

A close-up photograph of a vibrant green leaf, likely from a grass or similar plant, covered in numerous clear water droplets. The droplets are of various sizes and are scattered across the surface of the leaf, which shows fine veins. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting a natural outdoor setting.

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In-house training course details

Stress Management Techniques

## Purpose

This practical and engaging course equips participants with tools and techniques they can use to reduce their stress and boost their health and well-being. This course enables participants to understand the meaning of stress and how to differentiate it from pressure. A toolkit of stress management techniques and exercises is provided for them to use in the work environment and in their own time.

## Participants Learn

- What is stress? - physical and psychological signs at work/home
- Employee and employer responsibilities under Health and Safety regulations
- How to distinguish between pressures that can be controlled and those that cannot
- To prioritise those pressures that cause the most stress
- How to develop action plans to tackle the most important and controllable sources of pressure
- Other techniques that tackle causes of stress e.g. time management, assertiveness
- Positive psychology basics (looking at what causes well-being and happiness)
- Tools and techniques that help to change perspectives on work and life (on 'how you see the situation you are in')
- What work-life balance means and how to build a more healthy balance into life
- Several ways to cope better e.g. social support, relaxation techniques

### Comments from previous participants who have benefited from this course:

I was clearer about the causes of stress at work and in my life

It helped to identify the pressures I could do something about, and prioritise those that caused the most stress

Thinking differently about my situation - it helped me put things in perspective

Learning new tools and techniques to manage stress

Liked the emphasis on thinking about what causes joy and happiness and not just focusing on stress

...it made me think about my whole life and what was important, not just work stress

...the course was more than just 'coping skills' and I valued that

The principle of the course is that because stress is subjective, people need to observe and learn a variety of strategies to enable them to select those that will work best for them.

## Course Content

The course commences with a comprehensive review of stress awareness and how participants can recognise its signs and symptoms in themselves and in their colleagues. The legal responsibilities of employers and employees is reviewed and the course is put into context with the organisation's existing health and well-being policies and support systems. The 'PIC' formula approach is covered which gives participants a choice of tools and techniques they can use to focus on the things in their lives that can minimise the risk of stress and enhance their feelings of well-being.

### The 'PIC' formula

#### 'P' Approaches (Pressure)

- Tool 1: Taking control of your life
- Tool 2: Time management
- Tool 3: Assertiveness

#### 'I' Approaches (Individual)

- Tool 4: The Feelgood Factors exercise
- Tool 5: Work out what's important
- Tool 6: Joy giving activities
- Tool 7: Thankfulness
- Tool 8: Challenging stressful thoughts
- Tool 9: Acceptance

#### 'C' Approaches (Coping)

- Tool 10: Social Support
- Tool 11: Sleep
- Tool 12: Physical exercise
- Tool 13: Diet and nutrition
- Tool 14: Drinking enough water
- Tool 15: Breathing Exercise

## Relaxation Techniques CD

Each delegate attending this course receives a relaxation techniques CD.

The CD is especially useful in enabling people to switch off after work. See over for CD contents.

## Relaxation Techniques CD Content

- Breathing: slowing & deepening the breathing to slow down brain waves (like a car going from high revs to idling)
- Breathing & Relaxing the Muscles: muscles, especially neck, shoulders, back and limbs develop muscle tension as the day goes by
- Breathing for Energy (Paced Breathing): this exercise uses the diaphragm to circulate the lymph fluid to remove the waste products produced by cells
- Breathing & Walking: allows you to relax when walking to and from car, an appointment, a shop, etc. and also increases awareness of the Present Moment and slows down the perception of time
- The Inner Voice - accessing your beliefs and inner strength
- The Tropical Island - a 20 minute deep relaxation exercise to help you to switch off after work
- The Forest with the Balloon: a relaxation and offloading technique

### Course Details

Duration: Half day

Optimum delegate numbers: 12

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