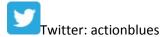
Feel Good Booklet



Check out our social media for daily tips and tricks to boost your wellbeing!



Instagram: afcmerseysideblues



Looking after your wellbeing

You might be worried about coronavirus (also known as COVID-19) and how it could affect your life. This may include being asked to stay at home or avoid other people.



This might feel difficult or stressful. But there are lots of things you can try that could help your wellbeing.

Eat Well and Stay Hydrated



- Think about your diet. Your appetite might change if your routine changes, or if you're less active than you usually are. Eating regularly and keeping your blood sugar stable can help your mood and energy levels.
- Drink water regularly. Drinking enough water is important for your mental and physical health. Changing your routine might affect when you drink or what fluids you drink. It could help to set an alarm or use an app to remind you.

Connect with people - Stay in touch digitally



- Make plans to video chat with people or groups you'd normally see in person.
- You can also arrange phone calls or send instant messages or texts.
- If you're worried that you might run out of stuff to talk about, make a plan with someone to watch a show or read a book separately so that you can discuss it when you contact each other.

Try to keep active



Build physical activity into your daily routine, if possible. Most of us don't have exercise equipment like treadmills where we live, but there are still activities you can do. Exercising at home can be simple and there are options for most ages and abilities, such as:

cleaning your home dancing to music going up and down stairs online exercise

Get as much sunlight, fresh air and nature as you can



Spending time in green space or bringing nature into your everyday life can benefit your mental and physical wellbeing. It can improve your mood, reduce feelings of stress or anger, and make you feel more relaxed.

It's possible to still get these positive effects from nature while staying indoors at home. You could try: Spend time with the windows open to let in fresh air.

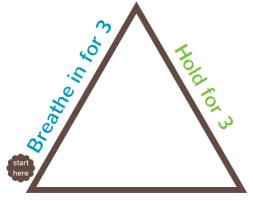
Arrange a comfortable space to sit, for example by a window where you can look out over a view of trees or the sky or watch birds and other animals.

Listen to natural sounds, like recordings or apps that play birdsong, ocean waves or rainfall. Get as much natural light as you can. Spend time in your garden if you have one or open your front or back door and sit on the doors.

10 MINUTES TO RECOGNISE THE GOOD STUFF

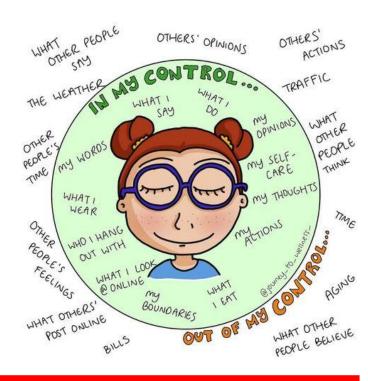


Things, people and places you like:
One thing that's going well for you right now:
One thing you've worked hard to achieve:
Two people you can count on for kind words or a warm hug:
Three things you're looking forward to:



Breathe out for 3









Breathe In. Breath Out – Feel the flow of breath.



Be aware of every daily activity (texting, working activity (texting, working)



Pay attention to all your senses - notice taste, texture of food.



Go outdoors – Walk around in nature.



As soon as the mind wanders, bring it back to your breath.



Forgive yourself for every negative thought.



Empty the Mind -Take a few moments to be still.



Be grateful – say thank you to nature, people and things.





Go easy on yourself with time, you will see the progress.

I need...

