

# Leading Wellbeing





# Welcome

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Welcome to Leading Wellbeing The focus of this programme is to champion coaches, young volunteers in schools, youth clubs and sports clubs to champion positive mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Tackling Awareness of Mental Health has created an online support for this programme to help coaches deliver sessions, which contains our innovative fun engaging method that promotes social and emotional learning through Mental Wealth Games.

TAMHI has found that if coaches, leaders and role models in clubs or schools promote mental health and emotional wellbeing through play then the connection with the message is greater with 86% of participants people reporting they have learnt the key wellbeing messages.

This booklet is a tool to support the delivery of either a dedicated wellbeing programme in your group OR a series of sessions spread throughout the year to champion mental health and emotional wellbeing. The resource is supported by online tools and materials accessible at [www.tamhi.org](http://www.tamhi.org)



# Delivery

“Complete TAMHI Team Talk Online Course (Theory)”



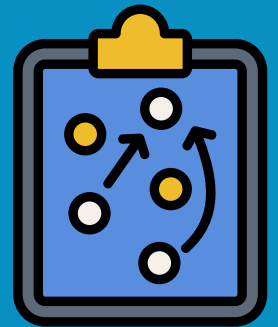
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Attend Leading Wellbeing Session (Practical)



02

Create and deliver a session.



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Assessment



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Support provided to deliver in club setting.



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## About leading wellbeing

Leading wellbeing is a fun, creative and innovative way to promote mental health awareness through play and games. Created in 2015 the model uses our Mental Wealth Games approach has proven to increase knowledge about mental health, promote help seeking behaviour and increased confidence and self-esteem of participants.

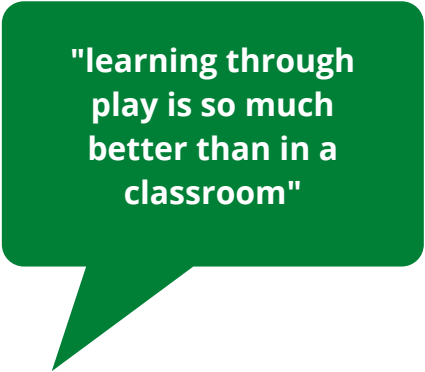
We have combined the learning from the Mental Wealth Games to create a leadership programme for grassroots coaches and leaders.

We believe in “connect before you correct” and if we have the right people trained in the games and delivery then it has been proven to make a positive difference on not only the person delivering sessions but also the participants taking part.

The model is simple and based on:

- Action: Delivery of a thematic game with a mental health message incorporated within the game.
- Reflection: Reflect on key messages, participations emotions and understanding
- Reinforcement: Distribute credible up to date mental health information to participants to reinforce the learning in the session.

Since 2015 the biggest success of the Mental Wealth Games programme is delivering via Peer Mentors or Coaches/Youth Leaders. Our evidence has shown that young participants in both our schools and club programmes feel more confident asking for help from coaches, youth workers and older peers such as our Wellbeing Ambassadors in schools projects. Young leaders and Coaches who take part in the Mental Wealth Games and then deliver fun, interactive, and meaningful sessions that teach such an important topic have shown to be great role models for their peer groups which has inspired positive changes in behaviour and attitude to mental health and challenging stigma.



**"learning through  
play is so much  
better than in a  
classroom"**

Our programme conforms to the Public Health Agency standards and while we focus in promoting and encouraging help seeking behaviour in the beneficiary groups when issues have presented themselves school, club & youth safeguarding protocols are adhered to.



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## Using this Guide

This guide will provide you with the practical information you need to run Leading wellbeing sessions in your setting. The guide will take you through each of the key games, content, and learning points.

It is essential that you watch and understand the Mental Wealth Games Tutorial Videos that all facilitators will have access to via the TAMHI website [www.tamhi.org](http://www.tamhi.org). It is also essential that you have a good understanding of mental health and emotional wellbeing by watching our tutorial mental health information sessions.

After completing the online training sessions this guide can be used to help you roll out a Mental Wealth Games session in your setting. You can also access support at [support@tamhi.org](mailto:support@tamhi.org)

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## Set Up Online

Leading Wellbeing is supported by a range of online resources located on [www.tamhi.org/education](http://www.tamhi.org/education)

- Access to all digital versions of the Mental Wealth Games and Games.
- View online tutorials of various mental health topics.
- Access online training courses of which certificates of completion are issued.
- Access TAMHI mental health toolkits.

You should be able to register for a learner account using your e-mail address.

