

# survive & thrive

moving forward from interpersonal trauma

#### Week 10

# Effective communication, looking back and looking forward



#### Welcome back

- How has your week been?
- Any questions or concerns or successes to feedback?
- What happens next?





#### What we will cover today

- Effective communication
- Patterns of communication
- Improving communication: assertive
- Your rights
- Future planning
- Looking back and looking forward



## Getting into the 'green zone'





#### Effective communication

- This is about respecting yourself and others.
- Giving yourself and what you need as much value as you give others.





# Why is effective communication important?

- It develops self esteem.
- It can stop us reacting overly aggressively.
- Not just saying 'yes' to everything, makes us feel less stressed.

- Expressing our feelings leads to us feeling less frustrated inside.
- People who communicate effectively generally appear confident.
- How is communication different on social media or by text?



#### Patterns of communication

- 1. Look at the communication style questionnaire.
- 2. Fill it in.



#### Types of communication





#### Improving assertiveness

- Body language
- Eye contact
- Speech pattern
- What to say...

- Saying No!!!
  - Recognising you are saying no to the request not the person



#### Your rights

- Have a look at the handout on your rights
- What do you think?





#### Exercise

- What is your communication style?
- Do you need to think about working towards changing that?
- Use the exercise in the pack in order to start that progress towards that, if it is safe to do so.



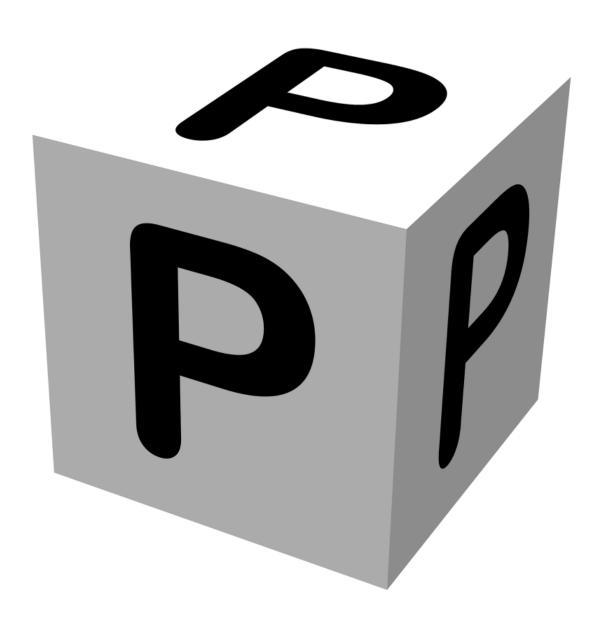
#### Future planning

- What is the 3 main things you have learned from the course?
- What is the main things you would like to take from the course
  - What will you do today?
  - What will you do next week?
  - What will you do next month?
  - What will you do next year?



