

# unlocking membership CRM value: how to implement effective training that delivers CRM success

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# what this webinar is about

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risks of not  
training

implementing a  
training plan

when to revisit  
training

tips for a  
successful training

## your takeaways

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role and  
importance of  
training

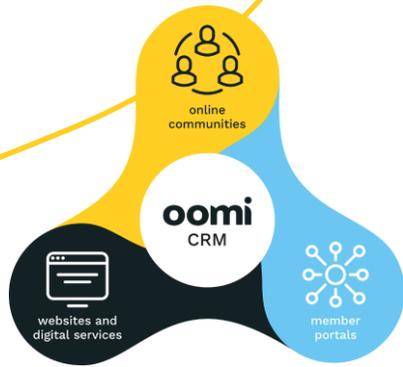
training vs  
instruction

how to plan  
training

benefits of training

## why listen to us?

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- membership sector specialist since 1991
- working with trade associations and professional bodies
- complete membership management solutions
- MemberWise Official Partner



- professional trainer
- 2 years head of training at oomi
- 7 years in membership and training at membership body
- cricket coach

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risks of not  
training



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## risks from lack of training

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aversion to using the CRM

data errors and data breaches

tasks take longer

bad practise passed on

high staff turnover



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**“65% of CRM users say training is essential for success”**

Source: Digital Socius – CRM Statistics 2025



lack of training

workarounds

data silos

inefficiencies

staff turnover

fractured member  
experience

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*The training was **incredibly valuable**. The sessions were clear, practical, and tailored to how we **actually work day-to-day**. We left the training feeling informed and **ready to make full use of the platform's capabilities**.*

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## implementing a training plan

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# training vs instruction

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## **Instruction** is:

- someone **showing** you the system
- passing on knowledge – whether correct or not
- perhaps a written document at best

## **Training** is:

- organised, structured session
- run by an expert/trainer, who can use deferent techniques
- using all the learning styles
- doing as much as showing
- supporting documentation

## the training plan - things to consider

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### planning

- what stages need to be considered
- how long will training last
- who requires training and at what stage

### budget

- included in your CRM budget
- recognises ongoing needs

### who & how

- who will provide the training
- how will training be provided (in-person?)

### objectives

- training objectives for all types of users
- appropriate for the job role

## the training plan - implementation

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- for new CRM, there must be training stages: initial, UAT, go-live, on-going
- part of change management - staff need to feel confident and able to see the benefits
- establish best practice and introduce new procedures
- develop habits that will enable all to get the most from the CRM (consistency)
- ensure faster ROI on new system

**“42% of businesses cite lack of training or CRM experts as the biggest barrier to adoption”**

Source: crm.org

## the training implementation – in-person delivery

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- engagement
- increased personal assistance during In-person training
- extra time required to deliver online training (potentially more expensive)
- more training taken in, in-person
- zoom burnout

***"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn."***  
*Benjamin Franklin*

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ongoing  
training



## triggers for training

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system upgrades

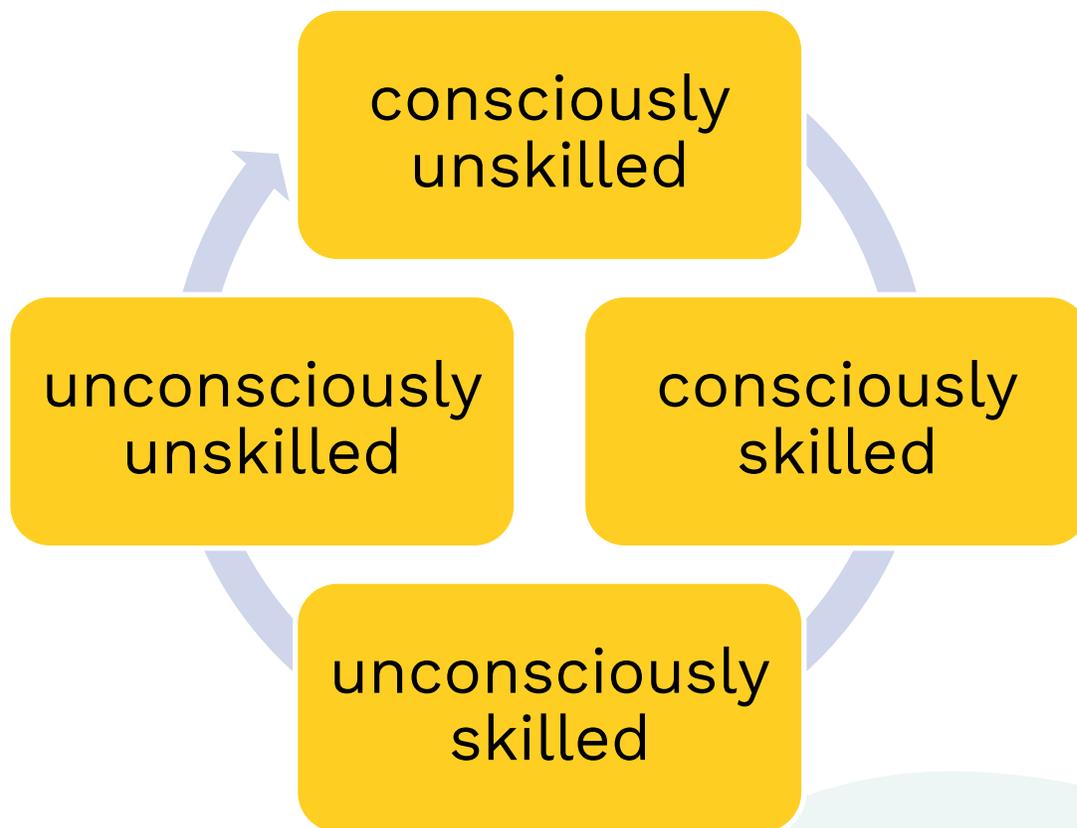
returning to work

new employees

regular refreshers  
for all (CPD)

consciously skilled?

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tips for a  
successful  
training



## best practice

work with the provider, and a **skilled trainer** who knows the system

sessions should be **practical and hands-on**

train on step-by-step processes, **relevant for individuals**

make sure adequate **budget** is attributed to training

training and CPD are an **on-going process**

**in-person** always works best

## risk

using a colleague or technical expert, leads to **ineffective learning, lack of skills and confidence**

being “**shown**” is not training

focusing on areas not relevant – decreased engagement, and **wastes time and money**

not investing, **always** costs more in the long-run

will lead to unskilled workers and **high staff turnover**

online = no hands-on support, essential for learning practical skills; **learning and engagement severely reduced**

## customer case study

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- new CRM installed quickly (part in Covid lockdown)
- part of major change programme
- went off track
- implemented training programme
- everyone happy again and onboard
- CRM producing results

*“The training there was instrumental in engaging their staff and getting them over what were previously lots of “workarounds”, as they had called them”*

Philip Walters, Customer Success Manager, oomi



**questions?**



thank you