Note TAMHI support can help you set up an account if required at: [support@tamhi.org](mailto:support@tamhi.org)

## Welcome to TAMHI Education

Raising awareness for mental health

### Our Courses

*When registering on our site, please use your full name as this will be displayed on a certificate at the end of the course.*



### **Online Unit – Leading Wellbeing: TAMHI Team Talk (Theory)**

Time: 1hour

(Note this must be completed before attending the Leading Wellbeing Session)

1. What is Mental Health?
2. Signs to look out for?
3. Looking after your Mental Health?
4. Bullying behaviour
5. Our approach to Mental Health

### **Leading Wellbeing: Practical**

Introduction – Leading Wellbeing (15 minutes)

Session One: Knowledge and understanding of mental health. (15 Minutes)

Game: Choice Ball (30 Minutes )

### **Break: 15 minutes**

Session Two: Problem Solving & Coping – (15 minutes)

Game: Target your problems (30 minutes)

Session Three: Anti Bullying (15 Minutes)

Game: Got Your Back (30 Minutes)

### **Lunch: 30 minutes**

Session 4: Take 5 Steps (15 minutes)

Game: Holding Me Back (30 minutes)

Reflect/Next Steps – (30 minutes)



## Welcome & Overview of Programme (15 minutes)

### Objectives:

Support coaches/mentors with skills to raise awareness of mental health and emotional wellbeing.

Improve mental health literacy.

### Speaker Notes:

Welcome participants and thank them for their time and commitment to promoting mental health.

Provide an overview of TAMHI (Tackling Awareness of Mental Health Issues) and its mission to improve mental health through sport and physical activity.

Briefly introduce the Wellbeing Champions Programme and how it equips young people and volunteers with skills to support mental health in schools and clubs.

Explain the structure of the day, the importance of interaction and reflection, and encourage participants to actively engage.

### Materials:

- Printout of the day's agenda.
- TAMHI information sheets (All on [www.tamhi.org](http://www.tamhi.org))

## Session One: Knowledge and Understanding of Mental Health



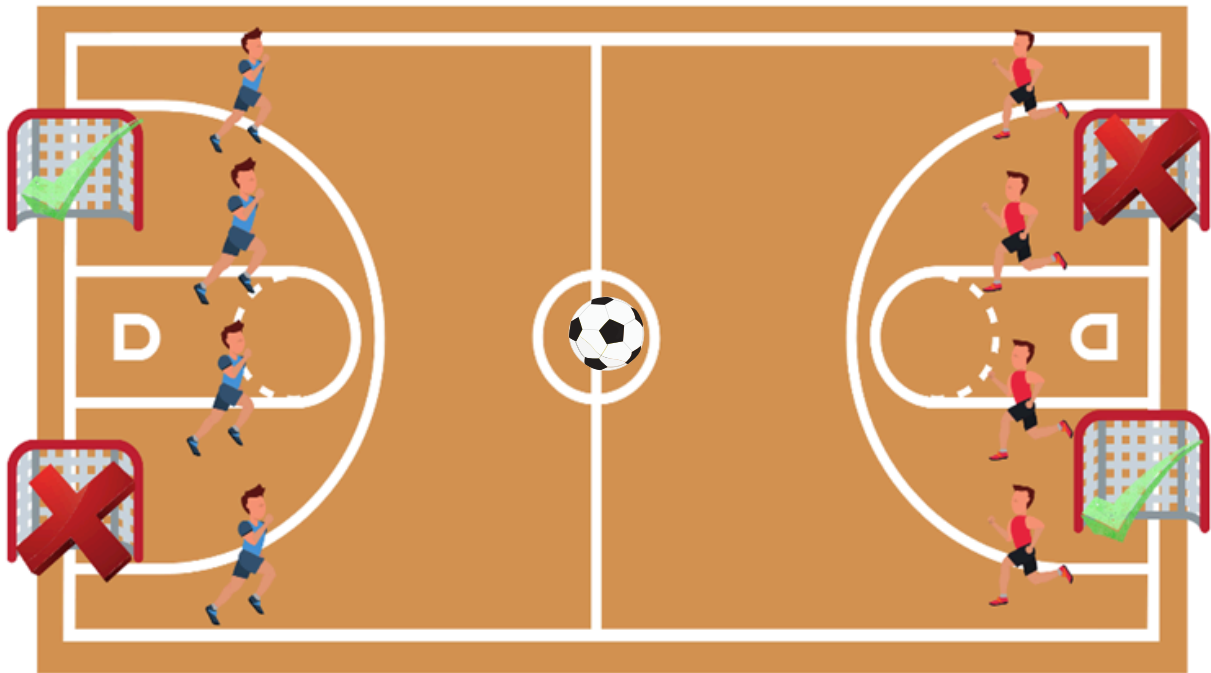
By the end of the session the participants should be able to;

- Recognise that everyone has mental health and that your mental health changes and can be good or bad
- Describe mental health as being the state of your wellbeing or your thoughts, feelings, and emotions
- Recall facts and statistics about mental health including;
  - If you feel down for more than 2 weeks you should ring the GP
  - 1 in 8 young people suffer from mental health issues (Mood or Anxiety disorder)
  - 1 in 5 adults suffers from mental health issues
  - Talking about mental health is a sign of strength
- Identify and discuss what is good/bad for your mental health including;
  - healthy eating, helping others, connecting with friends, trying your best, caring about people, asking for help
  - bullying, illegal drugs, lashing out, not listening, being cheeky, swearing, discrimination
- Name support services
  - e.g., Childline, Lifeline, Samaritans





