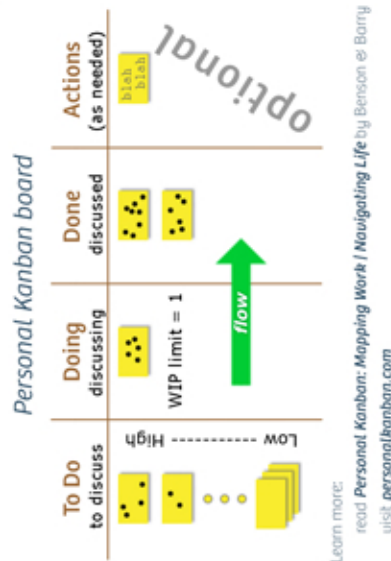
## How to run a Lean Coffee

*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](http://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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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.