

# The Path to Workplace Resilience - Thriving Through Challenges

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## 2 minute pause...

#### My journey of resilience...











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# Let's start with stress!



#### Causes of Stress in Oct 2023

74 responses







"If you ask what is the single most important key to longevity, I would have to say it is avoiding worry, stress and tension. And if you didn't ask me, I'd still have to say it." George Burns



# Frightening Facts About Stress!

## American Institute of Stress Top Causes of Stress in the U.S. 2023

- Inflation (73%)
- The economy (72%)
- The cost of health care (58%)
- The job market (53%)
- The COVID-19 pandemic (50%)
- Climate change (47%)
- Conflict in other countries (42%)
- The cost of college tuition (37%)

#### Mental Health Foundation UK Study

74% of people surveyed said they felt so stressed that they felt overwhelmed or unable to cope

#### What does Resilience mean?

Mind Body headaches worrying frequent infections muddled thinking impaired judgement taut muscles muscular twitches nightmares indecisions fatigue skin irritations negativity hasty decisions breathlessness loss of confidence accident prone more fussy loss of appetite irritability loss of sex drive depression drinking more apathy insomnia alienation restlessness apprehension smoking more

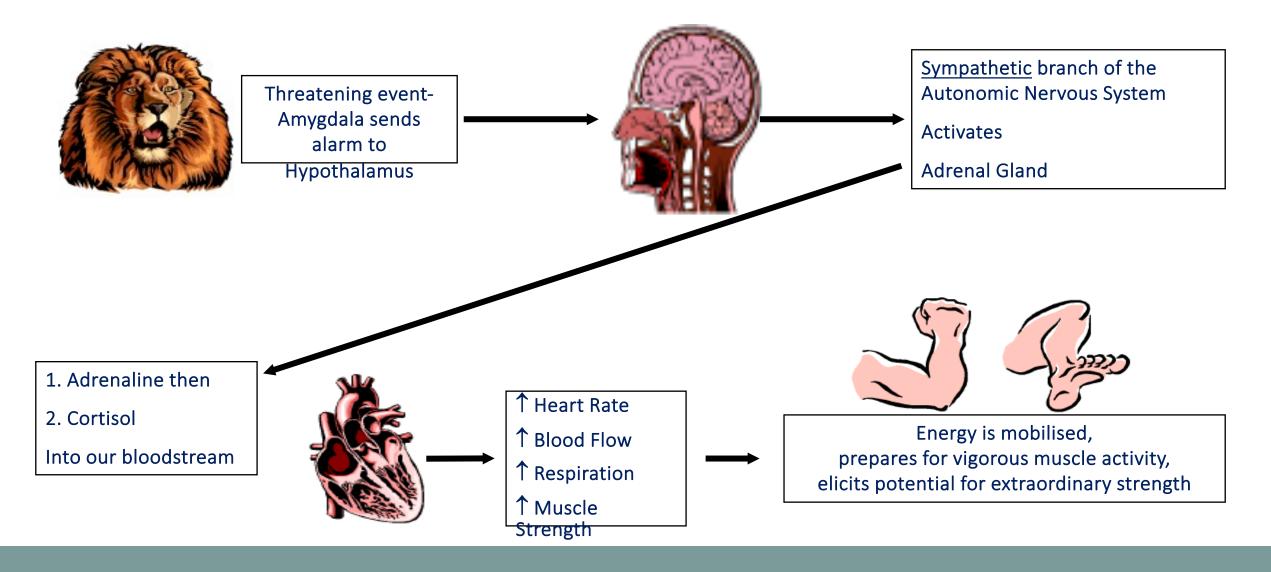
Familiar Effects of Stress



**Emotions** 

Behavior

#### Physical Effects: Fight or Flight Response



#### Chronic Stress puts your health at risk!



#### Consequences of long term (chronic) stress

- Mental health problems: depression, anxiety
- Cardiovascular disease: heart disease, high blood pressure, abnormal heart rhythms, heart attacks & stroke
- Pulmonary issues: asthma
- Obesity & eating disorders
- Skin & hair problems: psoriasis, eczema & hair loss
- Gastrointestinal problems

#### The Key to Managing Stress in the Longterm ...



# What does Resilience mean?

#### Definition of Resilience

"The capacity to remain flexible
in our thoughts, feelings, and behaviours
when faced by a life disruption,
or extended periods of pressure and stress,
so that we emerge from difficulty
stronger, wiser, and more able."

