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Foreword...

Hi folks! We are Think 4 Brum - a board of young people who are 'Experts by Experience'. This means we have all struggled with our mental health at some point in our lives and use our experiences to help shape mental health services in Birmingham.

We are dealing with unprecedented circumstances. Things are tough, especially for young people, and it is okay if you are struggling more than usual.

As a youthboard, we realised we have the platform to raise and empower young people's voices at a time when we are being pushed aside by the media.

Our feelings are valid and we deserve to be heard.

We've put together a Survival Guide for young people whose symptoms have increased in light of the current situation. We recognise that not everything in this Guide will be suitable for everyone; and that's okay. This is just a collection of things you may find helpful.

Remember, we're all in this together!



Love,

Think 4 Brum x

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A mental health reminder

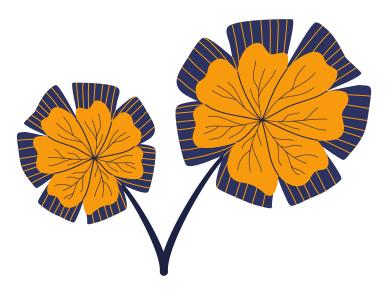
A relapse, a sudden series of attacks, a string of awful days (or whatever your step back may be), does not decrease your value.

Take your time, do some self care, even if it's just being proud that you got through another day. Reflect on the progress you've made.

You are strong: One step back is nothing when you look at the journey you've already made.

You aren't alone.

@letstalk.mentalhealth



My Daily Plan...

Sometimes, having a clear schedule (like you would at school or college) can be really helpful in planning your day. Below is an example by Twitter user @plntbasedcutie, who shared her quarantine routine...

Notes

Quarantine Routine

7am - Wake up

- -skin care
- -stretch
- -make bed
- -eat breakfast
- -get dressed

8am - <u>Something for the soul</u> -meditate -read

8:30 - 11:30 <u>Something for the brain</u> -attend online lectures -do homework/study -read for school -work on puzzles if all done!



12:00-1:00pm - Lunchtime

1:00-1:30pm - <u>Spend time outside</u> Choose one:

-reading

-sun bathing

-go for walk

1:30-2:30 - Something for the body

Choose one:

-yoga

-HIIT

-bike

-treadmill

-body weight/weight training

2:30-3:00-<u>Something productive</u>

-Chores

Choose one:

-clean out drawers

-clean/whiten shoes

-wash makeup brushes

3:00-4:00pm- <u>Something for the heart</u> -hobbies <u>Choose one:</u> -bake -paint

-garden

-read for pleasure

-cook



4:00-6:00pm - <u>Something fun</u> -be lazy (netflix, movies etc.) -board games -social media 6:00-7:00pm - <u>Dinner time!!</u> 9:00-10:00pm- <u>Winding down</u>

-take sleeping pill/vitamins

- -shower
- -face mask
- -journal
- -express gratitude
- -sleep by 10

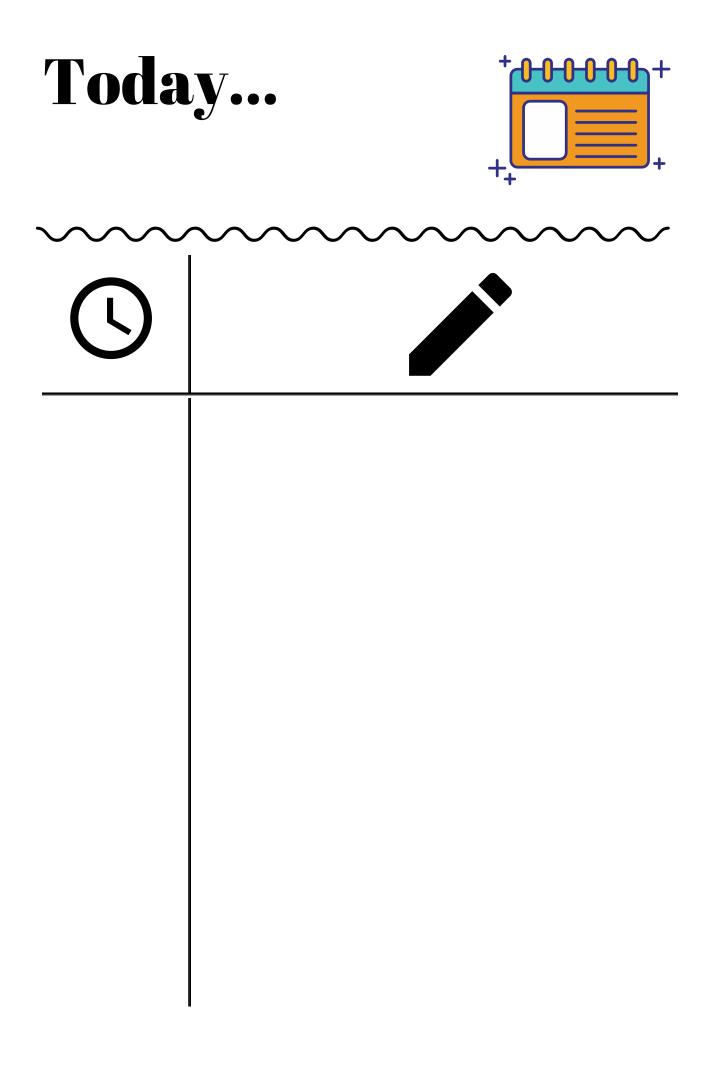
You can create your own daily routine based on what works for you! Routines are designed to be flexible, so try not to put too much pressure on yourself to stick to it exactly - it's okay to have a lie-in or chill for a bit! This is just to help give you a sense of control and stability.

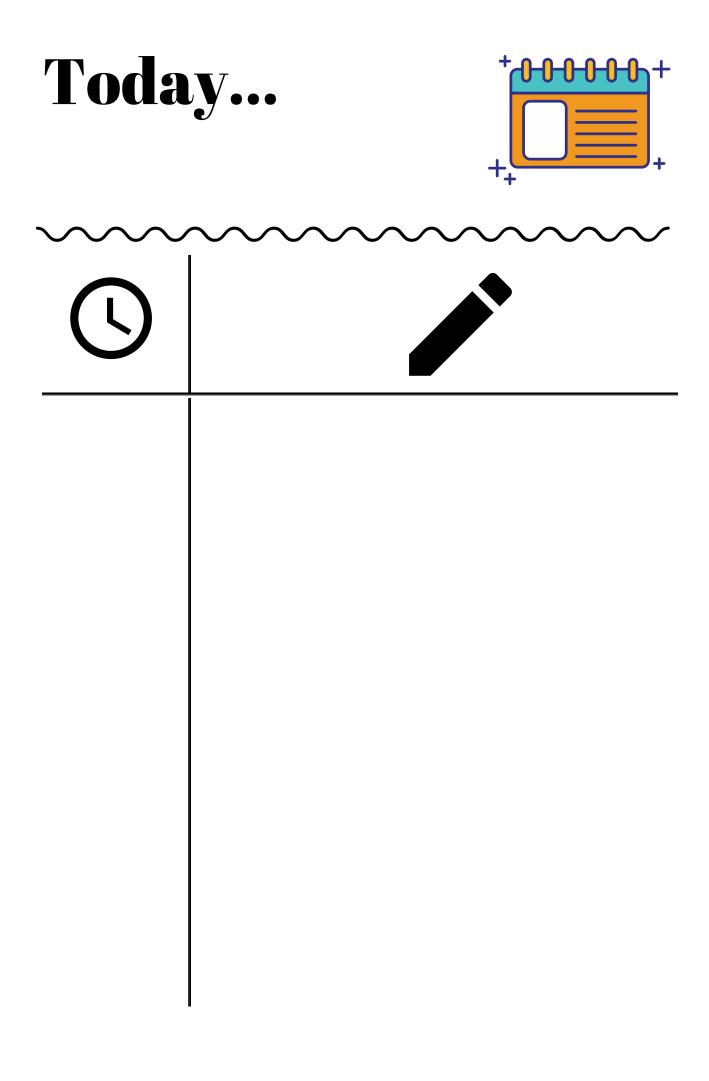
Feel free to print out the following page as many times as you'd like, or create your own plan from scratch!



