

This program is based on the Dr. Woolley's extensive research about organizational teams & what makes them successful.

People tend to focus on individual attributes when predicting team success, whether looking at hockey teams or presidential cabinets. Woolley argues that organizations need to look more closely at the value of collective intelligence and how team members perform together; her research shows that this is a much better predictor of team performance. Woolley finds that team diversity and social perceptiveness (the ability to pick up nonverbal cues from others) are critical ingredients of collective intelligence. Her recommendations:1) Set egalitarian norms when you're convening a team; leave no room for stars or loafers. 2) Pay attention to the skills and collaboration abilities of the team and avoid hiring people who are particularly domineering or negative.

In this program, you will:

- Become familiar with recent research on collective intelligence in teams
- Review of three key components that are fundamental to smart teams
- Learn concrete actions that leaders can take to make their teams smarter

Where: University Club at the University of Pittsburgh 123 University Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Register: <u>https://icf-pittsburgh.org/making-teams-smarter/</u>

Cost: Members: \$30 Non-members: \$40 Light refreshments served



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