**Carol Pemberton** 



#### Or....

Resilience is the process of adapting well in the face of adversity, trauma, tragedy, threats or significant sources of stress. It means "bouncing back" from difficult experiences.

Research has shown that **resilience** is **ordinary**, **not extraordinary**. People commonly demonstrate resilience.

Being resilient does not mean that a person doesn't experience difficulty or distress. Emotional pain and sadness are common in people who have suffered major adversity or trauma in their lives. In fact, the road to resilience is likely to involve considerable emotional distress.

Resilience is not a trait that people either have or do not have. It involves behaviors, thoughts and actions that can be learned and developed in anyone.

"People are like tea – They don't know how strong they are until they are put in Hot Water"

**Eleanor Roosevelt** 



My role model of Resilience!



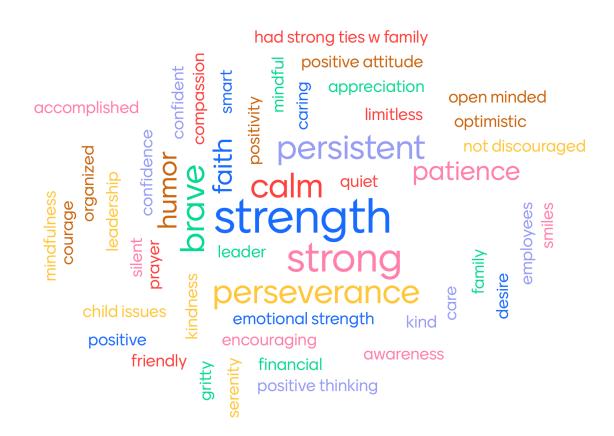
### Your Journey of Resilience

Who in your life has been a role model of Resilience and name 3 qualities you associate with her or him.

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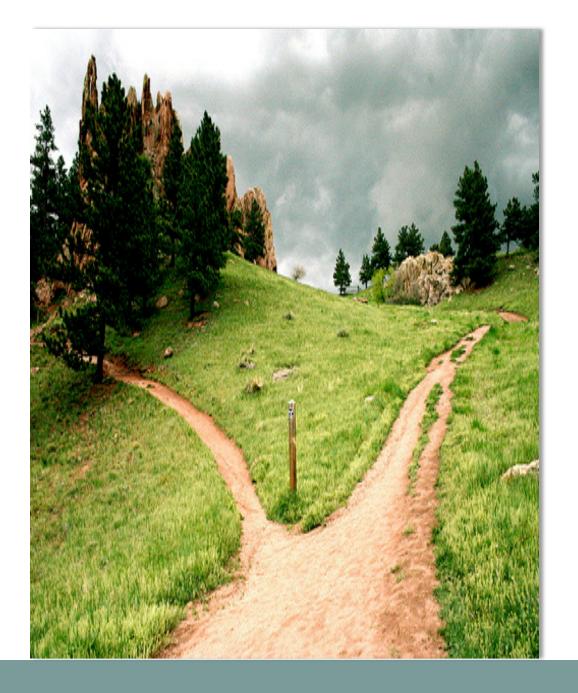
#### 3 qualities you associate with your role model of resilience 68 responses



#### Factors that Contribute to Resilience.

- High self-confidence and self-esteem
- Problem-solving skills
- Ability to successfully manage emotions and impulses
- Communication skills and the ability to connect with others
- The ability to accept unwanted change
- ☐ The ability to set realistic goals
- ☐ Taking positive steps to carry out plans