## Game: Choice Ball



### Equipment required:

- 4 Pop Up Goals
- Bibs with 2 sets of colours
- A football/ tennis ball/ rugby ball/ Hurling ball
- Two Red Cones (Wrong)
- Two Green Cones (Right)
- Print out to use Words on next page

### Delivery notes:

- Get 4 Goals
- Place two at each side of an indoor hall or outdoor football pitch
- Put Red Cones in two opposite goals
- Put Green Cones in two opposite goals
- Throw a Football in the middle

## Activity

- At Each side one goal will be Right/Good and the other Wrong/Bad.
- Leader calls out statements that are either right or wrong in relation to mental health the teams then need to score in the correct net, encourage teamwork to understand the answer. Note use appropriate language for the audience
- Throw ball in middle – first to score in correct net gets the goal.
- After the goal “Reflect/Chat” about “Why” they players though it was Right or Wrong and what it means.

## Impact on Wellbeing

Positive		Negative	
Healthy Diet	Eating a balanced diet	Bullying	Persistently making someone feel bad
Connecting with friends	Being social; talking and hanging with mates	Illegal drugs	Drugs that are illegal
Helping others	Being helpfully; doing things for others	Being cheeky to people	Lack of respect
Caring about people	Showing empathy	Not listening to coaches	Making it hard for coaches to coach
Listening in training	Making it easy for a coach to deliver a session	Lashing out	Hitting out verbally/ physically
Trying your best	Doing your best; behaviour and effort	Swearing	Foul language
Asking for help		Discrimination	Making someone feel different due to colour of skin; community status etc

**Note:** You can add extra words yourself and adjust for your audience.

### Right Statements

- 1 in 8 young people suffer from poor mental health issues
- 1 in 5 adults suffer from mental health issues
- Talking about mental health is a sign of strength
- Mental Health affects us all
- If I feel down for more than 2 weeks, I should see a doctor

### Wrong Statements

- People with mental health problems should be locked up
- Mental Health is a negative thing
- People with poor mental health cannot work
- Keeping everything bottled up is fine
- There is no help for people with mental health

**Note for extra points:** ask who can name Support Groups

- Lifeline
- Doctor
- Childline
- Minding Your Head
- Helplines NI
- Samaritans



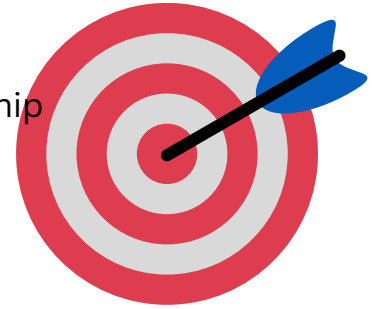


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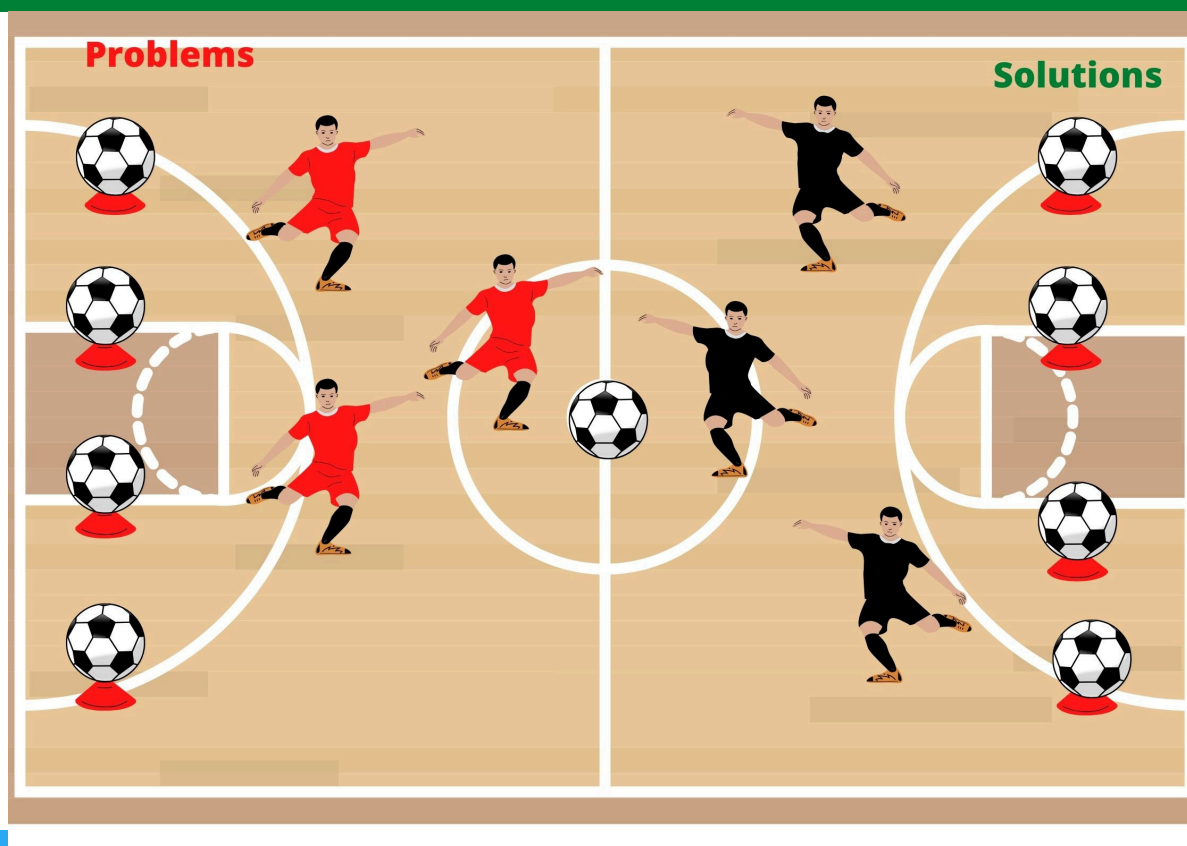