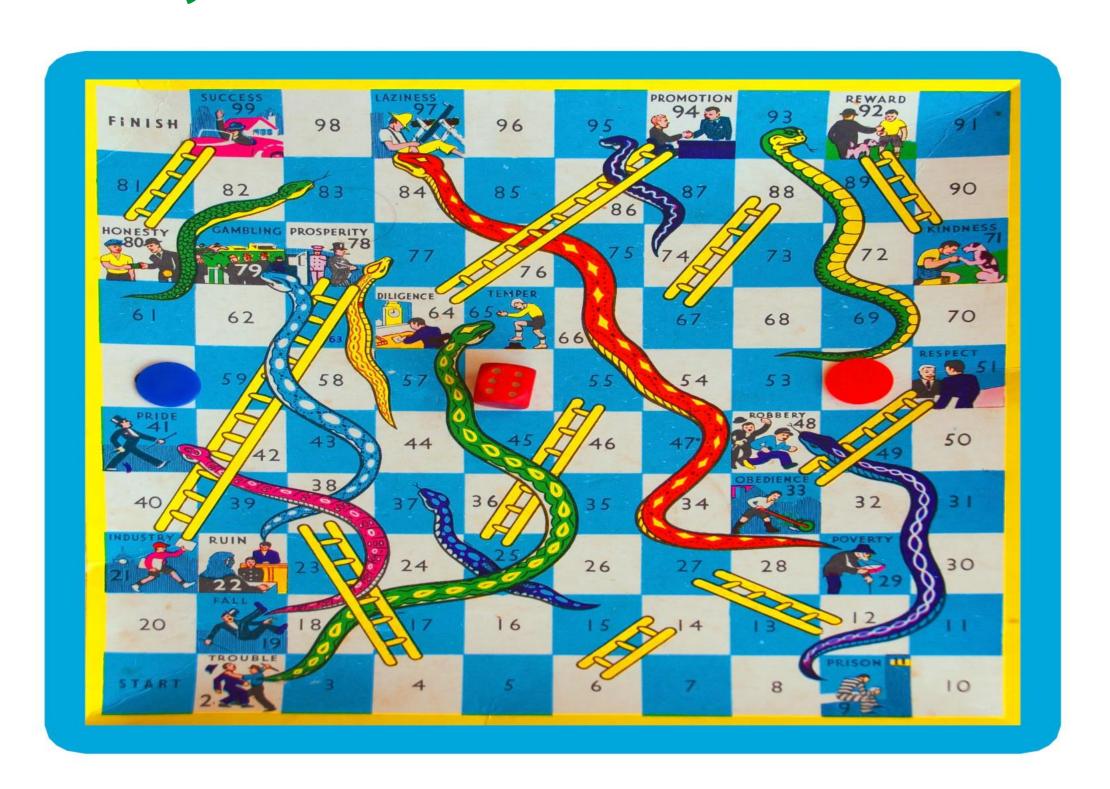
#### Step by step







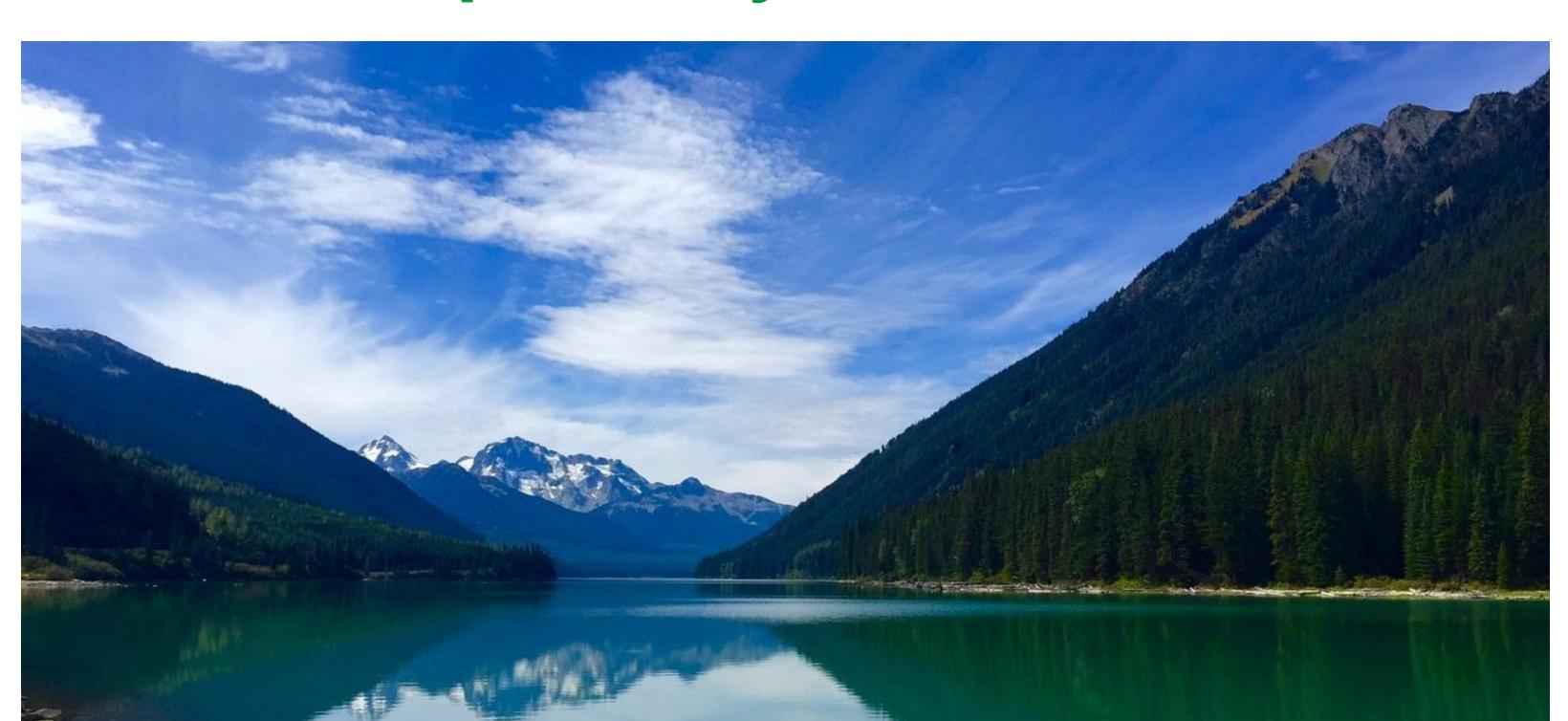
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# A moment to practice your skills





## Looking forward...

What next?





#### A final thought

"Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

**Ralph Waldo Emerson** 



