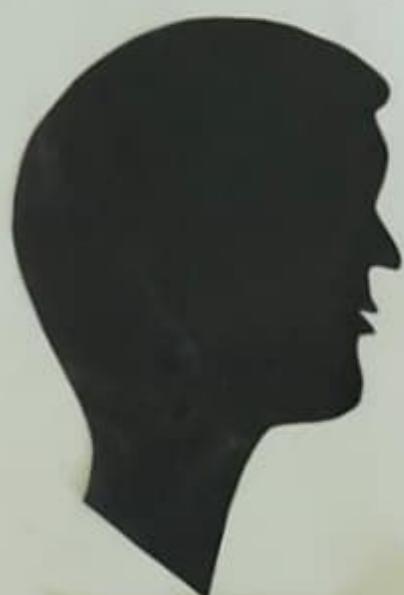


# CHRONICLE

October Edition

THEME

SELF  
WORTH



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You are worth everything you think you're not, never forget that and always be proud of yourself!



DON'T  
LOOK AT  
YOURSELF  
THROUGH  
THEIR  
EYES.



What is an imperfection? What standards of beauty are you comparing yourself to? Do you know the hidden history that flows through your bloodstream? Or how much honour people before you had for these features that you've been brainwashed to believe are now undesirable? This body was handed down to you by souls that celebrate your current existence. Please take care of it.

- Meggan Roxanne

#### SELF WORTH AFFIRMATIONS

- I have great ideas.
- I am enough
- My body is precious gift
- I Love myself the most
- I am overflowing with happiness.
- I am brilliant and beautiful
- Mistakes are a stepping stone for success.
- I honor myself and every decision I make
- No matter how hard the climb, I am worth it
- I accept myself with all flaws.
- I am worthy more than anything on this earth.

you are worth finding,  
worth knowing,  
worth loving.

you + all your one million layers.  
always hold that close.

#### A BLESSING OF SOLITUDE

May you recognise in your life the presence, power and light of your soul.

May you realise that you are never alone, that your soul in its brightness and belonging connects you intimately with the rhythm of the UNIVERSE.

MAY YOU HAVE RESPECT FOR YOUR OWN INDIVIDUALITY AND DIFFERENCE.

May you realise that the shape of your soul is unique and that you have special destiny here, may you learn to see yourself with the same delight and pride with which God sees you in every moment.

YOU ARE NOT SMALL  
YOU ARE NOT UNWORTHY  
YOU ARE NOT INSIGNIFICANT

The Universe wove you from a CONSTELLATION just so atom.  
every fibre in you comes from a different STAR.

Together, you are bound by STARDUST, altogether spectacularly created from the ENERGY of the universe itself.

AND THAT, MY DARLING,  
IS THE POETRY OF PHYSICS,  
THE POETRY OF  
YOU.

#### PROMISE YOURSELF

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind  
To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To live in faith that the whole world is on your side so long as you are true to the best in you.

Self love is an ocean and your heart a vessel.  
Make it full and any excess will spill over into the lives of people you hold dear. But you must come first!

## Own your Greatness ü

Am I worthy of people in my life?

Am I worthy of chances I got?

Am I worth even this life I think?  
Sitting in the corner as I ponder.  
Is my life of any value to anyone else except me?

The answer to these questions was my Self worth.

**Yes I'm worth everything.**

This is something only I will recognise as an individual because others can never get a sense of what I feel or go through.  
I need to understand my importance.  
I'm the star to my sky, I'm the rays to my sun, I'm everything that I look for in others, **I'm more than enough!**

More important than finding answers to these questions, is to never let these questions arise.  
This is what self worth is all about.

Never expect the same appreciation and care from someone else than your own self - **Pratishtha**

Self-worth  
is so vital to  
your happiness.

If you don't  
feel good about  
you, it's hard  
to feel good about  
anything else.

never surge.

you are wanted  
and you are loved  
and you are WORTH  
of anything you feel  
is right for you.