By the end of the session participants should be able to;

- Identify problems they face e.g. school/work stress, relationship breakdown, bullying, gambling, gaming/online addiction
- Explain solutions of how to overcome their problems such as;
  - Deal with one problem at a time
  - Talk about your problems
  - Reflect on how big your problem is
- Discuss coping mechanisms for dealing with problems including;
  - Notice negative thoughts
  - Positive self-talk
  - Take a breath
  - Write things down



## Game: Target Your Problems



The outcome of the game is to get the players to think about the problems they face and the solutions that can be put in place to challenge these.

### Delivery notes:

- Split into two teams
- Put Balls on the cones at the end of the hall.
- Ask players to name a “Problem” – when they identify it, get them to place the ball on top of a cone
- Ask players to name a “Solution” to the identified problem and place the ball on the cone facing the problem
- Do this until 3-5 problems & Solutions have been identified
- Play a 3 v 3 Match to knock down the other teams balls.
- Knock down the other team's balls the first team to knock all the balls down wins
- Player cannot move with the ball but can pivot on the spot- no travelling



## **Problems (Big & Small)**

- 1. Feeling Sad for no reason (could be a big)**
  - 2. Games Console Breaking (Small)**
  - 3. Lost make up (Small)**
  - 4. Pet has ripped your clothes (Small)**
  - 5. Exams (Big)**
  - 6. Peer Pressure (Big Problem)**
  - 7. Somebody says something mean (Small BUT BIG if you let it)**
  - 8. Bullying (Big Problem)**
  - 9. Loosing a loved one**
- **Advocate “Ask for help” in every senario.**

## **Solutions**

- 1. Ask for help**
- 2. Talk to someone you trust**
- 3. Positive Self Talk - replace “I can’t” with “I can Try”**
- 4. Writing things down/journals**
- 5. Breath and count to 10**
- 6. Take time out when you need it**
- 7. See your GP IF down for 2 weeks or more**



