

# COMPASSION



THE POSITIVE RRFNNAN



## **MY INTENTION IS:**

## "BY THE END OF THE COURSE, YOU WILL HAVE THE COURAGE AND SKILLS TO BE **KINDER TO YOURSELF."**

WHAT IS YOUR INTENTION?



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## THEORY & SCIENCE OF SELF-COMPASSION

Empower yourself with knowledge and solid reseach

## EXPERIENTIAL

Meditation, Embodiment, Reflective Journalling

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02.

## HOMEWORK

Audio & Mindful practices noticing

## 04. INTERACTIVE

Share to help yourself & others





# STRUCTURE EACH WEEK

## WHAT IS COMPASSION?

Collective & Subjective Definition

### **MINDFULNESS IS THE FOUNDATION** 02.

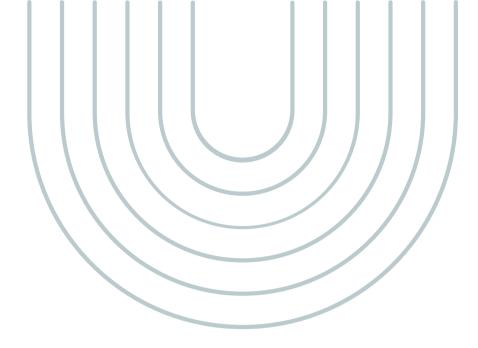
Why you can't have compassion without it The 3 Emotional Regulation Systems

### **THE 6 ATTRIBUTES OF COMPASSION** 03. Paul Gilbert

WHY SELF-COMPASSION IS A SKILL 04 **TO BE LEARNED** Identify your blocks



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# **OVERVIEW** WEEK 1

## DEFINTION OF COMPASSION

"Compassion is defined as being sensitive to the suffering of self and others with a deep commitment to try to prevent and relieve it."

Paul Gilbert.







## **DEFINTION OF SELF-COMPASSION**

"With self-compassion, we give ourselves the same kindness and care we'd give to a good friend."

**Kristin Neff** 





## **DEFINTION OF SELF-COMPASSION**

"A compass that operates from my heart and always brings me home to the truth of who I am – this allows me to help others find their way."



**Fiona Brennan** 

**Now Yours?** 



# MINDFULNESS & COMPASSION

Awareness is imperative

Without mindfulness, we are building castles in the sand

Alexithymia- aka emotional blindness

Mindfulness alone is not enough





**Compassion Focused Therapy** 

The 3 Emotion Regulation Systems:

1. A threat and self-protection system, which generates anger, disgust, or fear to protect us

2. A drive and excitement system, which motivates us to seek outside resources like mates, food, and status

**3.** A soothing and social safety system, which is activated when we feel peaceful and content enough that we are no longer compelled to seek outside resources - this/is what we want to access in S-C

# THE 6 ATTRIBUTES OF **COMPASSION – PAUL GILBERT**

## 1. Sensitivity

The ability to recognise suffering for yourself and others.

The capacity to feel emotionally connected to suffering.

The ability to stay with and tolerate rather than avoid or deny emotions

## **3. Empathy**

The ability to stand back from and understand suffering

## 4.Motivation/ Caring

The motivation/willingness to address suffering and/or facilitate flourishing

## 2. Sympathy

## **5. Distress** Tolerannce

## 6. Non-Judgement

The ability to take an accepting, non-critical, and non-condemning approach

## SELF – COMPASSION IS A SKILL

Before you learn a new skill – we need to remove the misconceptions and blocks.

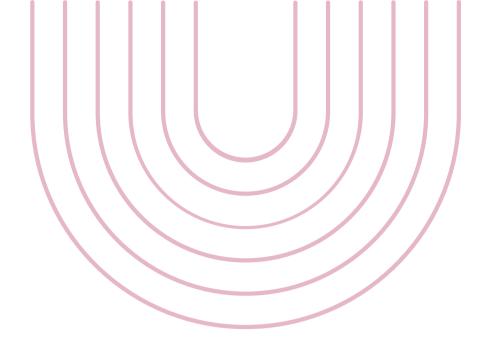




## O1. SELF-COMPASSION IS NOT SELF-PITY -YIN

- O2. SELF-COMPASSION IS NOT SUPRESSION -YANG
- **03.** FEAR OF FEELING NEGATIVE EMOTIONS
- **04.** FEAR OF NOT PROGRESSING LOSING MOTIVATION





## THE MAIN BLOCKS

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## HOMEWORK EMAIL ME ANYTIME

## **AUDIO**

**MINDFULNESS** 

Listen every day at a time that works for you. If you miss one day – simply commence the next.

Take a hand to your heart and repeat "I am compassionate to myself now so I can share my kindness later."

What do you notice in your body?

## JOURNALLING

What blocks/misconceptions do I have?

What impact does being my own best friend have on my life? How does it impact those I love?