Two Paths

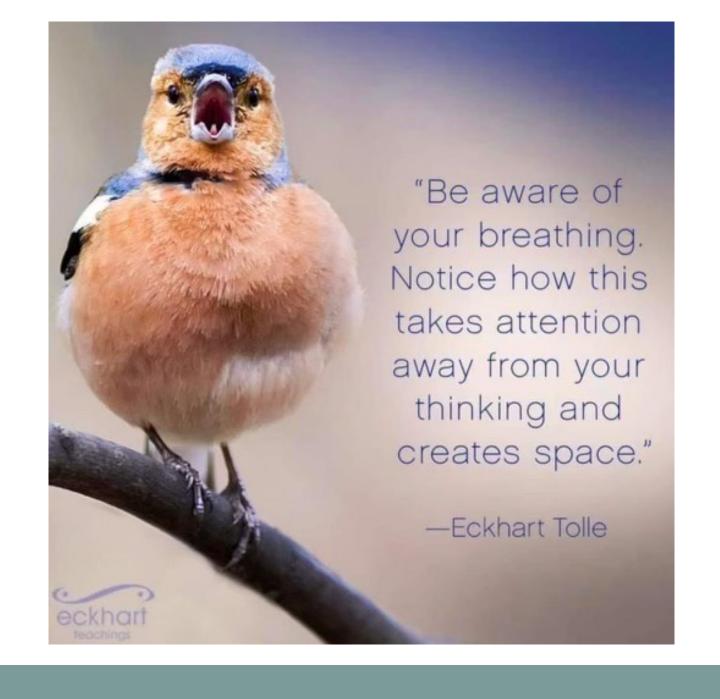


## Cultivating Resilience: 3 Good Practices

## Mindfulness / Breathing

#### Learned Optimism

Gratitude





## "Breath control helps quell errant stress response"

**Harvard Health** 

#### Breathing / Mindfulness / Meditation



- Breathing interrupts stressful thinking anxiety and worry
- Breathing increases the function of the relaxation nerves
- Deep breathing can become automatic
- Deep breathing exercises pay off

#### Parachute Breath





#### Which one are you?



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#### Learned Optimism

#### Is It Really Worth It?

Yes. Scientific evidence shows that becoming an optimist is good for your mind and body.

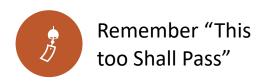
#### Being Optimistic Can Help You to Live a Longer Life

Numerous studies also found that optimism is related to longevity, in addition to the physical and mental well-being benefits.

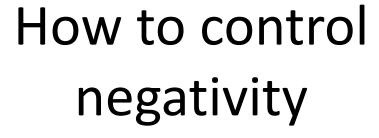
#### Optimism Pays Off!!

Optimism is a behavioural style, a choice, rather than a personality trait.

Research by Professor Martin Seligman.

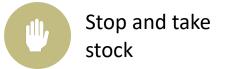








Fight 'I can't' with action











# Gratitude



## Gratitude

In positive psychology research, gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships. Harvard Medical School "In Praise of Gratitude"

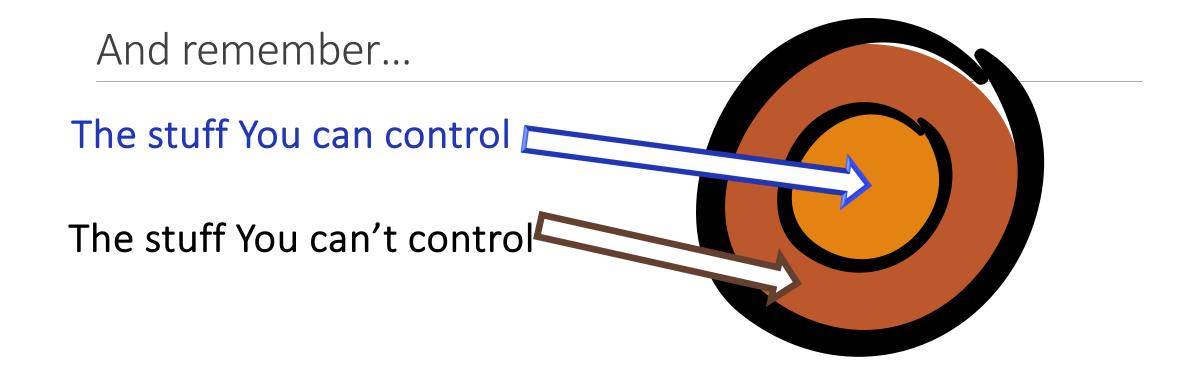
Practice: Write down 3 things each day that you are thankful for!

