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PART 3: EMPATHY & KINDNESS

THIS NEXT PRESENTATION FROM THE RESILIENCE PROJECT IS ALL ABOUT
EMPATHY AND KINDNESS.

EMPATHY IS OUR ABILITY TO **PUT OURSELVES IN THE SHOES OF OTHERS** TO FEEL AND SEE WHAT THEY DO. WE PRACTICE THIS THROUGH BEING **KIND** AND **COMPASSIONATE** TOWARDS OTHER PEOPLE.

BRAIN IMAGING DATA SHOWS THAT BEING KIND TO OTHERS REGISTERS IN THE BRAIN AS MORE LIKE EATING CHOCOLATE THAN LIKE FULFILLING AN OBLIGATION TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT (E.G., EATING BRUSSEL SPROUTS)!

RESEARCH SHOWS THAT PRACTICING EMPATHY, SUCH AS **PERFORMING ACTS OF KINDNESS**, TAPS INTO OUR BRAIN'S 'MIRROR NEURONS', **BUILDS COMPASSION** AND OUR BEHAVIOUR BECOMES MORE SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY-BASED.

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HERE'S AN ACTIVITY TO PRACTISE EMPATHY AND KINDNESS:

- REFLECT ON SOMEONE IN YOUR LIFE WHO COULD BENEFIT FROM AN ACT OF KINDNESS TODAY. IT COULD BE A FRIEND WHO WOULD LOVE SOME AFFIRMATION ABOUT THEIR WORK, YOUR PET WHO DESERVES AN EXTRA TREAT, OR A FAMILY MEMBER WHO WOULD LOVE A PHONE CALL OR TEXT MESSAGE.
- MAKE A PLAN FOR WHO YOU ARE GOING TO GIVE AN ACT OF KINDNESS TO, AND WHAT YOU ARE GOING TO DO.
- IF YOU WANT TO ADD ACCOUNTABILITY TO YOUR PLAN, SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE ELSE AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO THE SAME THING.
- FOLLOW UP WITH EACH OTHER IN A FEW DAYS TIME, TO ASK HOW IT WENT!

Research & Benefits of Empathy

80%

of our happiness is derived from friendship, health, work fulfillment, loving relationships, spirituality.



When you do **something kind for someone else** your brain releases **the love hormone, oxytocin.** This makes you feel good too.

SOURCES: [PSYCHOLOGY TODAY](#), [UC BERKELEY](#), [GREATER GOOD SCIENCE](#)
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