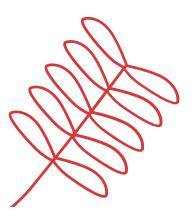
General Hygiene Take a star for any you have done







Things you can do to help...



We can all feel a bit useless during something like this, but there is always something you can do to help, no matter how small! These are just a few of our ideas...



Try not to stockpile! The anxiety around running out of essentials is very real, but stockpiling means that the most vulnerable people do not get the things they need. Be mindful of what you are buying, and pool your resources with neighbours if you can!



Offer to do some shopping for those most at risk, such as the elderly or people with existing health conditions. You can order their groceries online and have them delivered to their door if you are in isolation too, as some older people may find it difficult to shop online.





Donate to or volunteer at a foodbank if you are able to. The majority of foodbank volunteers are pensioners, putting them in the higher risk category, so you can make a huge difference by helping out. Foodbanks are also seeing increased demand and their stocks are suffering due to panic-buying, so donate what you can to your local foodbank.



Use social media for good! Whether it's an uplifting message or a funny video, it's the little things that can make a big difference to those struggling. Help put a smile on someone's face!



Check out #BrumTogether volunteering: https://theaws.co.uk/coronavirus/

For Birmingham voluntary opportunities during this time, here you can access positive stories, anxiety calming tips, voluntary opportunities, official GOV.UK advice, supporting advice etc.



COMMUNITY ACTION RESPONSE: COVID-19

5 things you can do to make a positive difference in your community



Nextdoor

Campaign to EndLoneliness

COMMUNITIES

FUND

Stuff to do...

Life during isolation can be boriiiing here are some things you can do to keep the boredom at bay!





Start gardening and grow your own veg! Things like potatoes, garlic cloves, onion bulbs, beetroot and peppers can be put directly in soil - no shopbought seeds needed!



Listen to a podcast - there are loads out there!



Call or Facetime your friends and family, especially those who are particularly isolated or vulnerable to withdrawing into themselves.



Go for a walk - this might take a little bit of planning, but as long as you keep your distance from others, a bit of exercise will do wonders!



Take a virtual tour of a museum or art gallery...go to the Lourve or the Museum of Modern Art from your sofa!



Have a clear out and sell your old clothes on Depop! The World Health Organisation has deemed sending and receiving parcels safe and through the use of a collection service rather than dropping items off at the post office, you can minimise the risk of exposure to yourself and to others.



Water your plants! Or grow some new ones with cuttings.



Unfollow everyone and everything that makes you sad.



Write a letter to your future self.



Take a free course on anything at all... literally anything! From climate change solutions to the controversies of British imperialism - it's all out there! Check out FutureLearn and The Open University.



Do a jigsaw - the more pieces the better! Bonus points if you include other family members too ;)

100 INDOOR ACTIVITIES

CRAFTS

MAKE PAPER AIRPLANES SALT PAINTING MAKE SUNCATCHERS MAKE SALT DOUGH MAKE SPONGE STAMPS MAKE A CEREAL BOX AQUAIRIUM MAKE SCRATCH ART MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKMARKS PAINT PET ROCKS MAKE RECYCLED CRAYONS MAKE PAPER BOATS FINGER PAINT MAKE FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS MAKE A BIRD FEEDER MAKE PAPER BAG PUPPETS MAKE HANDPRINT ART MAKE A SCRAPBOOK DECORATE T-SHIRTS MAKE A THANKFUL JAR PAINT LEAVES MAKE A TIME CAPSULE MAKE BUTTON ART PAINT WITH WATERCOLORS COLOR IN A COLORING BOOK MAKE PAPER CRAFTS BUILD A CARDBOARD CASTLE MAKE TISSUE BOX MONSTERS MAKE A TOLET PAPER ROLL BUTTERFLY STAMP WITH CELERY MAKE CHALK ICE MAKE PUFFY SIDEWALK PAINT DRAW A SELF PORTRAIT USE RUBBER STAMPS DO SCRAPE PAINTING PAINT A RECYCLED JAR MAKE SUPERHERO COSTUMES

ACTIVITIES

MAKE PLAYDOUGH MAKE SLIME MAKE PLAY MUD MAKE RAINBOW RICE MAKE FAKE SNOW MAKE A SENSORY BIN MAKE A SENSORY BAG BUILD A FORT HAVE A PILLOW FIGHT WRITE A STORY MAKE ICE CREAM IN A BAG MAKE GUMMY BEARS MAKE FRUIT ROLL-UPS HAVE A MOVIE DAY PUT ON A FASHION SHOW BAKE CUPCAKES OR MUFFINS DO YOGA BUILD AN OBSTACLE COURSE MAKE DINNER TOGETHER PLAY WITH MAGNETIC TILES BUILD SOMETHING WITH LEGO USE DOT MARKERS BUILD A STACK OF CARDS PUT ON A PUPPET SHOW MAKE A TREASURE HUNT INDOOR BOWLING LEARN TO DRAW PUT ON A PLAY MAKE INDOOR HOPSCOTCH DO A FAMILY CHORE TOGETHER HAVE A DANCE PARTY HAVE A TEA PARTY PLAY WITH WATER IN A BIN SET UP A PLAY STORE MAKE A SOCK TOSS GAME MAKE PERLER BEAD ART WRITE IN A JOURNAL

GAMES

PLAY WOULD YOU RATHER PLAY I SPY PLAY SIMON SAYS PLAY BOARD GAMES PLAY HIDE AND SEEK INDOOR SCAVENGER HUNT PLAY BINGO PLAY CARD GAMES DO A PUZZLE PLAY CHARADES BUILD YOUR OWN GAME PLAY FREEZE DANCE PLAY HOT POTATO PLAY MARBLES KEEP THE BALLOON UP PLAY DOMINOES PLAY HANGMAN PLAY TIC-TAC-TOE

EDUCATIONAL

READ BOOKS DO A SCIENCE PROJECT LEARN ORIGAMI LEARN ABOUT A NEW ANIMAL LEARN A NEW CARD GAME LEARN TO SEW LEARN TO KNIT DO BRAIN TEASERS LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE LEARN ABOUT A COUNTRY

Links to activities...

Anxiety easing games (blogpost)

From Think4Brum's Engagement Lead... Louna's blogpost: https://burstsofautumn.com/my-favouriteanxiety-easing-phone-games-lifestyle-series/ Louna's blog: https://burstsofautumn.com



Free music sessions

Check out TeachMeMusicAcademy group on Facebook for free music lessons

Anxiety easing apps we recommend

Calm, Calm Harm, Headspace, Down Dog, My Oasis, Happiful Magazine... or check out the 'antistress' category for sensory related apps



Zumbaaaa!

Join in on Zumba classes through Zoom! Go to https://www.zumba.com/en-US the. Find an instructor in the menu tab and search for Rachel Grocott (please contact Rachel for details on how to join)

Hearts and Minds group activities and MH check ins

Check out Hearts and Minds for access to experts by experience resources. Link to getting involved: https://heartsandminds.org.uk/hearts-andminds-is-going-online/



Reminders...