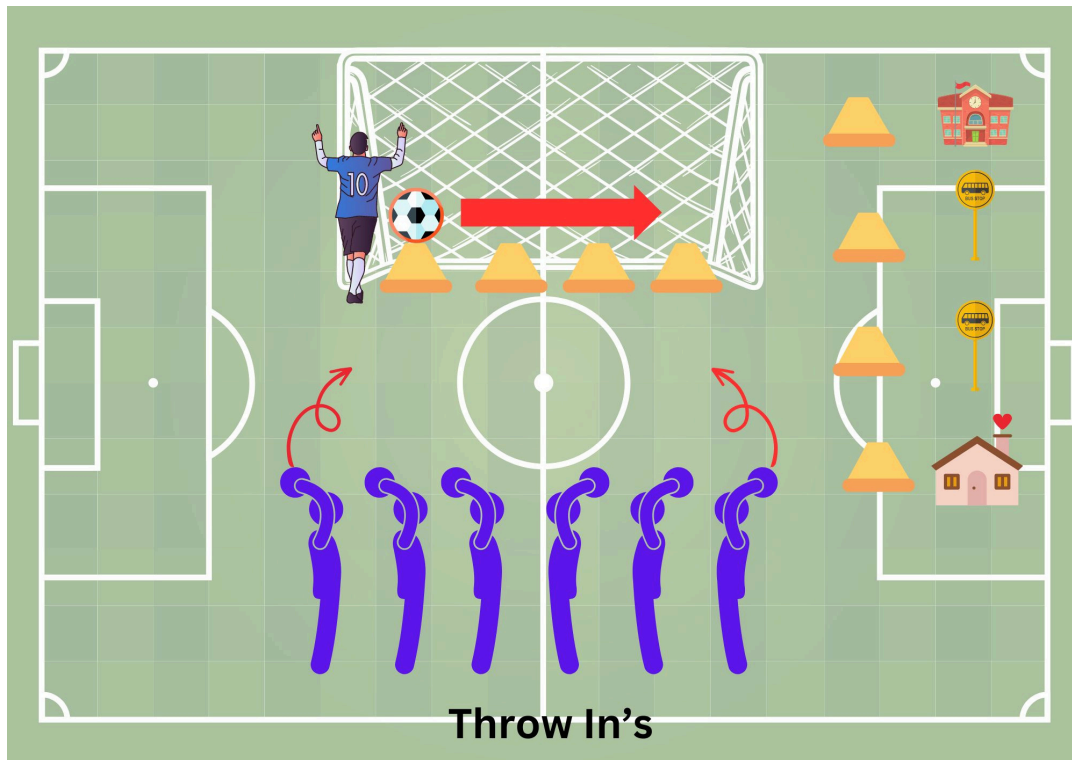
## Session Three: Anti-bullying

By the end of the session participants should be able to;

- Describe the impact of bullying on mental health and wellbeing
- Identify supportive relationships they have in their life
- Recognise how these relationships can provide support
- Explain a fake friend is someone you can't trust and won't provide you support
- Describe the types of bullying and what they are including
  - physical (e.g., hitting, kicking, pushing, destroying property)
  - verbal (e.g., name calling, teasing, insults)
  - emotional (e.g., spreading rumours or isolating someone)
  - cyber bullying (e.g., abusive texts, imitating others online)



## Session Three: Anti-bullying



- 4 cones - Represent Point A School/Point B, Bus Stop/ Point C, Street/Point D, Home.
- 1 Ball for nominated person.
- SOFT balls for remaining participants
- Nominate a person who must face away from their team mates and walk from cone to cone (School to home)
- the nominated person (Target) on the coaches instruction must make their way from point A to Point D
- When they sit the ball on the cone at each point, they must stand up straight with GOOD POSTURE.
- The remaining participants must remain behind a dedicated line and throw balls at the nominated person (Target) .
- Ask the person who was being "Targeted" how they felt
- Reflect on 4 types of bullying and what the participants feel about them.
- Talk solutions and help seeking behaviour
- Introduce people to help the nominated person (Target) get from Point A - PointD, this could be the Goal Keepers/coaches.
- The 2nd round should result in the person feeling safer
- Ask how they felt this time
- Ask the people protecting them how they feel - feedback would suggest they will feel good.

## Session Four: Take 5 Steps



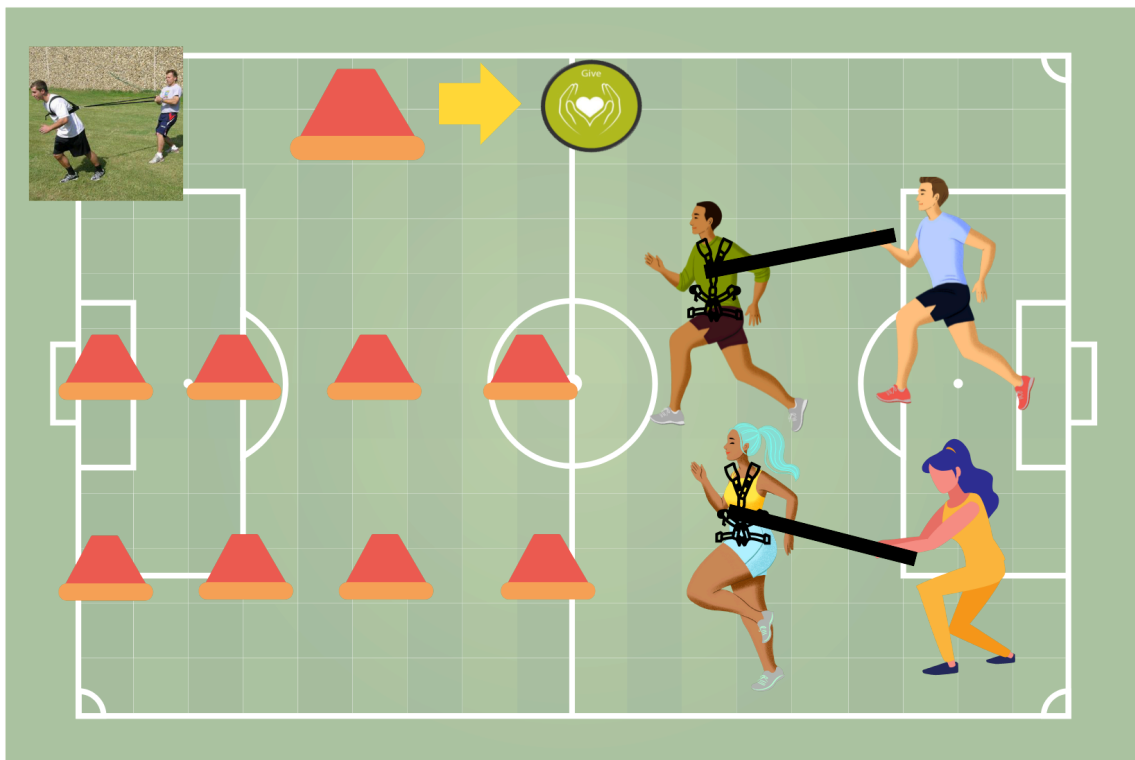
By the end of the session participants should be able to;