Rest/ Relaxation



-Listen to music

-Take a timeout

- Bubble Bath /

-Take a nap

-Watch fave

- Read Book/ Magazine

Shower

movie



Expression Companionship





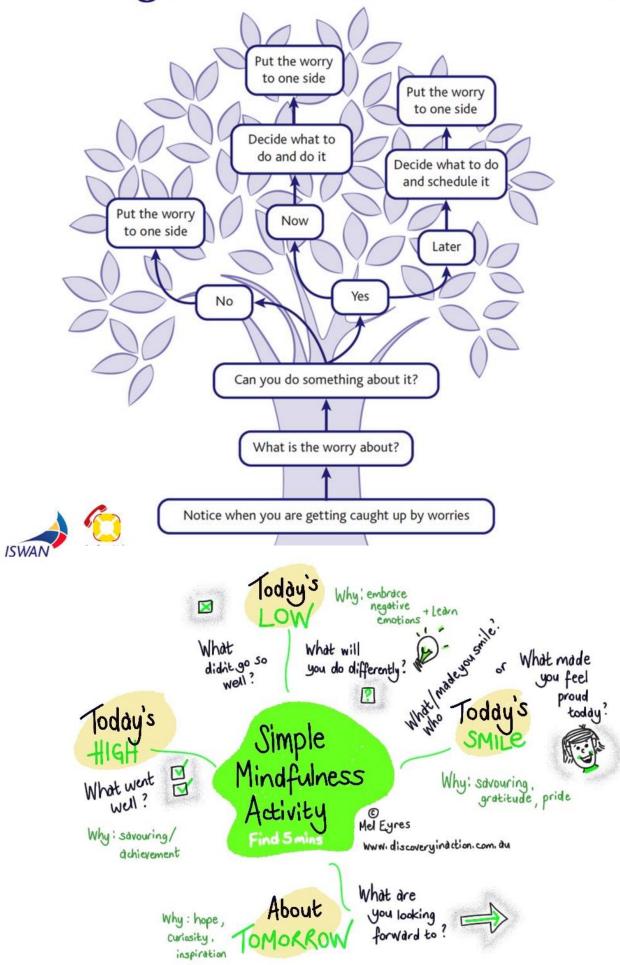
- Gardening
- -- Sports
- Call a Friend
- Write a Letter
- Play with a pet
- Go for a walk with a friend
- Spend time with family





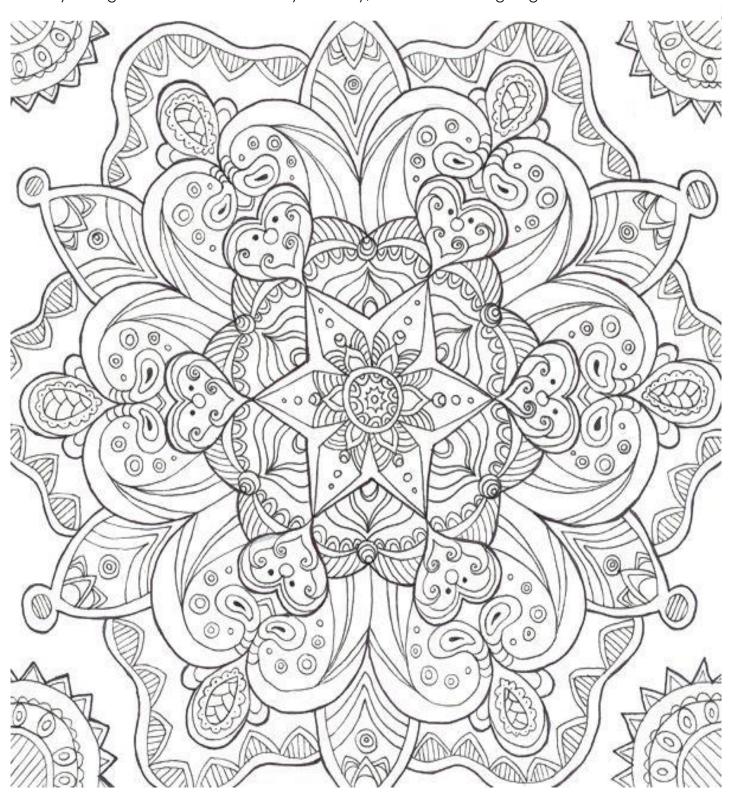
- Make a healthy snack
- Practice yoga
- Go for a walk/ run
- -- Mindfulness
- Positive Affirmations