Remember, there's no pressure to do everything at once. Some things in this Survival Guide might not feel right for you - that's okay! We designed this as a collection of resources and ideas so you can pick and choose whatever floats your boat! You don't have to reinvent yourself or learn six new languages. Just surviving this uncertain time is a big enough achievement.



Fiona Thomas | Author @fionalikes

Doing nothing is a valid activity 10:11 · 28/02/2020 · Twitter for iPhone

Be kind to your body. If you're sleeping in longer

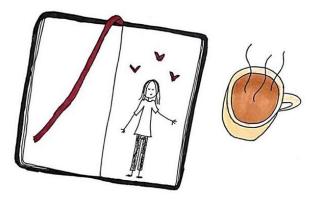
than usual, taking more

naps, and not sticking to

your schedule that is ok.

Listen to what your

body needs.



MY LIFE IS NOT ON HOLD. THINGS MIGHT LOOK DIFFERENT RIGHT NOW, BUT I'M STILL MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS THE PERSON I WANT TO BECOME.

@fionalikestoblog

@psychalive

I Don't Know Who Needs To Hear This But... @therapyforwomen

If you feel like you aren't "making progress" right now because you are reverting back to old behaviors, please remember that we are in the midst of a global pandemic. Of course your brain is seeking old + familiar ways of coping. This doesn't mean you are regressing. It's simply means life has really upped the ante.

@femalecollective

@therapyforwomen

Debunking COVID19 info...

Tips on keeping safely informed

To be safe, be tactical:

- Use reputable sources (BBC News, scientific articles, GOV.UK)
- Keep it factual; headlines are just summaries, sometimes biased, and, don't feed into conspiracies
- Be empathetic; it is not your job to keep on top of the research, it is your job to be kind to yourself (firstly) and others

It's okay to not know, but you can control what you do know and where you get your information from. Step away if you need to; ignore it if you need to. That's perfectly okay.



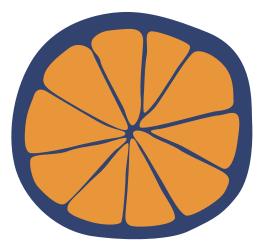
You can do this by reinforcing social boundaries...

Social boundaries: code for emotional availability during social distancing...

During times like this, communication is key to keeping our mental health in check - but sometimes that is hard. Here is a helpful 'code' for you and friends, created by Think 4 Brum Chairperson, Heather.

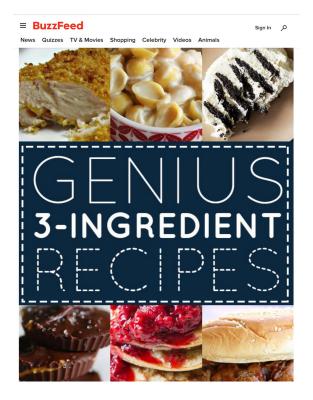


Really Easy Recipes...



Maintaining a healthy, balanced diet when you're stuck at home all day can be tough. There are loads of places online where you can find hundreds of cheap, basic, store cupboard and vegan and veggie recipes with loads of room for substituting ingredients, such as Jack Monroe's website!

Check out https://cookingonabootstrap.com/ for more!





Buzzfeed have lots of great simple and easy articles. YouTube is filled with chefs. Tasty can satisfy every food need too!





Here are some websites that find and create recipes for you - just enter what ingredients you have in your cupboard, and they will do the rest!

cookipedia

https://www.cookipedia.co.uk/recipes_wiki/Find_re cipes_that_contain_these_ingredients

recipeland



https://recipeland.com/recipes/by_ingredient

#BiteBackLunchList...

Here is the #BiteBackLunchList created by Jamie Oliver, which contains quick and simple recipes that can be eaten hot or cold. The list was originally created for families accessing Free School Meals. They only cost £15 a week which is equivalent to the £15 voucher that the government is giving to families of children accessing Free School Meals. However, these are all cheap and healthy meal ideas for anyone using minimal ingredients.

#BiteBackLunchList	
 Sliced wholemeal loaf (400g) 	£0.79
 Baked beans in tomato sauce 	£0.30
(reduced salt and sugar if	
available)	
 A block of store brand cheddar cheese (220g) 	£1.55
 Store brand sweetcorn in water (325-380g) 	£0.50
 Store brand tuna chunks or salmon 	£2.00
in spring water (3 X 80g)	£2.00
 Store brand couscous 	£0.45
 Store brand lower fat mayonnaise 	£0.90
or light cream cheese (400-500g)	
 Shredded iceberg lettuce (140g) 	£0.69
 Clementines x 1 	£0.24
 Store brand bag of mini apples x 6 	£0.62
 Loose tomatoes x 1 	£0.28
 6 large free-range eggs 	£1.20
 Jacket potatoes (700g) 	£0.58
 2pt semi-skimmed milk 	£0.80
 Crunchy peanut butter 	£0.85
• Loose bananas x 3	£0.39
 Greek-style yoghurt (500g) 	£0.69
• Sliced chicken (240g)	£1.99
	£14.82



Whilst these options may not be suitable for everyone, it always helps to have a few options as a go-to, and you can adapt the ideas with whatever you have lying around!

For more information, visit

https://www.biteback2030.com/real-story/making-yourps15-free-school-meal-voucher-go-further-home

Struggling with eating...

We may not be moving as much as we usually do, but that is not a reason to restrict your intake or overexercise, no matter what the media is telling you. This situation is particularly tough for those struggling with their body image and disordered eating, but you deserve to listen to be kind to yourself! You are not being lazy - your body is trying to protect you from a global crisis.

IT'S OKAY TO GAIN WEIGHT WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING IT'S OKAY TO GAIN WEIGHT WHILE SOCIAL DISTANCING	IT'S OKAY IF YOUR BODY CHANGES BECAUSE YOUR ROUTINE HAS IT'S OKAY IF YOUR BODY CHANGES
YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE THIS TIME TO LOSE WEIGHT YOU DO NOT NEED TO USE THIS TIME TO LOSE WEIGHT	YOU DO NOT NEED TO MAKE UP FOR YOUR ISOLATION SNACKS YOU DO NOT NEED TO MAKE UP FOR Y

from @bodyposipanda on instagram

Stuff to read...

With the current situation, escaping into a world of fantasy may be helpful. Here are some of our favourite reads....



Eleanore Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman



Reasons to Stay Alive by Matt Haig



Gangsta Granny by David Walliams



The Idiot Brain by Dean Burnett

Dancing By The Light of The Moon: Over 250 poems to read, relish and recite



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon



Notes on a Nervous Planet by Matt Haig

Audible have also launched a new site called Audible Stories, where children and young people can listen to hundreds of audiobooks in six different languages!

Some authors are offering eBooks for free on Amazon too!

If you have a library card and live in an area managed by Birmingham City Council, you can access eBooks via the Library of Birmingham.

1. Email enquiries@libraryofbirmingham.com with the number on the back of your library card. They will set up an account for you and send you an email with your membership number.

2. Download 'Libby by Overdrive' on your device. It's compatible with Android, Apple and Windows.

3. Type in 'Library of Birmingham' and then enter your membership number which was sent to you in Step 1.

4. Done! Let's get browsing...





If you're struggling, check out https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/50163/library_serv ices/1550/ebooks/2 to download visual instructions!



Now is a pretty good time to catch up on a TV series or rewatch your favourite films! Here's a list of useful stuff...



Disney+ is offering a 7-day free trial, so you can watch the best of Disney, Pixar, Marvel and Star Wars ad free!