- Name the Take 5 steps to wellbeing (take notice, connect, give, learn, be active)
- Describe what each step means including;
  - Take notice: Take a moment to pause and look around and think about everyday things in life and how they make you feel
  - Connect: Meet with friends, family, colleagues etc. to build supportive relationships
  - Give: Do something nice for someone, volunteer your time or thank someone
  - Keep learning: Try something new, picking up an old hobby or signing up for a course
  - Be active: Go for a walk, cycle, play a game, join a sport

Discuss practical examples of how they can implement Take 5 steps into their own lives







- Split into pairs - one holder, one to be held back e.g. 8 holders, 8 being pulled.
- Identify what holds young people back.
- The person behind them represents their biggest challenge.
- Holders need to hold the person back with all their might.
- The person being held has to get to the last cone.
- The coach times the team being held back.
- The last person to finish is the final time.
- SWAP
- This time allow those who finish to help those struggling.
- Coach brings players into a huddle when they complete the run.
- Talk about the "Stickers" located under the last cone which will be a "Sign to look out for" OR a "Take 5" symbol
- Ask how the participants would notice a sign or adopt a Take 5 Step for Wellbeing in their lives.

## A SPORT

### Mental Health Awareness signs to look out for

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#### Obvious Changes...

Sad, moody, worry a lot, teary, restless, on edge or irritable. Weight loss or gain. Increased use of alcohol or substance abuse. Difficulty concentrating or can't make decisions.

#### Reacting in the wrong way...

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#### Tough Times...

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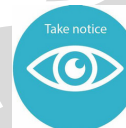
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### Take notice



Take notice of how you're feeling and thinking; what is going to help you feel better in this moment? If you're feeling stressed, calm yourself by taking long, deep breaths and noticing what you can smell, touch, taste, hear and see.

### Be active



Find ways you enjoy to keep fit and healthy. Being active can be fun; why not try finding an activity you enjoy doing with friends?

### Give



Give kindness to yourself; what could you do to look after yourself? Give kindness to others; this could be through words or actions, such as compliments or kind deeds.

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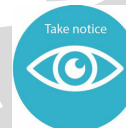
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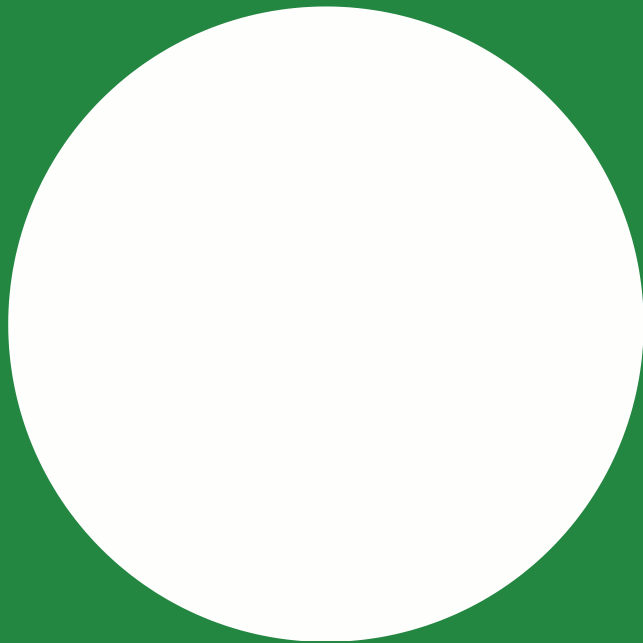
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COMMENTS

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# LEADING WELLBEING: BOOKLET

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## Learner Assessment Booklet

1

Pick a key theme and one the games to deliver to a specific group of players (8-30 max).

2

Create a session plan. This can be a team/group plan. This must be submitted to TAMHI.

3

Deliver the session. Agree in advance if TAMHI is assessment is on site OR if video record is being submitted. TAMHI will score

4

Complete LORIC Skills  
Wheel/Warwick Edinburgh Mental  
Wellbeing Scale (self reflection)





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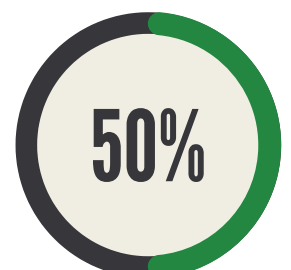
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# *Lesson Plan*

**Theme**

**Activity :**

**Talk:**

**Game :**

**Resource:**



## Leadership

Ability to show leadership either from the front as a coach leading the session, or as part of a team supporting the the delivery. Your ability to engage & motivate the audience.