As I strolled down the stairs, carrying no baggage but my bag, which is metaphorically no baggage at all, I felt a gust of cool wind. The cold pinched my cheeks and I could feel my body trying to make negotiations with the biting cold to let it be warm, but to no avail! The cold won and it settled deep down. As I walked, I looked up at sky, a pink shade, like that of a child's cotton candy! The sun already had said its greetings to the horizon, and being very well dressed, without clouds, it was in one of its brighter moods. I exhaled and I could see my breath rise like smoke. It was beautiful and immortal. As I exhaled, my breath became a part of nature forever; just like the way I inhaled and nature became a part of me. -Lakshika Malik

### THE INNER VOICE

The night was dark and it came to me, I was crying on the couch while she was staring at me. I was not okay, I did not have hope, she came to me and said there was still some slope.

She picked me up, I held her hand and fell asleep. When I woke up she had gone. Now we are each others best friends. We all have it inside us, just need to discover it, please don't let her disappear. ♥

- Suridhi Gupta

### HONOR YOURSELF

YOU ARE ENOUGH just the way you are. Your body is a MIRACLE. The WRINKLES, CELLULITE, SAGGY SKIN and TIRED EYES are all signs that you are LIVING your LIFE, CARING for others and doing YOUR BEST. HONOR THAT.

HONOR how you love people take care of them, and honor your BIG HEART

YOU ARE BRAVE, STRONG AND WORTHY OF LIFE YOU DESIRE.

### LETTER TO SELF

To dear self,

I know you are tired, and sometimes it is too much for you. I know it's getting tough day by day, but trust me no one can ever handle it the way you do. You are so strong, so brave that you can walk alone. Look how gracefully you have grown ♥

No matter if you fall, you can still fight, even if you crawl, don't give up, you are doing great. Sometimes take yourself out on pretty dates, I love you, thanks for picking me up everytime I fall.

You are the only one who can make a difference even if it is small.

I am and will always be proud of you my dear self.

- Suridhi Gupta

## I GOT MY OWN BACK!

Mark Twain has rightly said "The worst loneliness is not to be comfortable with yourself" what does the word self worth mean? Self worth is literally defined as the feeling of feeling worthy. But who decides that? the societal norm or the 'Log Kya Kehte Hain? You; the very person reading this, decides it. But can we do that? For this we must be aware of our weaknesses at the same time all our talents and strengths. This makes us a self aware person. Analysing our strengths, will make us strong and reflective. And once we get to know our strong points, we act on them and meet with success.

- Ishita Tandan.

## SELF ESTEEM FACTS

THERE HAS BEEN  
An increase  
in self esteem issues  
AMONGST  
BOYS  
WITH UP TO HALF OF  
MALE STUDENTS THOUGHT  
TO HAVE A LOW BODY  
IMAGE

80%  
OF FEMALES SURVEYED  
CLAIMED THEIR  
POOR body image  
WAS LINKED TO  
NEGATIVE REMARKS  
MADE BY PEERS.

UP TO 85%  
OF THE WORLD'S  
POPULATION IS THOUGHT  
TO BE AFFECTED BY LOW SELF ESTEEM



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SOCIAL MEDIA  
IS lowering NOT  
Raising our  
SELF ESTEEM

75%  
OF GIRLS WITH  
LOW SELF ESTEEM  
REPORT Engaging  
in negative activities  
like bullying,  
smoking or drinking



## 8 WAYS TO START APPRECIATING YOURSELF ☺

- \* Celebrate your uniqueness
- \* Learn to accept compliments
- \* Always enjoy your own company
- \* Decide to be joyful irrespective of circumstances
- \* Celebrate your critics. The more the criticism, the more valuable you are
- \* You don't need others validation
- \* Quit trying to be someone else
- \* Write down your successes and celebrate them.