Quarantine and chill? Netflix Party is a new Chrome extension that allows you to watch Netflix with your friends - with synchronised playback AND a groupchat feature!



TED Talks have started a live, daily conversation called Ted Connects: Community and Hope, which honestly sounds like it's exactly what we all need right now.



If all else fails...there's always Youtube! One of our favourite Youtubers is @grackle, who is only posting wholesome content at the moment!

TED Talks...





https://www.ted.com/talks/susan_david_how_to_be_your_best_self_in _times_of_crisis



https://www.ted.com/talks/brene_brown_the_power_of_vulnerability



https://www.ted.com/talks/abigail_spanberger_how_to_connect_with_ people_who_are_different_than_you

Creative outlets...



WE ALL NEED SOME ART THERAPY FROM TIME TO TIME

downloadable colouring in

apps on app stores, websites; check out the link in @__c_e_s on Instagram for doodles

abstract paintings with things/paints you have at home, make a

mess. let it out!

collages

grab old magazines, books, leaflets etc. and

cut them up, and stick them together



art by @_zoecookart on instagram

Sleep Hygiene...

Tips for getting a good night's sleep

- Have a routine time schedule for sleeping
- Use sleep assisting **apps** (check out the bedtime function in the clock app!)
- Charge your phone at a plug far from your bed
- Have minimal light on whilst in bed
- Try to wind down (yoga, no work an hour before bed, a hot chocolate...)
- Try to get some form of movement throughout the day
- Dont stay in bed all day if you're able to
- Try to get fresh air when the sun is up

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Some resources that may help...

Coping with anxiety and uncertainty

- A blog from YoungMinds https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-reanxious-about-coronavirus/

- Information from Mind https://www.mind.org.uk/informationsupport/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/

- A blog on how to manage anxiety and isolation https://adaa.org/learn-from-us/from-the-experts/blogposts/consumer/covid-19-lockdown-guide-how-manageanxiety-and

- A video from the Anna Freud Centre for young people https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ME5IZn4-BAk&feature=youtu.be

- Guided meditation by Headspace https://www.headspace.com/covid-19 - A visual guide on living with uncertainty https://www.canva.com/design/DAD2pJafRMk/I2MYytUh Ib5TQTmhhofT2Q/view? utm_content=DAD2pJafRMk&utm_campaign=designshar e&utm_medium=link&utm_source=viewer

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- Advice from Youth Work Support
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- Five free webinars to help you cope with the challenges we are all facing https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/howare-you-coping-mastering-life-in-a-covid-19-worldtickets-100274555896

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-Some relaxation techniques from Childline
https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/?
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- This micro-site has loads of resources for young people https://young.scot/campaigns/national/coronavirus? utm_source=All+Contacts&utm_campaign=228ece6630-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_05_12_25_COPY_01&utm_ medium=email&utm_term=0_9d3e5329da-228ece6630-53666609

Things to share

- A video exploring different ways to say hello bhttps://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51733376

- Covibook – an interactive resource designed to support and reassure children to help explain and draw the emotions that they might be experiencing. https://www.mindheart.co/descargables

- Tiny rainbows by Emily Coxhead to spread some positivity

https://www.dropbox.com/s/lt0ui2ghv8zadd2/Print%20T iny%20Rainbows.pdf?dl=0

- A free 'Happy Newspaper' pack available to download and print, with stories of good things happening in the world right now by Emily Coxhead

https://www.dropbox.com/s/txqw8aahpwk66pi/Free%20 (temp)%20The%20Happy%20News%20pack.pdf?dl=0

- A comic strip for younger children

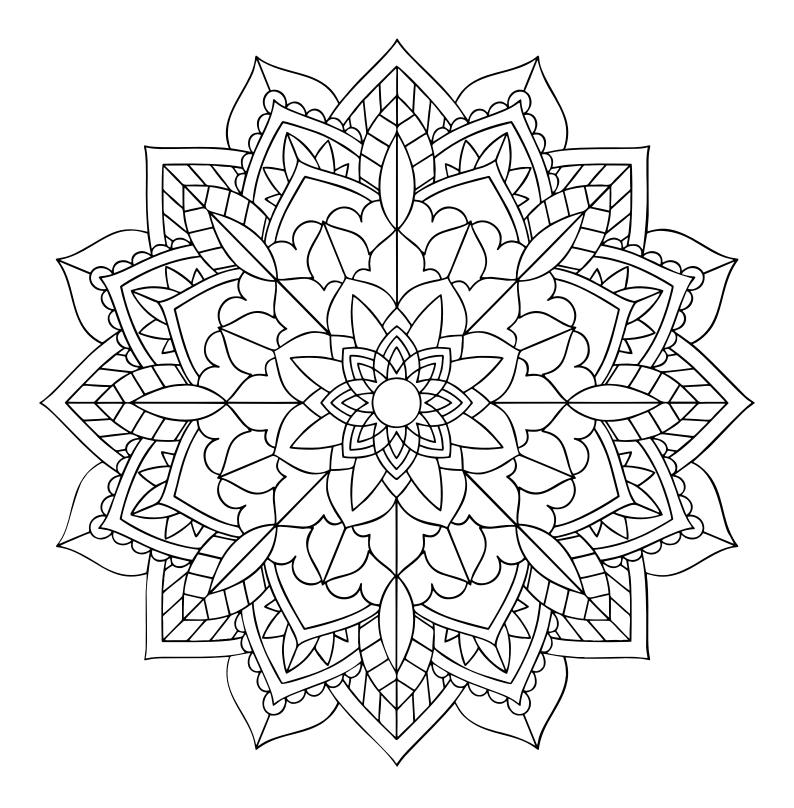
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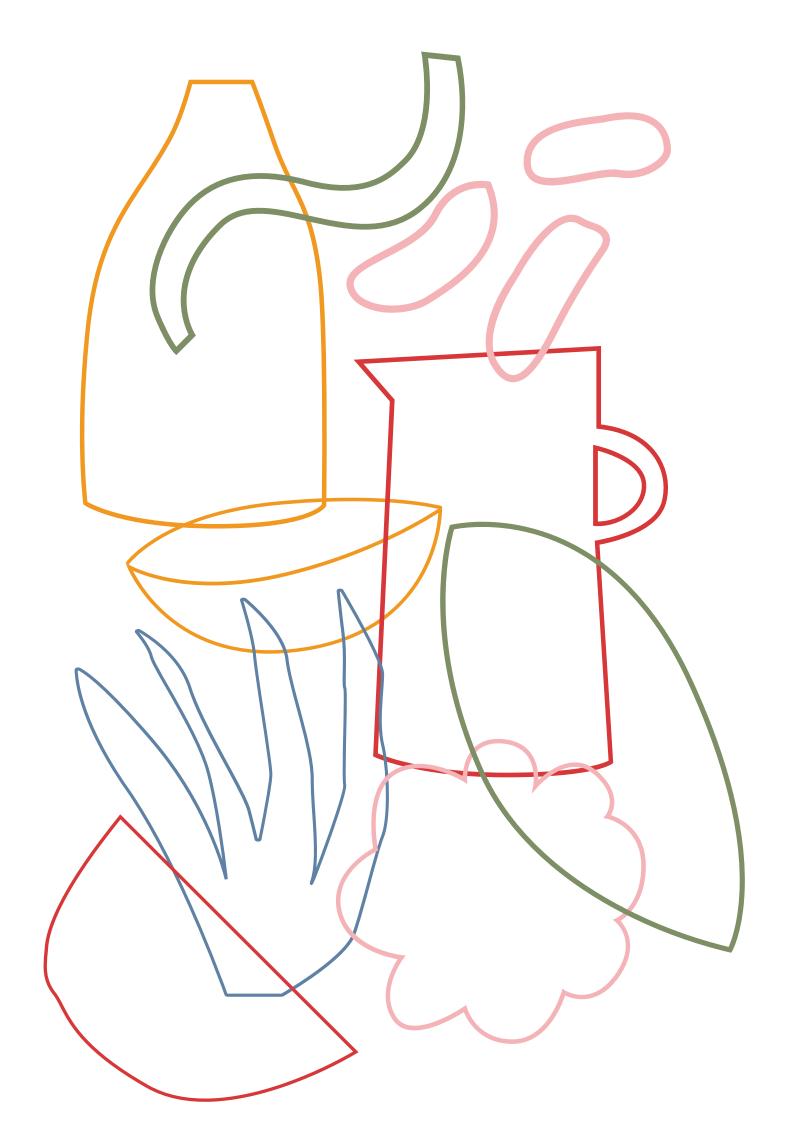
-Living Well Brum and Birmingham Mind have laughed a Mental Helath crisis and counselling support service for people struggling during this time. You can call 0121 262 3555 between 9am and 11pm for a one-off chat, or longer term support with free counselling and talking therapies from qualified professionals. One of our Think 4 Brum members has used this service and has highly reccomended it!