## Organisation

Ability to plan sessions, time keeping, contribution to successful delivery of projects.

## Resilience

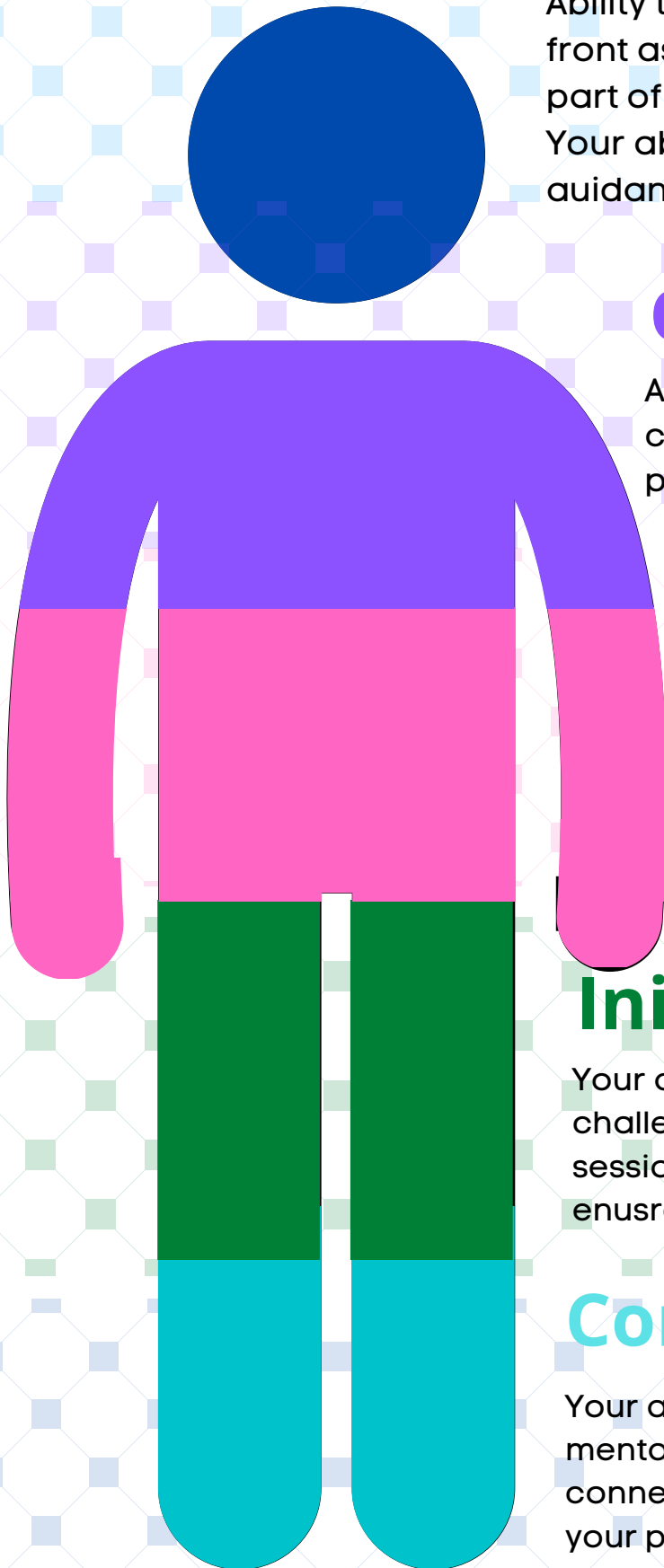
Personal growth and development. We will measure the impact on your emotional wellbeing

## Initiative

Your ability to manage different situations such as challenging behaviour, audience engagement, sessions going off topic. Thinking on your feet to ensure the best outcome.

## Communication

Your ability to communicate key messages about mental health within sessions. Your ability to connect with your audience and to connect with your peers and coaches.



