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There are five separate sessions in this series. You will need to start with the introduction but can then complete the subsequent sessions in any order. They are an opportunity to spend some time on self-reflection and for many this can be easier to do with a friend. If possible, we suggest that you watch the videos at the same time and then go through the following questions together.



### **INTRODUCTION:**



1 Can you think of someone with a high level of resilience? If so, what characteristics do they have which make them appear resilient to you?

2 Think back to a time when you had to face real adversity: How did you cope and what were the most useful things you did to cope?



## CONFIDENCE:



1 Write down all the positive resources and skills you have. Spend at least 5 minutes doing this and when complete, read it back to your partner or to yourself.

2 Can you think of a time when you have felt very pessimistic about a difficult situation? What would being more optimistic have done to the situation.

Thoughts/actions to build on my confidence:







1 Draw a spider-gram of all your most important connections:

2 Active Listening Exercise:

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While someone is speaking to me, I carry on with what I am doing (e.g. typing)					
While someone is speaking to me, I find myself thinking about what I am going to say next					
I interrupt people when I have something to add to the conversation					
I feel uncomfortable with silence during conversations					
When someone is speaking to me, I nod and say things like "uh-huh" occasionally and stay still so as not to distract them					
I repeat points back during a conversation to clarify my understanding of what is being said					
I give a person my full attention when they are speaking to me and ask open questions					
I wait for them to finish their point before I make a judgement on what was said					

- 3 Do you have anyone that you need to forgive, or do you need to forgive yourself?
- 4 If you consider that you may be drinking too much alcohol, ask yourself why do you want to drink? Is anyone else around you impacted by you drinking?

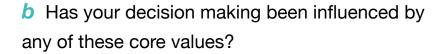
Thoughts/actions on building my support:

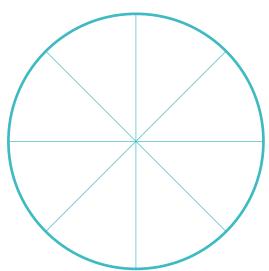
# PURPOSE:



1 Have you ever had to over-come a serious obstacle in your life? What kept you going then?

- 2 The values wheel:
  - a What are your top three values?





3 Considering a stress that is currently impacting you:

Are my feelings about this stress based on facts or am I making some assumptions?	
Are there any aspects that I can change and if not, can I let any part of this go?	
What are my real priorities, and can I delegate any of this to someone else?	
What can I do that is helpful to reduce my stress and what can I do that is unhelpful?	

What motivates you to do more exercise?

What would happen if you did more than you are currently?

If you continue at your current level what will happen?

What do you need to do to start doing more?

## ADAPTABILITY:



1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

- 1 = I am influenced by external events and have no control 10 = I influence what happens to me
- b What factors influenced your decision?
- c What would happen if the number moved lower or higher?

Unhelpful thought	Alternative thought	Likely outcome of changing thought

2 Must & Should alternatives:

I should always have a perfectly tidy home

I must do these five things before the end of the day

I must make sure my grades are always an A or people will not think I am clever.

3 How much caffeine did I have in the last 24 hours?

Thoughts/actions to increase my adaptability:

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