

PSYCHOLOGICAL RECOVERY PROGRAM "UKRAINIAN CIRCLE"

Ukrainian Psychology Center THE SOUL

Module 2. Body Date: June 26 - July 2, 2023

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WEEK 2

The number of people registered for the Program is 195
People in the Telegram channel - 203 participants
Leaders of the Module 2: Oleksandra Shymanova and Mariya
Vynnytska

Materials of Module 2:

- 1. Theoretical video Body and bodily experience 35 min
- 2. Written practice on finding ways to release tension from the body
- 3. Video practice 1. "3 exercises to regulate your emotional condition"
- 4. Video practice 2 "Feeling the center and support in the body"
- 5. Video practice 3. "From a stone to a human"
- 6. Video practice 4. "Where do emotions live in the body?"
- 7. Video practice 5. Love for your body, acceptance and relaxation
- 16 min. (Mariya Vynnytska)
- 8. Meeting with the psychologists in Zoom and answers to the questions (Mariya and Oleksandra) 1 hour 15 minutes.



1. Video+Text version. Body and bodily experience

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- Development of the inner mechanism for resilience; how to put yourself together, recover, start living and acting again.
- Signals from the body are much more powerful than our thoughts about our condition.
- And we need to USE the system of our body for our OWN benefit, not for harm.



- Our brain consists of three parts (the reptilian brain, the mammalian brain, and the neocortex), each of which is responsible for different feelings and actions, especially in times of stress.
- WHEN A THREAT APPEARS, AND IT MAY CONTINUE IN THE BACKGROUND, GOING UP AND DOWN, OUR SURVIVAL SYSTEMS COME TO THE FOREFRONT AND TAKE OVER
- We can independently influence the activation of different areas of the brain.
- When we experience acute danger, we release stress hormones cortisol and adrenaline. When this danger passes, these hormones continue to work, settling in the body.
- You can get rid of those hormones, which then become toxic to our body, with the help of physical movements. This. how the body can get rid of stress caused by anxiety and danger.
- It is very important to consciously do these physical actions that can help you gain relief and release the stress.



Practices:

1. Written practice. "Write a list of how do I release stress from my body? The stress that I experienced once or am currently experiencing? What are the steps?" (Oleksandra Shymanova)

This practice helped the participants to understand what physical activity they already have in their lives, and what they would like to try to support their body, release stress hormones and improve wellbeing.



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2. Video - practice "3 physical exercises to regulate your psychological and emotional state" - 3 minutes (Olexandra Shymanova)



- **1. The "Candle-Flower" exercise** (author O. Gershanov) is a breathing exercise that will help you change your mood for the better by letting go of negativity with the help of breathing.
- **2. The "Butterfly" exercise** is a physical exercise for psychological and emotional support of oneself.
- **3. The "Puppy" exercise** is a physical exercise aimed at relieving stress and tension in the body. These exercises will help participants bring their psycho-emotional state to the desired balance.

3. Video practice "Center of support in the body" - 2 minutes (Olexandra Shymanova)

A meditative breathing exercise that helps participants find the center of life-giving energy in their body and feel self-reliant.



4. Video practice "Body-emotional exercise "Evolution. From a stone to a human" (3 minutes) - (Olexandra Shymanova)



A practice that will help participants restore their resources: feel inner strength, establish a connection with it, awaken important senses, feel grounded, connected with nature and the bigger world.

5. Video practice "Love to your body" (16 minutes) - (Mariya Vynnytska)

A meditative practice aimed at relaxation, love and acceptance of your body.



Meeting with the psychologists in Zoom and answering questions

The meeting took place at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 1, 2023. (Leaders - Mariya Vynnytska and Oleksandra Shymanova)

It consisted of 2 parts:

- 1. Answers to the questions that arose during the practices and week;
- 2. Exercises "Candle-Flower", "Butterfly", "Puppy" (described above).





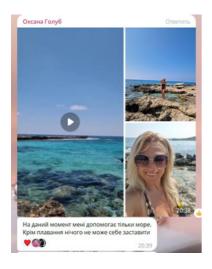
The participants studied the emotional and physical needs of a person, as well as their connection with food, learned how to better regulate their emotions, feel their body and its strength. (Very relevant topics, on which there were a lot of questions). Also, the participants did useful exercises for awareness of inner support, for improving their mood and well-being, and feeling resourceful in their body.