- Dakshita Sharma

## MOVIE SCREENING



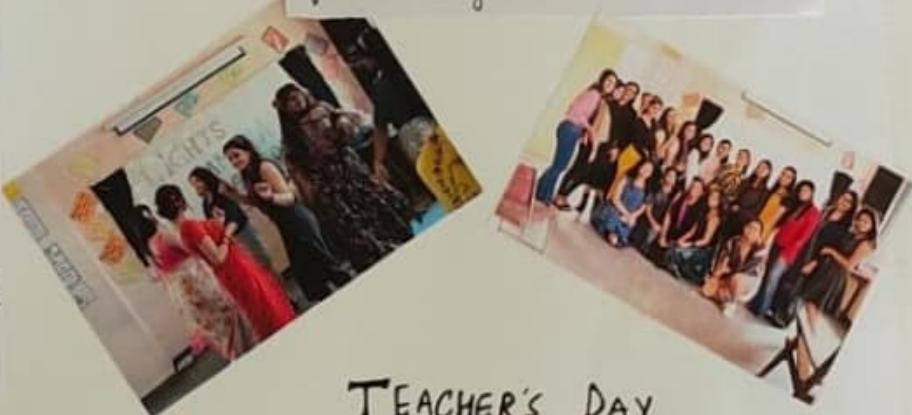
### OFFICIAL FRESHERS '18

The first ever official freshers of the psychology department was one that would stay afresh in everyone's heart and mind forever, just like its theme - RETRO BOLLYWOOD. The event took place of 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2018, in the psychology lab. Everyone followed the theme amazingly, putting in efforts in their styling to look like beautiful heroines of yesteryear. The welcoming was done by the seniors by singing melodious songs, which was followed by various games to keep everyone entertained.



The much awaited Miss Freshers' competition was the highlight of the event. After a 3-round competition, Dharna Tandon was crowned as Miss Freshers, with Neha as the first runner up, and Ritika as the second. After this, the principal, Dr. Neetu Sengal addressed the gathering, inspiring everyone with her words.

A movie screening was organized on 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 for all the students of the department. The movie shown was an Oscar nominated, psychological thriller, called Shutter Island. It starred Leonardo DiCaprio and Mark Ruffalo in lead roles. The basic plot of the movie revolved around the characters of the two main leads who are sent to investigate the disappearance of a patient in a mental asylum on a remote island, but uncover a shocking truth about the place during this process. The movie screening was followed by a discussion among the students about their understanding and interpretation of the storyline.



## TEACHER'S DAY



The students of batch - the psychology department of Bharati College celebrated teacher's day with utmost enthusiasm and zeal on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The teachers were invited to take a trip down the memory lane and dress according to their college days. The welcoming speech was given by the president, Sudhi Gupta, which was followed by handing over a small token of love to all the teachers. The event consisted of a cake cutting ceremony, a group song and a perfectly choreographed group dance. Following the dance was a small skit presented by the students. Along with these, various games such as dumb charades and antakshari were organized for the teachers. The thank you speech was given by Disha Jana, the vice president and the event ended on a warm and positive note.

## Importance of self-worth

→ The key to success

→ Productive behaviour: People perform better when they consider themselves competent

# DEPARTMENTAL

On 8<sup>th</sup> September 2018, the students of 'Anvaya, the mental health club', organized a musical workshop titled, "A Journey Within - Self Exploration through the medium of music". For this, the students had a very special resource person: Ms. Aditi Sharma, who is doing her masters in psychosocial studies and is closely associated with music. It was heartening to see how students engaged in the process of catharsis as they found an emotionally safe space to exchange perspectives and felt a close connection with their inner being.



### MUSIC THERAPY



### MOVIE SCREENING

On 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, Wednesday, a movie screening was organized for all departments of Bharati College. The movie screened is called 'UP'. Up is a 2009, American 3D-computer animated comedy, adventure film. Students from all departments participated in this movie screening enthusiastically. The timings for the screening were from 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Everyone stayed back after their classes and enjoyed a healthy discussion after the movie, giving their insights and takes about the story and characters.

On 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2018, an interactive session on the topic - Understanding Mental Health and its Psychosocial Perspectives was organized by 'Anvaya - The mental health club of the psychology department'. This session highlighted upon many points, such as: importance of mental health and its role in our lives, an exchange of perspectives on the reasons of neglect in our country and what needs to be changed. The session was conducted by four speakers, between, Aditi, Tanya and Marolita, invited from the Jesus and Mary College of Delhi University. Everyone enjoyed the session immensely.