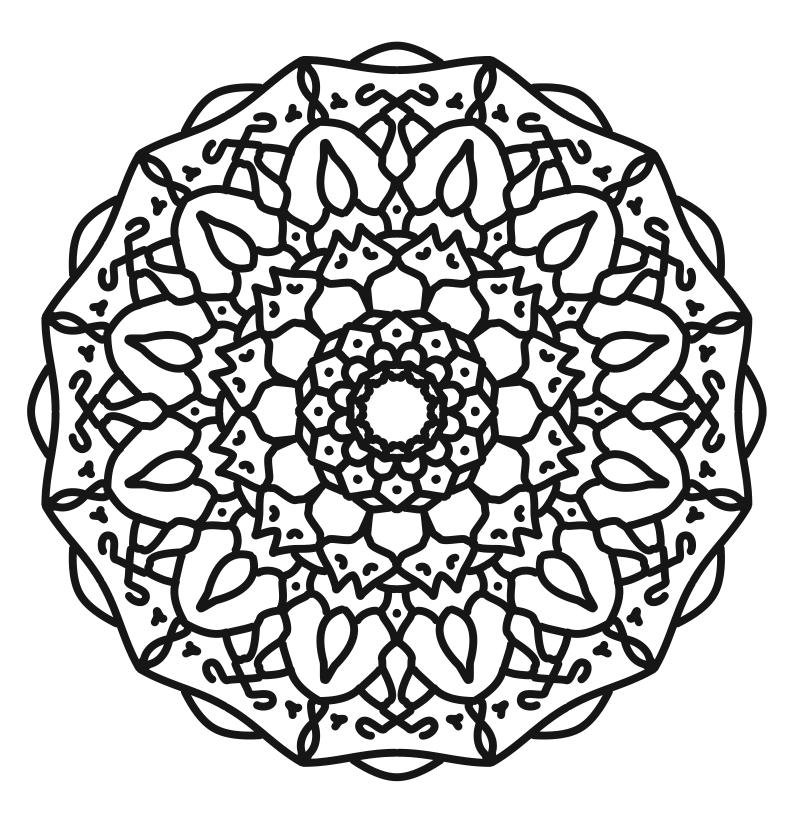


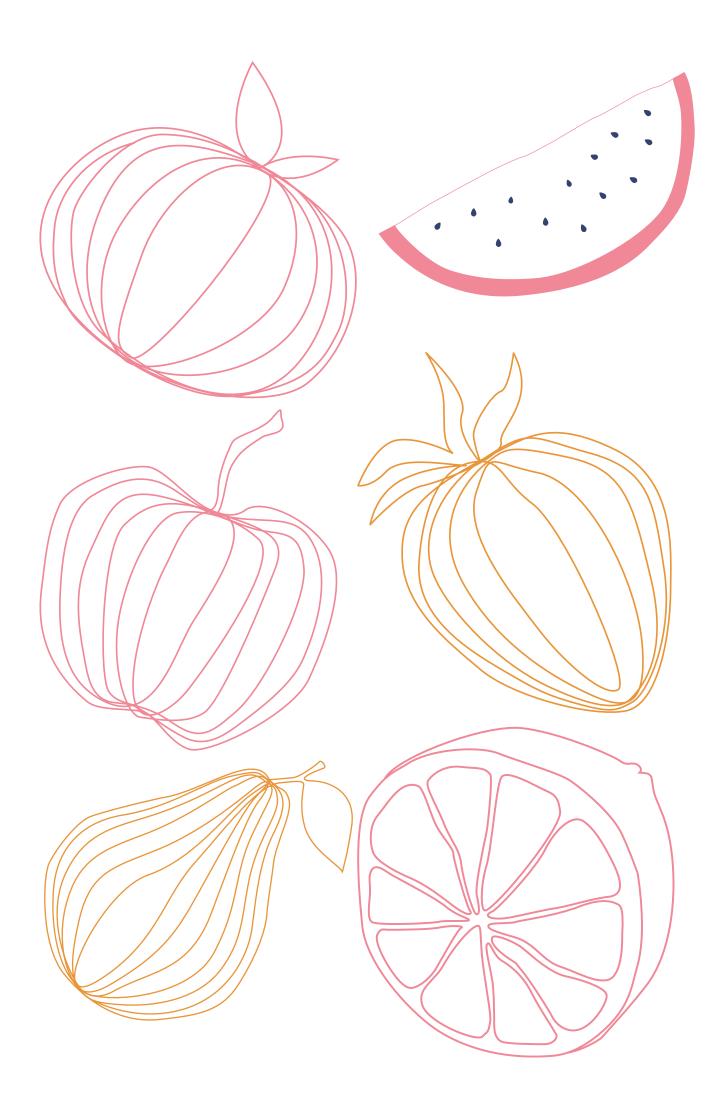
@themindgeek



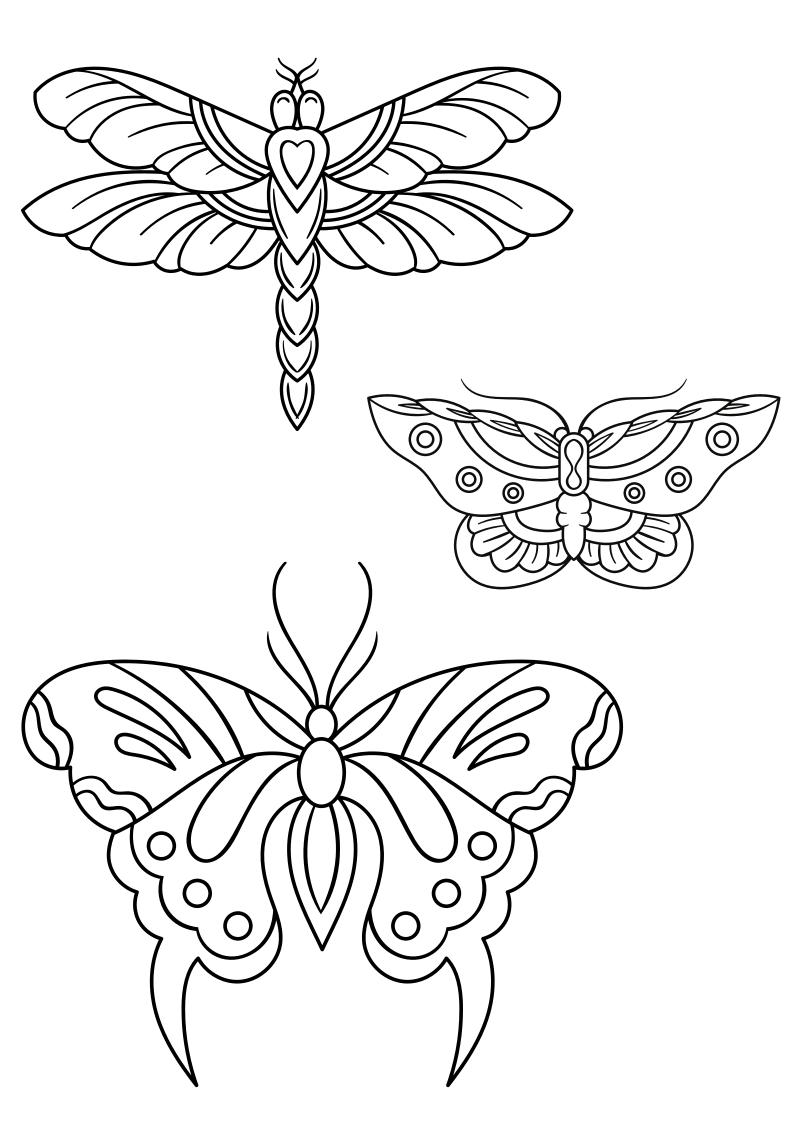




