



FIRST & THIRD
Wednesdays

9:00 AM

TULLY'S
COFFEE

764 BROADWAY, TACOMA

Why Lean Coffee?

MEET OTHER LEAN PRACTITIONERS.
SHARE IDEAS AND INSIGHTS.
GET ADVICE AND SUGGESTIONS.
LEARN ABOUT TRAINING, SEMINARS, & OPPORTUNITIES.
KEEP YOUR LEAN CHOPS SHARP.

WHAT IS LEAN COFFEE?

Jim Benson, author of Personal Kanban and co-creator of Lean Coffee, calls it "a structured yet open meeting format that draws on the expertise and needs of those present to have the most relevant and practical meeting possible." Learn more at leancoffee.org.

WHO SHOULD COME?

Anyone who uses Lean tools and concepts on a regular basis.
Please leave your "belts" at the door.

WHO IS ORGANIZING THIS?

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Brewing Ideas Is Easy



1. Create a Lean coffee "conversation Kanban" (columns: ready, doing, done, take-aways).
2. Each person creates their own sticky notes.
What do you want to talk about?
What challenges or insights have come from a recent Lean project?
What ideas do you have?
3. Explain your sticky notes in one or two sentences to the group, if necessary. Place similar ideas in affinity groups.
4. Each person marks the stickies they most want to talk about. 2 or 3 dots per person.
5. Highest vote-getting idea moves to the "doing" column.
6. Choose a person to be timer. Set an alarm for 5 minutes. At time, signal "keep going", "done," or "I could go either way."
7. Extend conversation in 3 minute units as long as half the group is still interested.
8. When done with that topic, move it to "done" and move next highest interest item into "doing."
9. Continue. Repeat. Savor, enjoy and get some mental stimulation.