Worry Tree

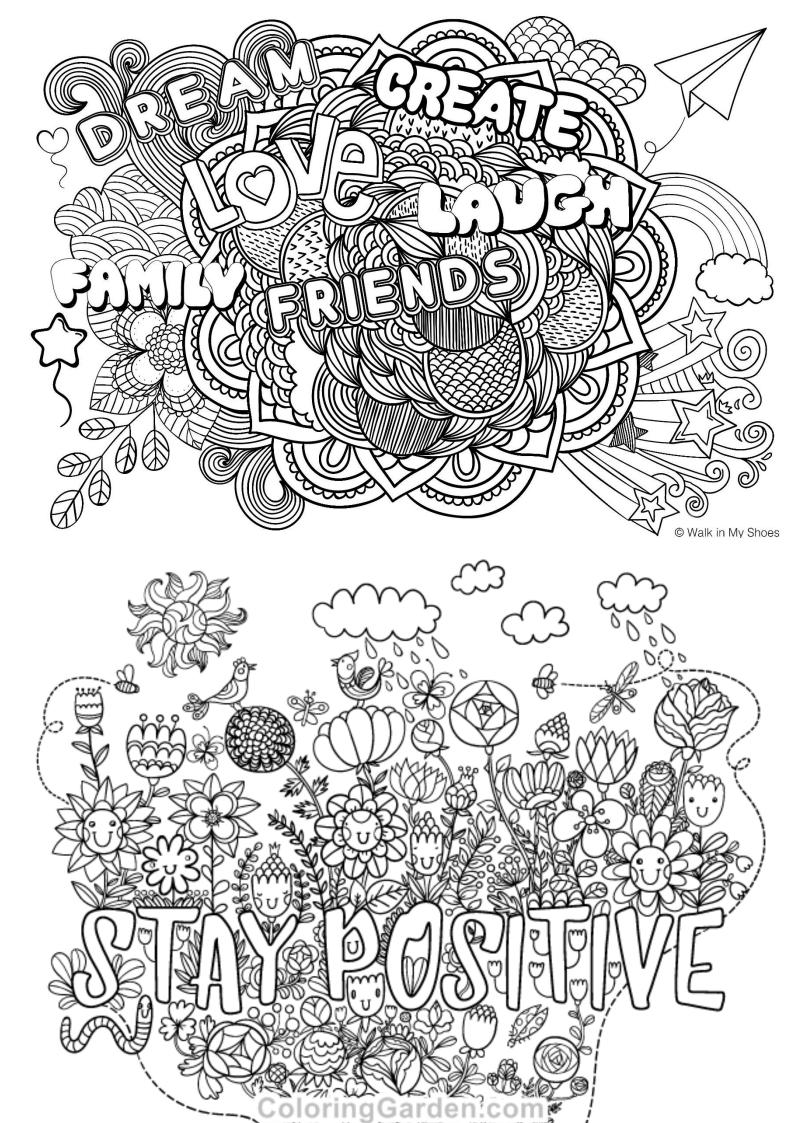


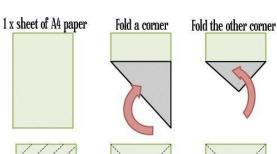
Try some Mindful Colouring...

Mindful Colouring asks us to focus on how we choose and apply colour in a design to bring our awareness to the present moment. This process is similar to meditation, we let go of any thoughts about tomorrow or yesterday, or what we are going to do when we finish.



Mindfulness can improve our overall sense of well-being. We feel more relaxed by paying attention to the present moment. We are also practicing training our minds to focus which can help in our study and work.





Cut along the top line





Fold all corners to the centre



You are left with a square of paper







Turn over

Fold a corner to the centre

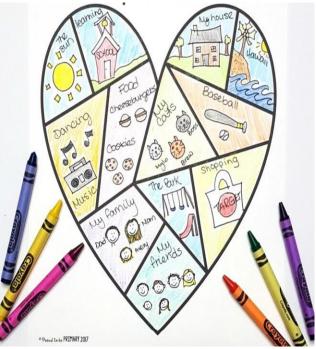






Insert fingers and play!

Drawing and art ideas.... make a dream catcher to fill your worries and recognise the important things in your life-



HEADSPACE°

Fill your heart with all the things you love, or alternatively.... Do a self portrait to recognise all the positive things about yourself.

Why not make yourself a chatterbox, this is a great mindfulness activity and fun too!



























MoodSpace







- Worried or Anxious?
- Stressed?
- Trouble sleeping?
- Angry?

Why not try some of these apps that are free to use!









STOP, BREATHE & THINK



Breathing Bubbles



Recflectly

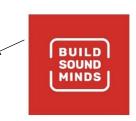


Where to go for advice and support online...



Kooth offers anonymous counselling support online

Build Sound Minds by Action for Children, offers support for looking after yourself and resources for managing worries





FFLAG offers advice, support, resources and personal experiences around being LGBT+



The Mix offers free confidential support to young people via online, social and



The Proud Trust offers advice and support around being LGBT+



YoungMinds offers online advice and support for young people.



Mind offers on line advice and support for young people.