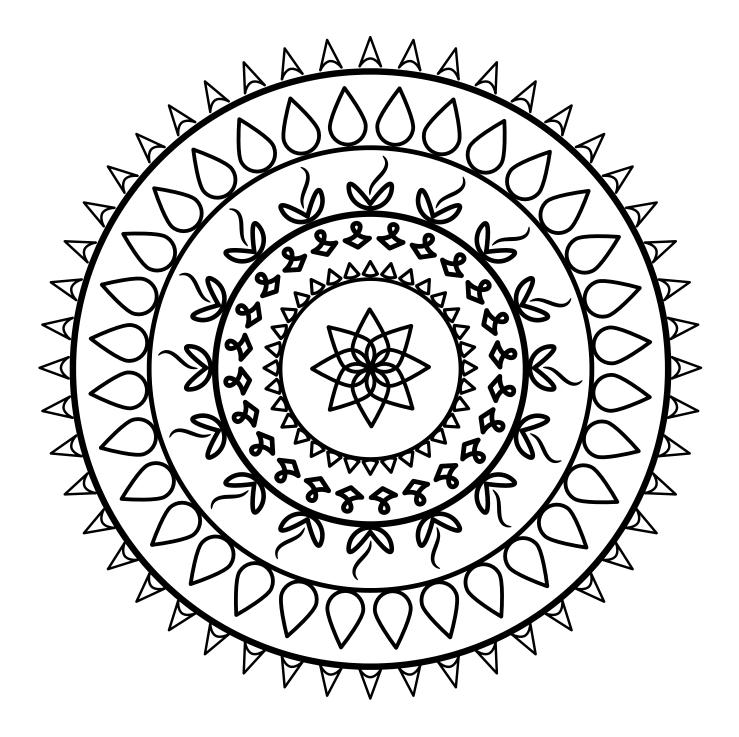


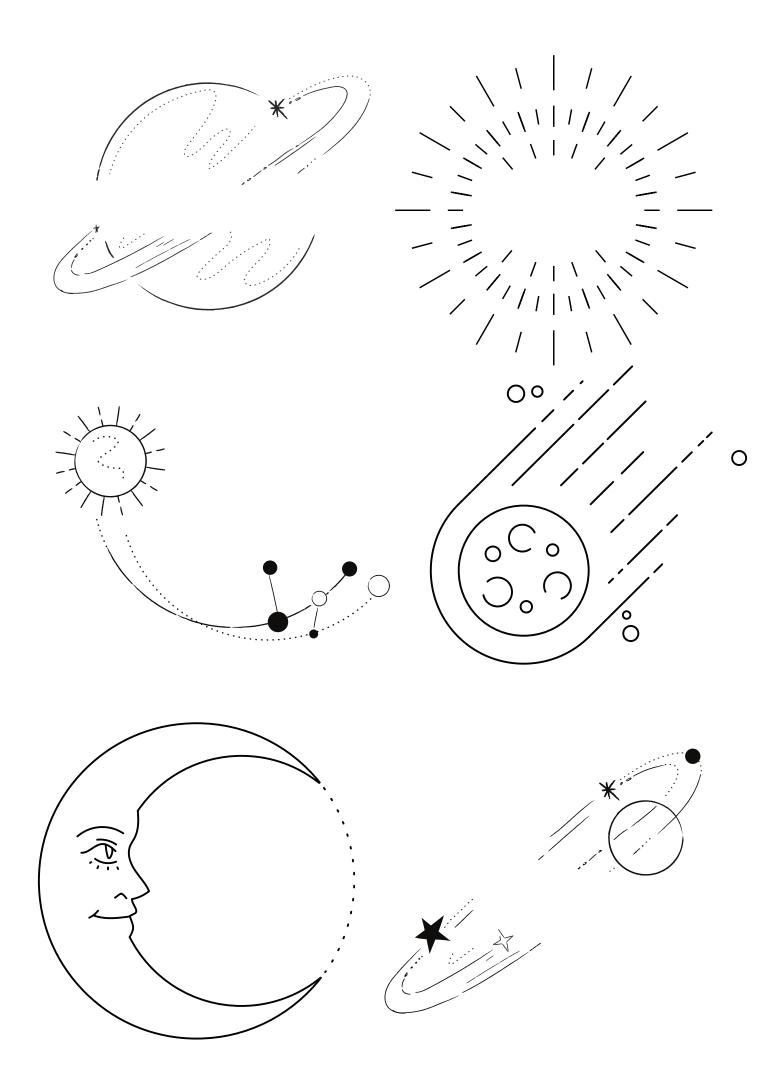


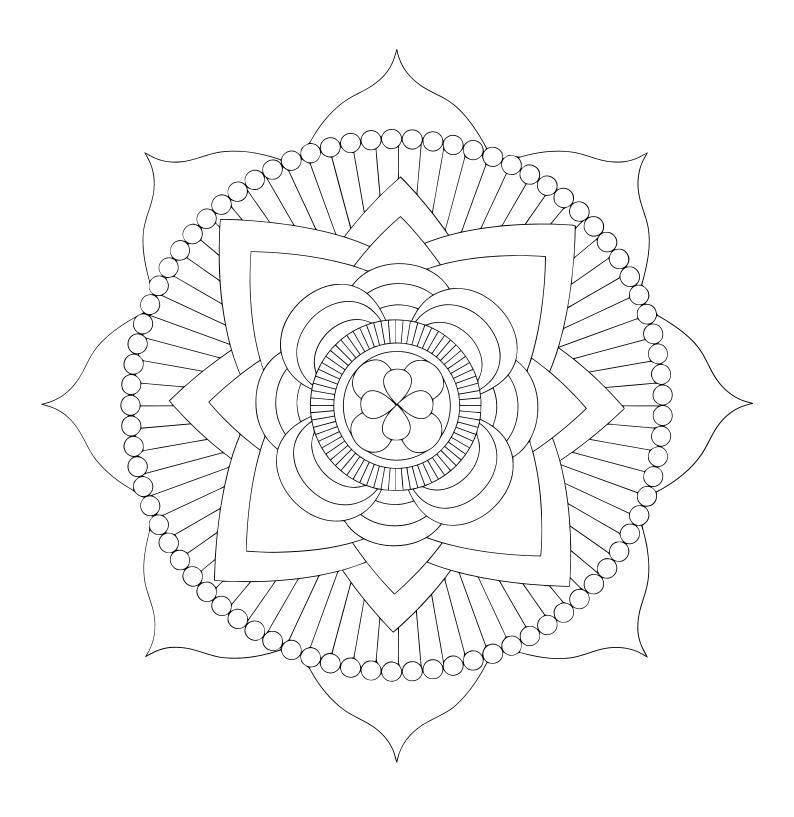


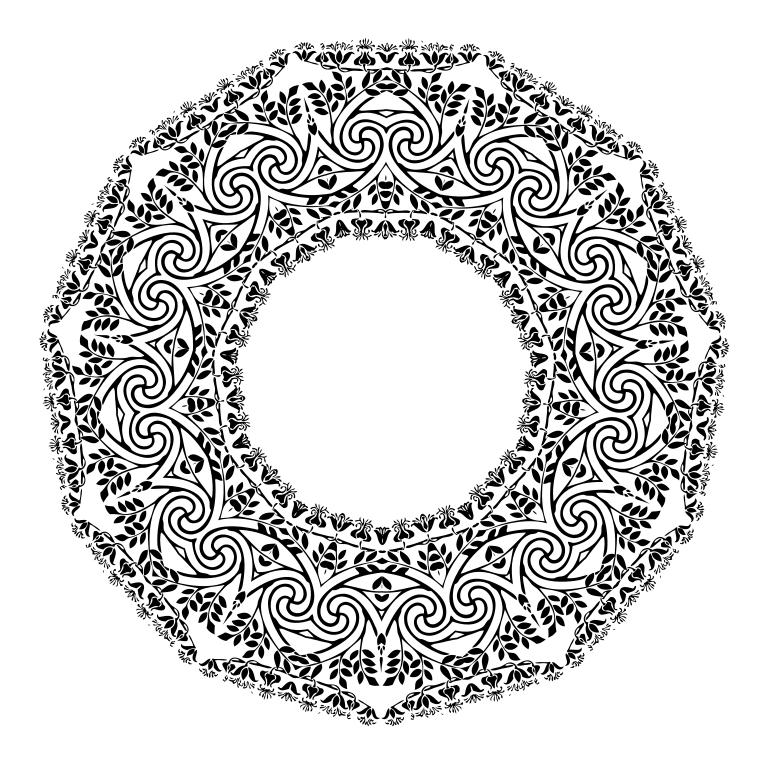


