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KATA

Building a Culture of Continuous Improvement and Learning

What is Kata?

Kata, commonly known in martial arts, is practicing a pattern of thinking and behaving until executed without hesitation. Think about the practice involved in learning an instrument or playing a sport. Toyota Kata is a structured way for managers and employees to achieve continuous improvement goals with a clear path to get there. According to Mike Rother, Researcher and Author of Toyota Kata, it's teaching methods rather than solutions, a key component to Toyota's efficiency.

Improvement Kata and Coaching Kata

Improvement Kata and Coaching Kata training enables participants to develop skills for doing and teaching a scientific routine of thinking (kata) in your daily work and to reach a level of performance not previously achieved.

Training

Hands-on exercises and simulation with NWIRC's Tom Weible, a TWI Institute Certified Kata Trainer. Tom will illustrate how Kata is used in teams, organizations, and your everyday life. You'll walk away understanding how Kata can help your company develop and sustain a culture of continuous improvement and participate in a simulation for practice and to learn how to teach scientific thinking to others.

March 12 | 8:30am - 2:00pm

Penn State DuBois
1 College Place, DuBois, PA

Class size is limited.

$249

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"We first heard about Kata during a tour of a world-class company that we benchmark against, but had no idea how to pursue this new (to us) problem-solving method. NWIRC's Tom Weible coached us through our first Kata challenge with amazing results that are proving to be long lasting. We now use Kata as the basis for all our improvement efforts."

-Dan Ignasiak, President, SEPCO

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