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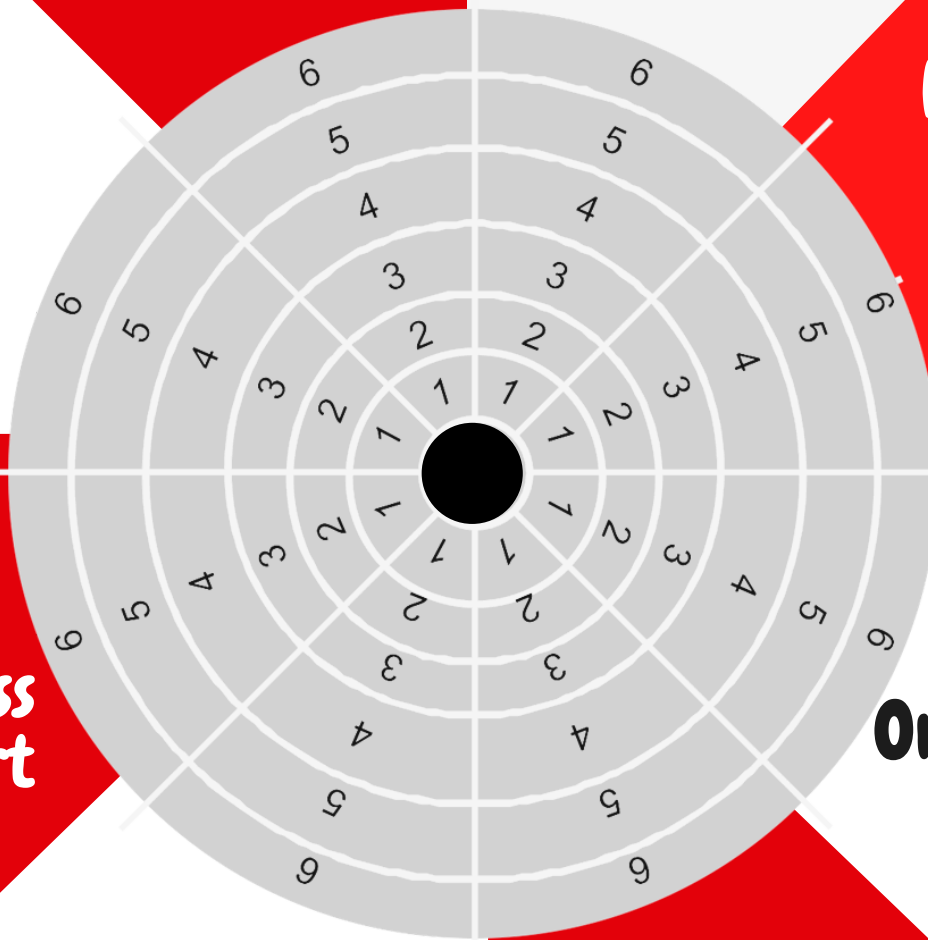
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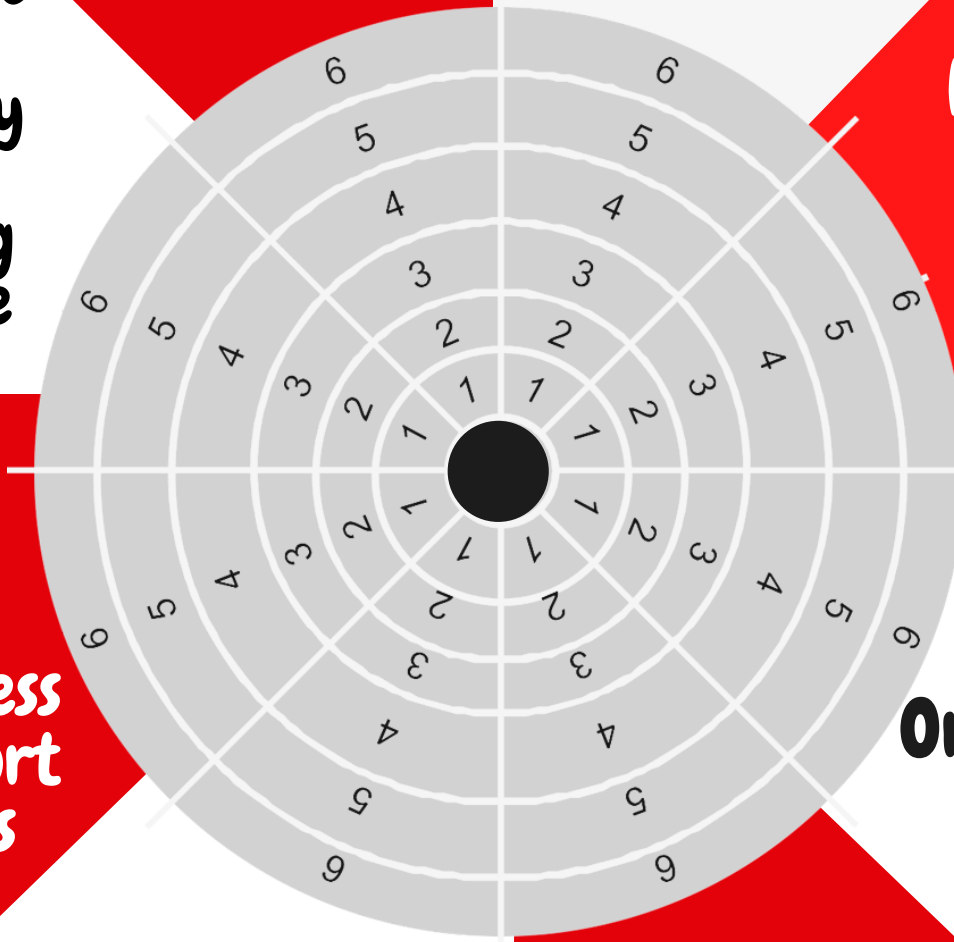
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(S) WEMWBS

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I've been able to make up my own mind about things	1	2	3	4	5

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