Coping with Change



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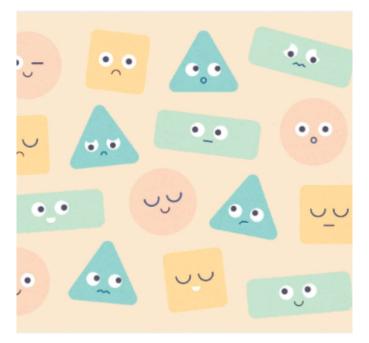
Our Request

Experiential and interactive

Maintain confidentiality & respect others' opinions

Bring your whole self to the room – thoughts, emotions, bodily sensations... memories, hopes, fears, skepticism

Be open to your experience!



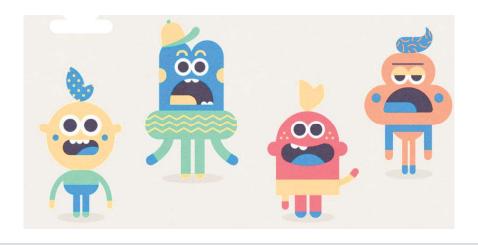






- 1. Understanding my Mental Health
- 2. Managing psychological well-being
 - Thought feelings actions link
 - 10:10:10
 - Staying healthy plan
- 3. Adapting to change
- 4. Debrief and sharing of ideas

Your Mental Health



"There is no health without mental health" - WHO

What are your stressors?



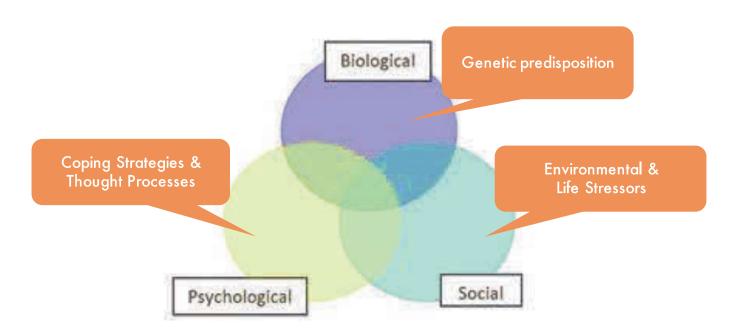
- Isolation
- •F2F teaching- HBL balance
- Work-family conflict
- Tight deadlines

Consequences:

- High levels of stress
- Burnout
- QoL deterioration
- Urge to leave the profession
- Mental health: Depression,
 PTSD, substance consumption

What affects mental health?

Mental Illness has no single cause and often involves the interaction of diverse factors



Managing Your Psychological Wellbeing





Where is your mind now?



It wanders approximately 50% of the time!

Are you breathing from your belly or your chest?

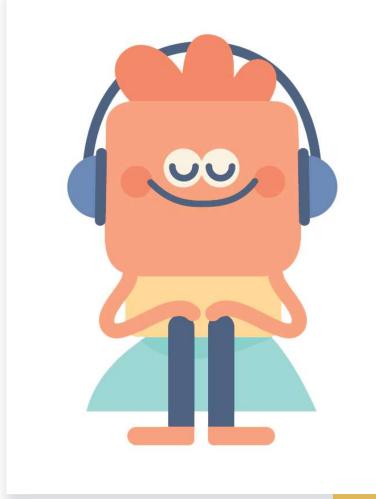


Let's Practice!

Focus on your breath for 1 minute

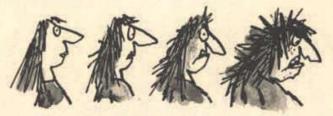
Tell yourself to 'relax' as you exhale

Every time your mind wanders away, come back



Thoughts – Feelings – Action Link

If a person has ugly thoughts, it begins to show on the face. And when that person has ugly thoughts every day, every week, every year, the face gets uglier and uglier until it gets so ugly you can hardly bear to look at it.



A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely.



ABCs of our behaviour

Activating (A) events lead to Beliefs (B) about these events, which lead to Consequences (C)

$$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$$

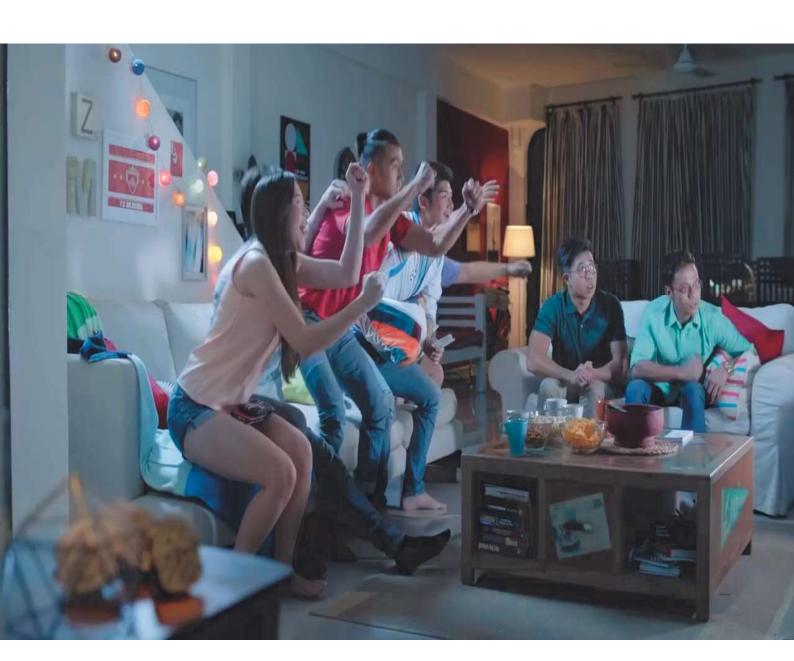
Distress occurs when irrational beliefs cause consequences.

