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INFP

Thoughtful Idealist

Work Style

- Communicate and persuade based on their ideals
- Draw people together around a common purpose
- Work to find matches for people in organizations
- Seek new ideas and possibilities for the organization
- Quietly push an organization to uphold its values

Leadership Style

- Take a facilitative approach
- Prefer unique leadership roles to conventional ones
- Work independently toward their vision
- Are more likely to praise than to critique others
- Encourage people to act on their ideals

Potential Pitfalls

- May delay completion of tasks because of perfectionism
- May try to please too many people at once
- May not adjust their ideals to the facts and logic of the situation
- May spend more time in reflection than in action

Suggestions for Development

- May need to learn to work with what is rather than search for an ideal response
- May need to develop more toughmindedness and a willingness to say no
- May need to factor in facts and logic along with their personal values
- May need to develop and implement action plans