Embracing Diversity in Your Team 15 Ideas

- 1. Use data to talk about the importance of inclusion, diversity, and the benefits.
- 2. Encourage employees to attend networking events outside of the norm or their comfort zone.
- 3. Mentor new and high-potential employees from underrepresented groups.
- 4. Expose high-potential employees to new growth opportunities.
- 5. Encourage employees to attend and/or join employee resource groups/networks different from their own.
- 6. Learn about and embrace the *invisible* diversity differences within your team.
- 7. Find out a person's preferences for communication and interactions. Be respectful and treat them how they wish to be treated.
- 8. Review current inclusive policies and practices, create new ones, and apply them fairly and consistently.
- 9. Introduce a book club focused on topics from diverse authors and mindsets.
- 10. Offer and explain your rationale for flexible working arrangements.
- 11. Highlight and celebrate the diverse strengths of your team.
- 12. Pair diverse individuals together to co-present.
- 13. Be curious about other cultures; ask questions respectfully.
- 14. Explore how to provide an opportunity for international career experience.
- 15. Form a team of diverse employees to address strategic business challenges.