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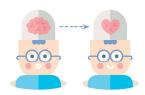
It is our *interpretation* (beliefs/thoughts) of events

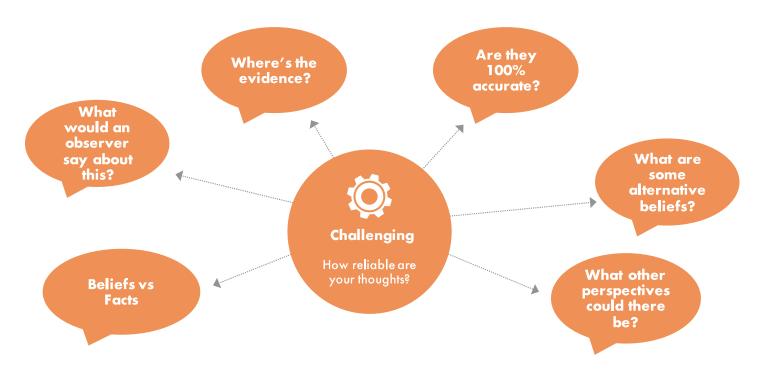
not the events themselves that cause the way we feel

(emotions) and what we choose to do



Thought Challenging





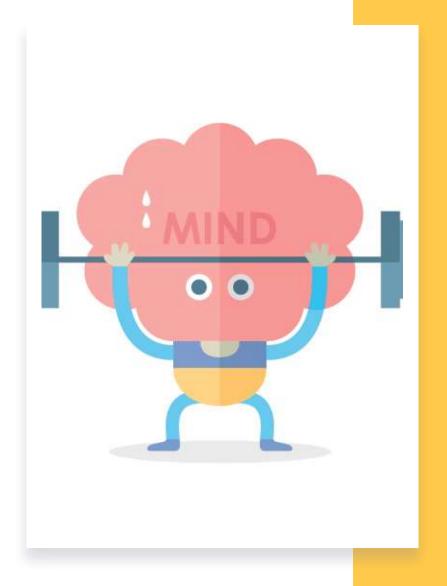


10:10:10

- When things get you down / irritated / annoyed
 - 10 minutes
 - 10 months
 - 10 years
- How would I feel about it?
- What impact will it have in the long run?
- Do I need to freak out / let it ruin my day / act on it now?

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Your Mental Health Toolbox



Staying Healthy Plan



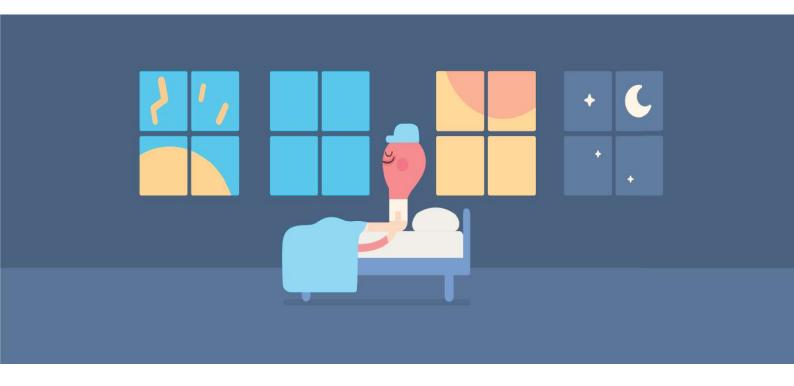


Three 'R's



- 1. Reflect
 - Challenges weathered and successes
 - Personally and professionally (indiv./team)
- 2. Recharge
 - Pace your transition back to routines ('Beings' not 'Doings')
 - Manage your energy (not time) for optimum productivity
- 3. Re-orientate
 - What's the strategy now?
 - Revised goals and priorities

Finding change difficult?



The Process of Change



- Change is a process
- People move through different stages at varying speeds
- Change involves <u>action</u>, but also stages of thinking about change and planning for change, and initiating change
- It is <u>extremely common</u> to struggle E.g., New Years resolutions
- Be patient and reasonable with yourself and others as you adjust back

Readiness Rulers

A specific intervention to elicit change



Individual Change Plan



- 1. The most important reasons for this change are:
- 2. My main goals for myself in this change are:
- 3. I plan to do these things in order to accomplish my goals:

 Specific Action

 When
- 4. Other people could help me with change in these ways:

 Person

 Possible ways to help
- 5. These are some of the obstacles (barriers) to change and how I could handle them:

Possible barriers to change

How to respond

6. I will know that my plan will be working when I see these results:

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