### INTERACTIVE SESSION

#### SELF WORTH

Self worth isn't something to strive for. It's already there, like buried treasure, hidden beneath layers of doubt which is just a thought that hardened into a shell. Your worthiness is like the sun shining from the inside out, burning off the layers stripping away everything that would ever keep you from seeing your own light.

Strive only to LOVE - to find all the ways to be loving to yourself and others - and when you feel that heavy armor drop away, piece by piece, you'll remember how bright you really are.

OWN WHO YOU ARE.

## EVENTS



# NATIONAL SUICIDE

Mind your inner voice - The mind is always operating from a place of duality, so to feel inferior or superior is normal. Become aware and conscious of how you treat yourself in your own mind. Pay attention to your self-talk and how it makes you feel. Discard the demeaning thoughts and direct your mind and actions to positive behaviours.

Forgive yourself - We humans can be so hard on ourselves. The downside of taking responsibility for our actions is punishing ourselves too much for mistakes in learning and growing. You have to accept your humanness (the fact that you are not perfect), hard on yourself when you make a mistake. Remember, there are no failures, if you have learned and grown from your mistakes; there are only lessons learned.

Invest much time in good self-care - Nourish yourself daily with health activities; good nutrition, exercise, proper sleep, intimacy, and healthy social interactions, with lots of time for fun, adventure, and relaxation. When you fuel and take care of your body properly, you'll have optimum energy and vitality which builds upon self-esteem.



# PREVENTION WEEK



## KNOW THE WARNING SIGNS

- Threats or comments about killing themselves, also known as suicidal ideation, can begin with seemingly harmless thoughts like "I wish I wasn't here" but can become more overt and dangerous.
- Increased alcohol and drug abuse.
- Aggressive behaviour.
- Social withdrawal from friends, family and the community.
- Dramatic mood swings.
- Talking, writing or thinking about death.
- Impulsive or reckless behaviour.

## SELF LOVE ❤️

Once when I was running,  
from all that haunted me ;  
to the dark I was succumbing -  
to what heart unbearably.  
  
Searching for the one thing,  
that would set my sad soul free.  
In time I stumbled upon it,  
an inner calm and peace ;  
and now I am beginning,  
to see and to believe,  
in who I am becoming -  
and all I've yet to be.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PREVENT SUICIDE ?

1. REACH OUT
2. LISTEN TO THEM
3. CHECK THEIR SAFETY



4. DECIDE WHAT  
TO DO AND  
TAKE ACTION

5. ASK FOR A  
PROMISE

6. GET HELP



## INDIA Suicide Hotlines

AASRA - +912227546669

Roshini - +914066202000

COOJ - +918322252525

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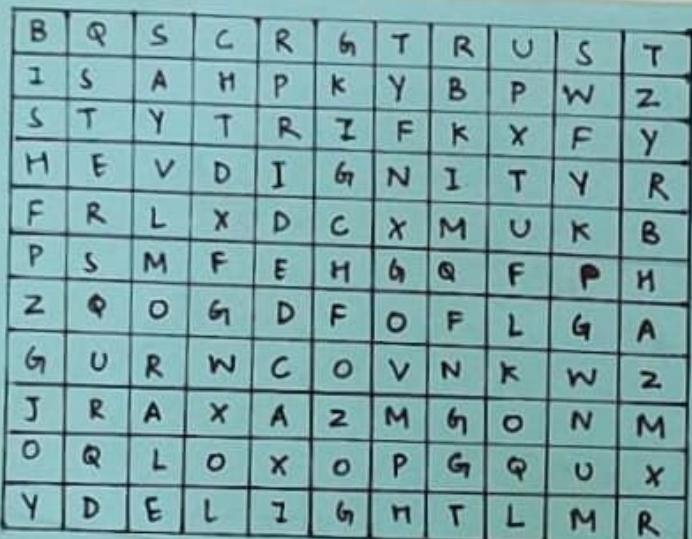


Dearest me,

You're doing so good right now. I am very proud of you. I know that what happened has opened up old wounds & made some new ones. But you are doing good. You are alive for a reason and it's okay if you don't know what it is yet. That means that now you get to define your reasons. And those reasons can change everyday. Your presence makes someone happy. Your smile is important to someone (and to me too), you belong in this world. You are wanted. You deserve the air that you breathe. You deserve the love that you are creating.