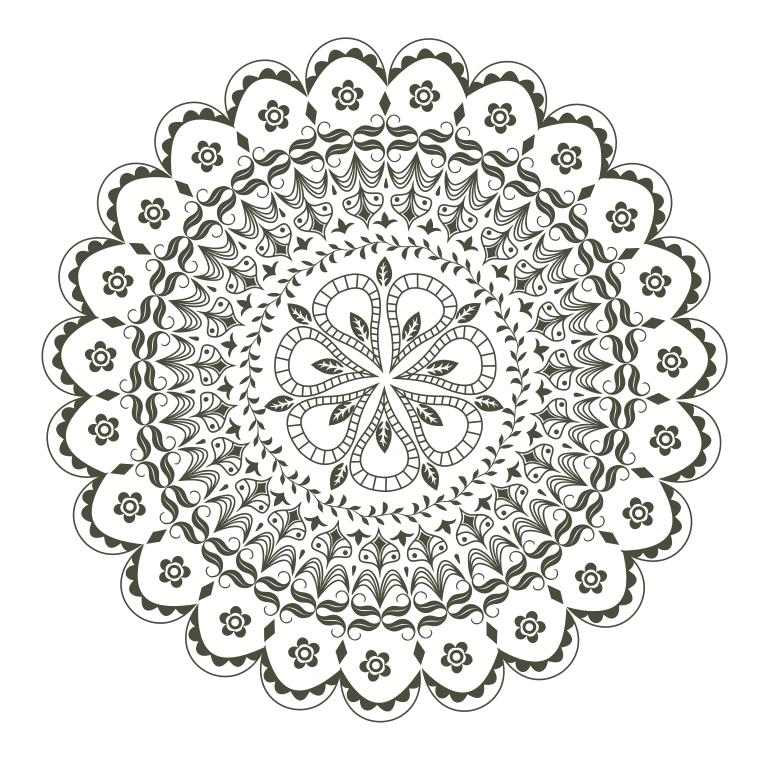


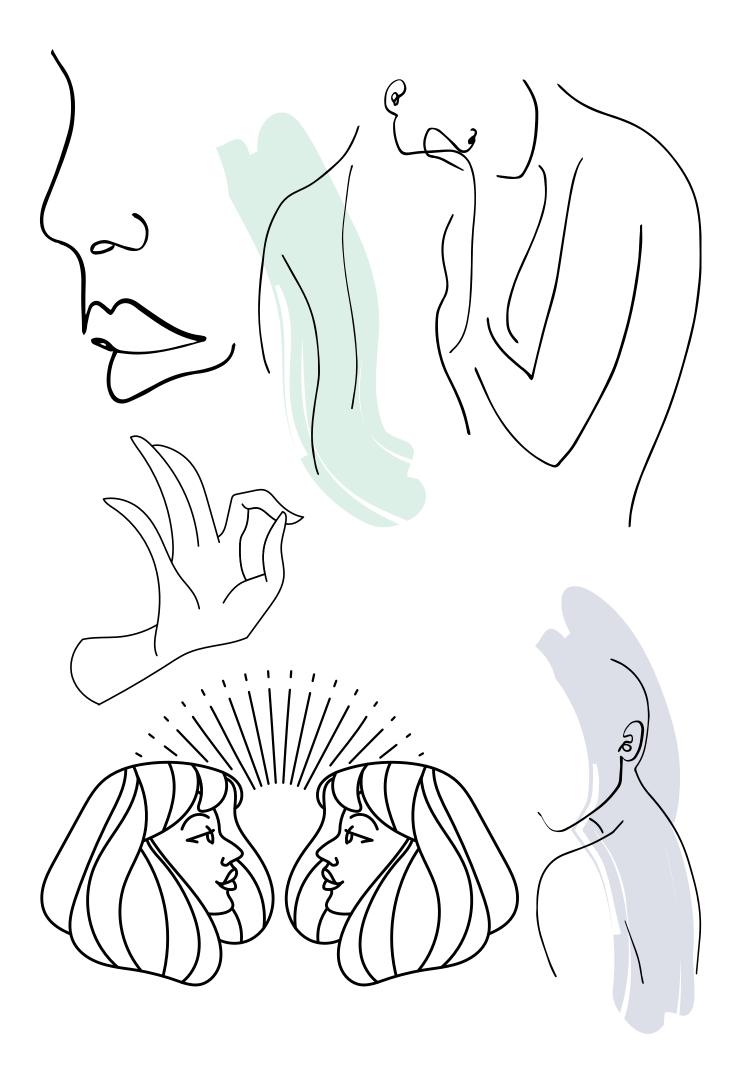












Things to make you laugh...



