# FIVE - A - DAY for health and happiness



The following five actions can help to improve your mental fitness and well-being.

## CONNECT

with family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. At home, at work, school or in your local community. Building connections will support and enrich your every day. Respect differences in others.



## BE ACTIVE

go for a walk or run, step out cycle, play a game, garden, dance or exercise, it will make you feel good. Discover a physical activity you enjoy and that suits your level of mobility and fitness.



## TAKE NOTICE

be curious and aware of the world around you and what you are feeling. Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.



KEEP LEARNING

try something new, rediscover an old interest, sign up for a course, take on a different responsibility at work, learn to play an instrument or how to cook something new. Set a challange you enjoy. It will make you more confident as well as being fun.

## GIVE

Do something nice for a friend or even a stranger. Thank someone, smile, volunteer your time. Be gentle with yourself and others.



#### FIRST RESPONSE PATHWAY

The UCC Student Counselling and Development Service offers confidential individual and group counselling to students who require assistance

TEL: 021 490 3565 TEXT: 087 215 2505

WEB: www.ucc.ie/studentcounselling

SAMARITANS 24 Hr line: Freephone 116 123









#### **ALCOHOL HEALTH RISKS**

### **HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH**

<3 - 4 UNITS / DAY

ACCEPTABLE

<2 - 3 UNITS / DAY

>3 - 4 UNITS / DAY

**HAZARDOUS** 

>2-3 UNITS / DAY

>8 UNITS / DAY OVER 50 UNITS / WEEK

HARMFUL

>6 UNITS / DAY OVER 35 UNITS / WEEK

Men who regularly drink

Women who regularly drink

### **STRESS & EMPATHY**







MAY LEAD TO SOCIAL WITHDRAWAL

### **BUILDING HOPE - 'A SKILLS FOR LIFE PASSPORT'**

**H**EALTH

Mindfulness, Balanced appraoch to Diet, Exercise, Alcohol & Sleep

**OPPORTUNITY** 

Connecting with Community Sport and Culture

PERSONAL RESILIENCE

Positive Self-regard, Problem Solving

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE & EMPATHY

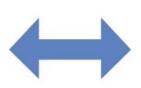
Compassionate Stance towards
Self and Others



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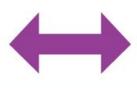
## RESILIENCE is key to overcoming STRESS

Knowing that you have coped before



Believing that I will get through this

Awareness of how I am feeling



Awareness of how I can get help

Be flexible in your coping



Old ways might not work anymore

TALKING TO SOMEONE IS ALWAYS WORTH TRYING

### IMPACT OF ANXIETY & STRESS

#### **BODY**

Fight / Flight
Sweating
Headaches

### HOW WE THINK

Negatively
Self Critical
Withdrawal from stress

#### **HOW WE FEEL**

Sad Irritable Tired

#### **HOW TO MANAGE**

Build Awareness
Be kind to yourself
Make life changes

## MY PLEDGE for Mental Fitness

Name:

I pledge to get mentally and physically active



and reduce my alcohol intake by



#changingconversationschanginglives



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