Love,  
h.o.p.e

# FUN PSYCH



## CROSSWORD

|         |          |
|---------|----------|
| PRIDE   | TRUST    |
| DIGNITY | MORALE   |
| DELIGHT | HONOUR   |
| JOY     | SELFDDOM |

## RIDDLES

In old age I am LOST,  
In trauma I am TOSSED  
WHO AM I?

It can involve HALLUCINATION or a JOURNEY  
What is it?

It is not an object, but if it is broken, it can cause sadness.  
What is it?

GOOD THOUGHTS NEED TO GROW



## ANSWERS ↗

### MEMORY

TRIP: In hippie jargon, a "mind trip" is produced by taking hallucinatory drugs; and a trip is a kind of a journey

The expression referring to the experience of sadness or sorrow: HEART

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# EMPATHY



connection and understanding

Be Kind  
when you can  
(You always can.)

"Sympathy is easy. You have sympathy for starving children swatting at flies on the late night commercials. Sympathy is easy because it comes from a position of bewee."

Empathy is getting down on your knees and looking someone else in the eye, and realising that you could be them, and that all that separates you is yuck."

Dennis Lehane

## EMPATHY

### MAP

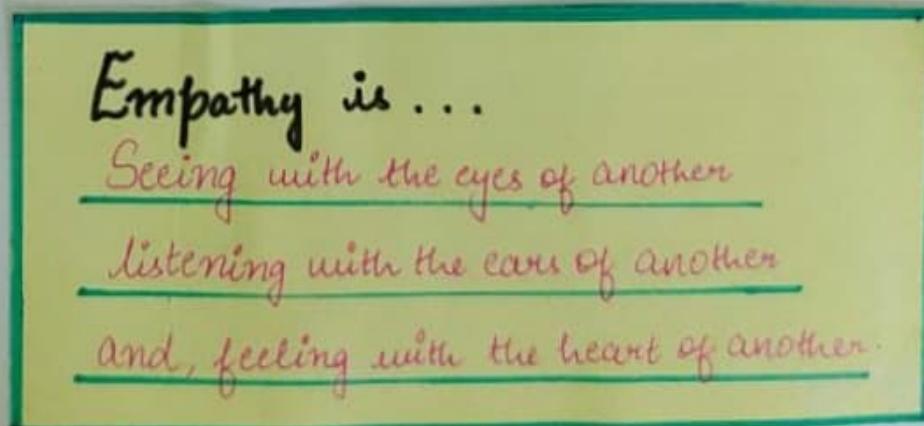
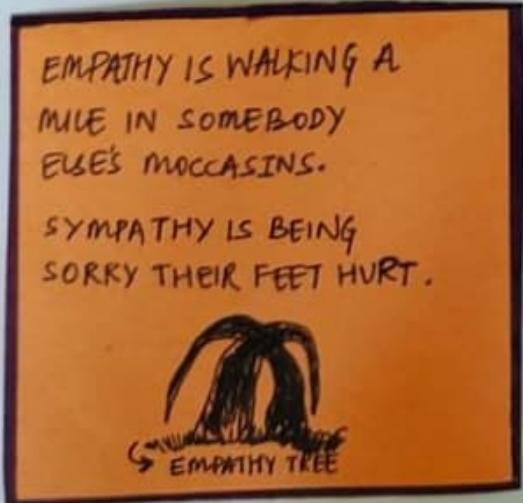
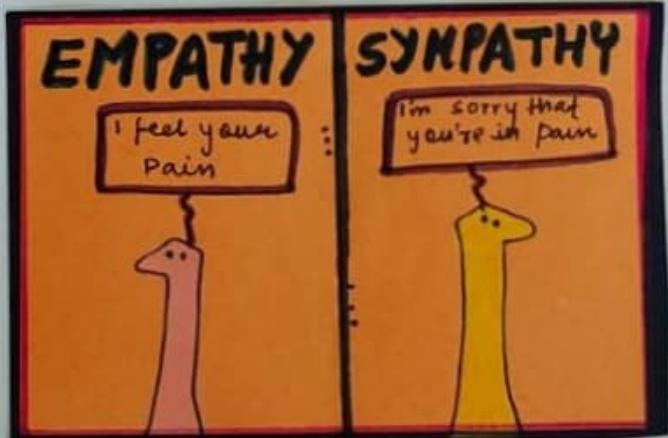
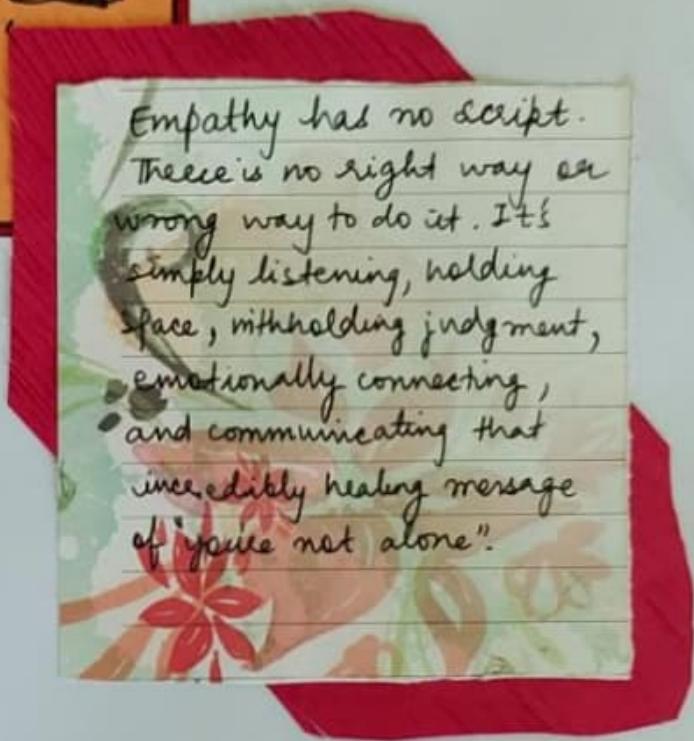
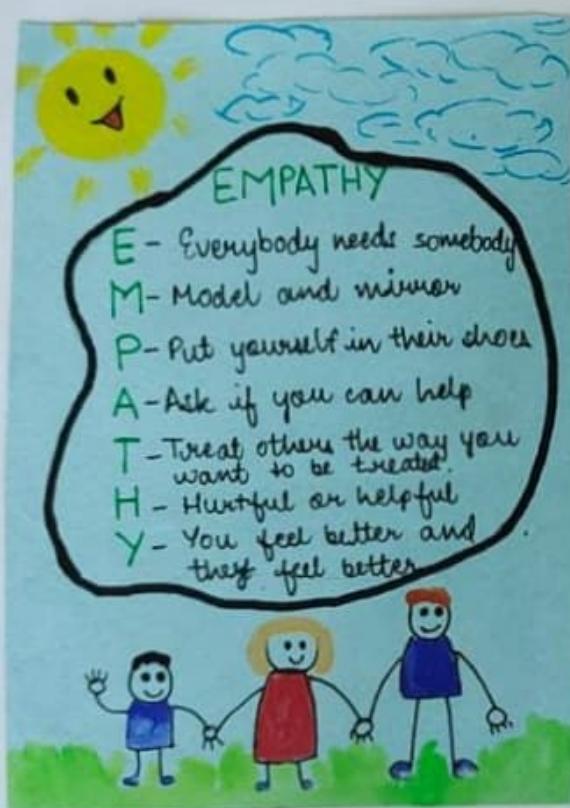


THE GREATEST GIFT OF  
HUMAN BEINGS,  
IS THAT WE HAVE THE  
POWER OF EMPATHY.  
- Meryl Streep.