# Gratitude Meditation

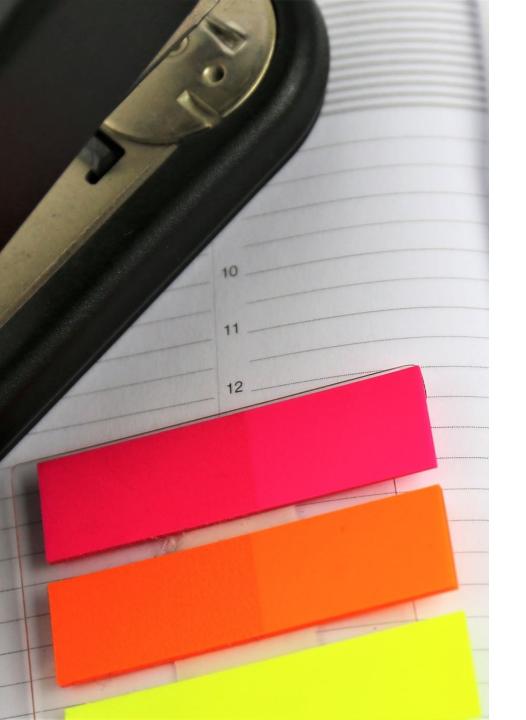
#### Name 3 things you are grateful for today

66 responses





Where do you place your focus?



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## Recap

My journey!

Impact of Stress

Building your Resilience Muscle

What your Role Model of Resilience taught you

- 3 Resilience Practices:
  - Breathing / Mindfulness / PQ Rep
  - Learned Optimism
  - Gratitude





What do I offer?

The ways organisations utilize me:

Training: resilience, leadership skills, positive intelligence, communication

Coaching: 1-1 and group

As a Speaker

Retreats

## 4 Pillars of my Time to Believe™ Program











"Kathleen engages in a truly genuine way. Her approach to coaching is to nurture strengths and develop confidence and inner wisdom. This allowed me to forge my own path and to believe thoroughly in my choices. She challenged me to be brave and gave me lots of tools and techniques to overcome the barriers in my own way, both physical and mental." EMc





Imagine yourself able to remain calm, clear headed, stress-free, and positive even in the midst of handling work and life's greatest challenges.

What becomes possible for you, in achievement, in peace of mind and wellness, and in your relationships?

Make a commitment now to boost your mental fitness.



Why not build up your Mental fitness to make the most of the opportunities the rest of the year may have for you! It's time to build up your positive strengths (Sage) and shrink your critical voice (AKA Judge) and Saboteurs! Don't let another year go by with your Perfectionist (Stickler), Avoider or the other Saboteurs leading the way. It's time to take the leading role in your own life and start making decisions from your best, most wise part of your brain.

Research with 500,000 participants has shown that Positive Intelligence® - PQ can increase how happy you are and how well you perform relative to your potential.



#### Mental Fitness (PQ) the X-Factor in Performance & Happiness

If you're **physically fit**, you can climb steep hills without physical stress. If you're *mentally* fit, you can handle life's great challenges without mental stress or other negative emotions.



## TESTIMONIAL

"(I've gained) the ability to see anxiety for what it is, not a part of my character, just an habitual thought pattern.(And I've gained):

- an increase in gratitude
- an increase in empathy
- an increase in confidence
- a much calmer relationship with my partner due to being less reactionary
- acceptance of my imperfections, which racked me with guilt previously" LB

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# What I'd appreciate from my IABCN colleagues





INTRODUCTIONS: INDIVIDUALS, COMPANIES AND ORGANISATIONS

SUGGESTIONS AND/OR INVITATIONS
FOR SPEAKING AND OTHER
OPPORTUNITIES



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