

Practice: Loving Kindness Practice

Key learning:

Using a range of devices to move from mindful awareness towards making changes, with kindness

Resources:

Mats/ chairs, bolsters, blankets, cushions, clock, bells / singing bell, handout for client, recording for client to have for home practice.

| Benefits: | Potential Difficulties Arising: |
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| Developing skills to generate warm wishes to the self and others Wise action, taking steps to make positive changes in relationship with the self and others Self-nurture and self-kindness | Feelings of guilt, shame, unease, wobbliness Finding it silly Unable to connect with the feelings Resistance as this is not mindfulness |

Guidance:

Devices:

Phrases

Mantra

Self, revered one, loved one, neutral one, one with whom there are difficulties, world

Touch/ gestures

Ripples, light, warmth, sensations, rays, waves

Creating a warm, safe space and inviting a person or people to come and sit a while

Imbuing the breath with kindness

Connections through air, ground, energy, space etc

Inquiry

Ask about the participants' experience of the practice and acknowledge and explore any benefits and potential difficulties which come up.

Examples of useful questions to start the inquiry process with the client:

During or after the practice ask them to notice:

Their experience during the practice

How it felt physically, emotionally, psychologically

Whether there are times throughout the day that this could be introduced as a shorter practice or coping strategy

Did you start to notice any changes in how you relate to yourself and others?