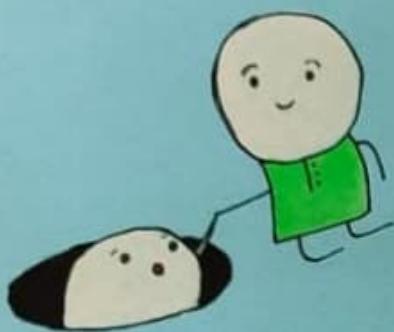
## EMPATHY

I'm in it with you  
I'm not here to fix you  
I'm not here to feel it for you  
I'm here to feel it with you and  
let you know you're not  
alone.





helping one person might not change the whole world,



but it could change the world for one person.

**THE GREATEST CRUELTY IS OUR CASUAL BLINDNESS TO THE DESPAIR OF OTHERS**



Empathy is very important as it serves as an adaptive function and aided in the survival of species. Empathy leads to helping behaviour, which benefits social relationships. When people experience empathy they are more likely to engage in prosocial behaviours that benefit people.



## WHAT EMPATHY IS NOT

- Fix it "What will help is..."
- Advise "I think you should..."
- Interrogate "How did it happen?"
- Explain "She said that only because..."
- Correct "That's not how it was..."
- Educate "You can learn from this..."
- Console "It wasn't your fault."
- Commiserate "He did that to you, that jerk!"
- One up "You should hear what happened to..."
- Tell tale "That reminds me of the time..."
- Evaluate "If you hadn't been so rude..."
- Sympathize "You poor thing."  
"I feel awful for you."



## Can Empathy Be Developed?

Empathy is an interpersonal skill that can be viewed as a part of emotional intelligence. Empathy can be facilitated, it can also be interrupted or blocked, but, it cannot be forced to occur.

There are some ways by which a person can become more empathetic, such as: practice deep listening, practice imagination, be fully present when you are with people, make deep conversations with others.

Let's stop waiting for a better world.  
Let's start working on it together!

## 5 STEPS OF EMPATHY

### 1. Watch & Listen

To what the other person saying and what is their body language?

### 2. Remember

When did you feel the same way?

### 3. Imagine

How you might feel in that situation. Validate the wide range of emotions that come up.

### 4. Ask How

They are feeling. Share them what you are noticing.

### 5. Show you care

Through your words and actions.

## → Empathy vs Sympathy

EMPATHY - ability to experience feelings of another person.

IT GOES BEYOND SYMPATHY - caring and understanding for suffering of others.

Both words are used similarly and often interchangeably (incorrectly) but differ subtly in their emotional meaning.



Empathy is a critical skill for you to have as a leader. It contributes to an accurate understanding of other members, their perceptions and concerns. It also enhances your communication skills.

For a more empathic conversation, pay attention, physically and mentally, to what's happening; listen carefully, notice the keywords people use; be flexible i.e. prepare to change direction as other's persons thoughts change.

SEE THE LIGHT

IN EACH OTHER

BE THE LIGHT

FOR EACH OTHER

## MOVIE SCREENING

The department of psychology conducted a movie screening on the 24th of January, 2019. The movie shown was 'Dead Poets Society', set in 1959 at a fictional elite boarding school, it tells the story of an English teacher who inspires his students through his teaching of poetry. The movie screening was followed by a healthy discussion on the same.



### EMPATHY ~

- ✓ Is about feelings.
- ✓ Involves listening.
- ✓ No judgements.
- ✓ Fuels connections between people.



### SYMPATHY ~

- ✓ 'Expected' platitudes.
- ✓ No listening.
- ✓ Inferred judgement.
- ✓ Drives disconnection between people.



I am the wind in the trees  
and the song of a bird.  
I am moonbeams in a midnight sky  
and a glorious rainbow after storm  
I am morning dew  
and freshly-fallen snow  
I am a butterfly flying overhead  
and a puppy happily at play  
I am a gentle touch  
a warm embrace  
Open your heart to know, I'm not gone  
Reach deep into your soul, You'll find me  
I am here  
Have no fear, I am with you  
Always.

Empathy is about finding  
echoes of another person in  
**YOURSELF**

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