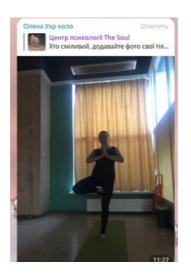
Photos of the participants of the module, in which they share their physical exercises that help them get rid of psycho-physical stress and tension:





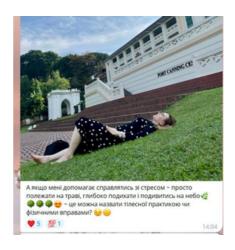












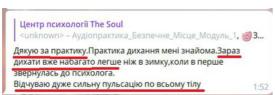


Feedback from the participants of the "Ukrainian Circle" project: MODULE 2

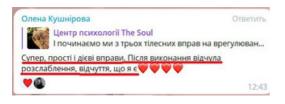
- The therapeutic effect experienced by the participants during the practices is highlighted in red, the translation of these parts of the text is on the right);
- The untranslated part of the text is a reflection, reflections, written notes of their experiences, which also has a therapeutic effect and is confidential information;
- This is the second week in a row that the participants have been taking the Program, and they have gained a greater depth of reflection, the ability to realize their own experiences, and the "unpacking" of traumatic experience from themselves, while gaining a resourceful state of vitality.



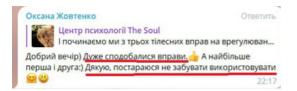
"I suddenly realized that if I start to release all I've accumulated, allowing it to become alive, then there is a chance for recovery and returning to health"



"Thank you for the practice. Now breathing is much easier. I feel a very strong pulsation all over my body"



"Super, these are simple and effective exercises. After doing them, I felt the relaxation, a feeling that I am alive"



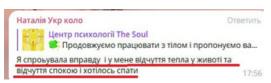
"I really liked the exercises.

Thank you, I will try not to forget and use them"

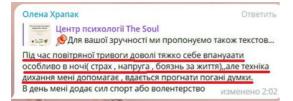




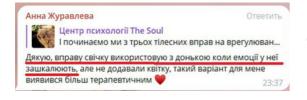
"I am very grateful for our classes, which support me, help me to stay "on the surface / alive" and understand myself"



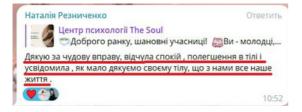
"I tried the exercise and I felt warm in my stomach and felt calm, and wanted to sleep"



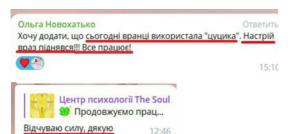
"During an air raid siren, it is quite difficult to control myself, especially at night (fear, tension, worries about the death of people), but I use a breathing technique to help me get rid of bad thoughts"



"Thank you, I use the "Candle" with my daughter when her emotions run high"



"Thank you for the wonderful exercise, I felt peace, relief in my body and realized how little we thank to our body, which is with us all our lives"



"This morning I did the exercise
"Puppy". The mood immediately lifted
up. Everything works great!"

"I feel the power, thank you"





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Дома Пропонувко вашій увазі тілесно-емоційну вправу "...

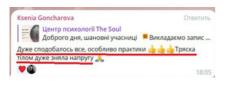
Зранечку поїкала в село , а там квітокі!! Ото мені крутилися лілії,

Душі, ак запах відчула, хоч вони вке давно перецівіль А ще
осна чи кері смолянистий запах розіртуюї сочцем холі.

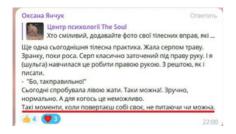
Тварина - якась дика з котячих, велика, граційна і дуже ГНУЧК,
космічно пужка. І так батато сочир/світа. Ід пучжість про
адаптивність, про витривалість, про винне виживати чи що,
мені яке не коченска виживаті, "наїпася" того виживання.

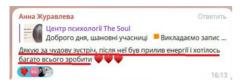
Хочеться просто ПРО жИВАТИ.

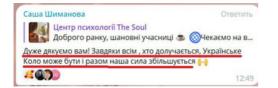
З каменем було дуже неватиціно, важко. Всплила фраза "Сядь
каменем!" Важкість в штумух і плечах.











"Applying Oleksandra's advice, I could see myself from a different angle with an experienced look. Feelings are coming back. It is a pleasant and useful moment. There is a desire to make something tasty. Surprise the little ones. I will fill myself with love and give it to everyone around me"

"I don't want to survive anymore, enough! I just want to live"

"I really liked everything, especially the practices. The tension in the body was greatly relieved through the shaking of the body"

"Very good meditation, a relaxing one. I thanked every part of my body. At the end, I almost fell asleep"

"Such moments when you get back what is yours without asking if you may"

"Thank you for the wonderful meeting, after it, there was a rush of energy and I wanted to do a lot of things"

"Thank you very much. Thanks to everyone who joins, the "Ukrainian Circle" can exist and together our strength increases"



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