Tom @tomholdensharma

Italy: Lockdown 16,000,000 people USA: No travel except UK for 30 days China: Wuhan Lockdown and deep cleans

WHO: Covid-19 is now a pandemic

UK: happy birthday to you-

#excepttheuk #coronavirus



alina @loversinfilm

you are the dancing queen, young and sweet, stuck in quarantine

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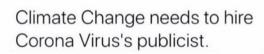
hi. so, @mynameissdan · 2d Replying to @loversinfilm and @dreamdannie dancing queen, feel the beat of covid-19 oh yeahhhh

①

eve @evebennettx

Forget Panic! at the Disco

Today's vibe is Anxiety Attack! in Tesco





QUARANTINE DIARY

Day 1: I have stocked up on enough non-perishable food and supplies to last me for months, maybe years, so that I can remain in isolation for as long as it takes to see out this pandemic

Day 1 + 45 minutes: I am in the supermarket because I wanted a Twix



Dana Jay Bein (#DJB) @danajaybein

I've lost my mind.

I wrote Coronavirus Rhapsody:

Is this a sore throat?

Is this just allergies?

Caught in a lockdown

No escape from reality.

Don't touch your eyes Just hand sanitize quicklyyyyy I'm just a poor boy, no job security Because of easy spread, even though washed your hands, laying low I look out the window, the curve doesn't look flatter to me, to me

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Dana Jay Bein (#DJB) @danajay... · 1d ∨ mama, just killed a man i didn't stay inside in bed I walked by him, now he's dead mama, life was so much fun but now I've caught this unforgiving

 plague

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Dana Jay Bein (#DJB) @danajay... · 1d ∨ mama, oooooh

didn't mean to make them die if I'm not back to work this time tomorrow carry on, carry on as if people didn't matter I'm just a poor boy, facing mortality HE'S JUST A POOR BOY FACING MORTALITY

spare him his life from this monstrosity

Dana Jay Bein (#DJB) @danajay... · 1d Touch your face, wash your hands, will you wash your hands? BISMILLAH NO WE WILL NOT WASH OUR HANDS! (WASH YOUR HANDS!) BISMILLAH NO WE WILL NOT WASH OUR HANDS! (WASH YOUR HANDS)

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Dana Jay Bein (#DJB) @danajay... · 1d BISMILLAH WE WILL NOT WASH YOUR HANDS! (WASH YOUR HANDS!) WASH YOUR HANDS! (never, never, never wash your hands oh oh oh oh oh oh oh) No no no no no Oh mama mia, mia (mama mia wash your hands!)

COVID-19 has a sickness put aside for me, for me



do you know how useless my anxiety is like I catastrophized about a million scenarios yet somehow not this one



To be honest I've been ready to self isolate since 1992.

Things to give you

hope...



Kalwinder Singh Dhindsa 🍉 @KhalSir

Students who have had their end of year GCSE and A Level Exams cancelled.

Do not be disheartened. Keep Believing.

You WILL receive the recognition your hard work deserves.

You will achieve and reach your destination.

Have faith in your Teachers.

We're not giving up on YOU



The Time Ladies @thetimeladies_

"These are the dark times, but they don't sustain. Darkness never sustains, even though sometimes it feels like it might." 🎔 🎔





Anisa Morridadi @AnisaMorridadi

Everyday I am waking up and reminding myself of what I CAN DO rather than what I can't. It's small but it's pretty powerful.



Anneli Roberts @pigletish

It is OK to be worried about yourself and your loved ones. You can also care about other people.

It's also OK to be upset about your cancelled holiday or social events or whatever.

"Other people have it worse" is a terrible reason not to let yourself feel your feelings.

When this is over, may we never again take for aranted A handshake with a stranger Full shelves at the store Conversations with neighbors A crowded theatre Friday night out The taste of communion A routine checkup The school rush each morning Coffee with a friend The stadium roaring Each deep breath A boring Tuesday Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be we were called to be we hoped to be and may we stay that way—better for each other because of the worst.

LAURA KELLY FANUCCI



The most beautiful words I've heard yet to inspire & fill your lungs with love $. \clubsuit$

"Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness. Yes there is even death. But....

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise You can hear the birds again. They say that after just a few weeks of quiet The sky is no longer thick with fumes But blue and grey and clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi People are singing to each other across the empty squares, keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them. Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighbourhood So that the elders may have someone to call on

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples are preparing to welcome

and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary🨇

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality To how big we really are.

To how little control we really have. To what really matters.

To Love. 🧡

So we pray and we remember that Yes there is fear. But there does not have to be hate. Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be loneliness.



I saw this thing on facebook today that said "you may not want to exist right now, but someone is happy that you do." and that speaks volumes. you are worthy, you are never worthless. and if you are feeling that way reach out. our minds are a dangerous place.



Laura McInerney 🤣 @miss_mcinerney

To anyone who has a kid with exams swiped from under them, please PLEASE remind that learning lasts forever. All their work, all their skills and knowledge, that's theirs, to keep. Exams are a day and a grade. Don't let them lose that the LEARNING was what mattered.



Citizens of Wuhan can finally hear

birds chirping after years, Venice's water canals are clear and full of fish, and you can even see the Tatra mountains from Kraków because the smog has lifted.

This isn't an apocalypse. It's an awakening.

My name is	
I live locally at	
My phone number is	
If you are self-isolating due	to COVID-19 I can help with:
Picking up shopping	Posting mail
A friendly phone call	Urgent supplies
Just call or text me and I'll do	my best to help you (for free!)



@advocating.mentalhealth



Your mental health is more important than your career, money, other people's opinions, that event you said you would attend, your partners mood and your families wishes, combined.

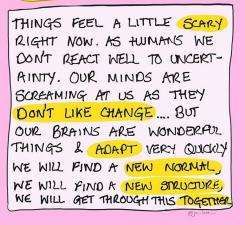
If taking care of yourself means letting someone down, then let someone down.

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER - THERE IS NO FIGHT WAY TO FEEL FIGHT NOW.

- LLEO WADE -

@projecturok

A NOTE OF HOPE



@jo_love_



@oktotalk



@rubyetc_

A final message from

US...

We will be okay. We will get through this. This will pass maybe not as quickly as we would like it to, but it will pass.

This is probably the hardest thing many of our generation will have to face, but we are a generation built on and through resilience. We all hold that power within us.

There are people out there who understand and who want to listen. Reach out to them.

One day, when we are old and grey, we will remember this strange time and we will say - <u>we survived.</u>





AND THE PEOPLE STAYED HOME. AND READ BOOKS, AND LISTENED, AND RESTED, AND EXERCISED, AND MADE ART, AND PLAYED GAMES, AND LEARNED NEW WAYS OF BEING, AND WERE STILL. AND LISTENED MORE DEEPLY. SOME MEDITATED, SOME PRAYED, SOME DANCED. SOME MET THEIR SHADOWS. AND THE PEOPLE BEGAN TO THINK DIFFERENTLY. AND THE PEOPLE HEALED. AND, IN THE ABSENCE OF PEOPLE LIVING IN **IGNORANT, DANGEROUS, MINDLESS, AND** HEARTLESS WAYS, THE EARTH BEGAN TO HEAL. AND WHEN THE DANGER PASSED, AND THE PEOPLE JOINED TOGETHER AGAIN, THEY GRIEVED THEIR LOSSES, AND MADE NEW CHOICES, AND DREAMED **NEW IMAGES, AND CREATED NEW WAYS TO LIVE** AND HEAL THE EARTH FULLY, AS THEY HAD BEEN HEALED.

AND THE PEOPLE STAYED HOME.... ~ KITTY O'MEARA

11 look how much you've already managed to adapt to. Look how resilient you've already been. There's no "right" way to respond to this because it's never, ever happened before. Give yourself some credit. There's no one in the whole world who has this figured out yet. So it's absolutely okay if you don't either o mellow doodles 1



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