### Mindful Monday

Experiential Practices to Develop Personal Resilience

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Somatic Experiences 2





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### Welcome and Ground

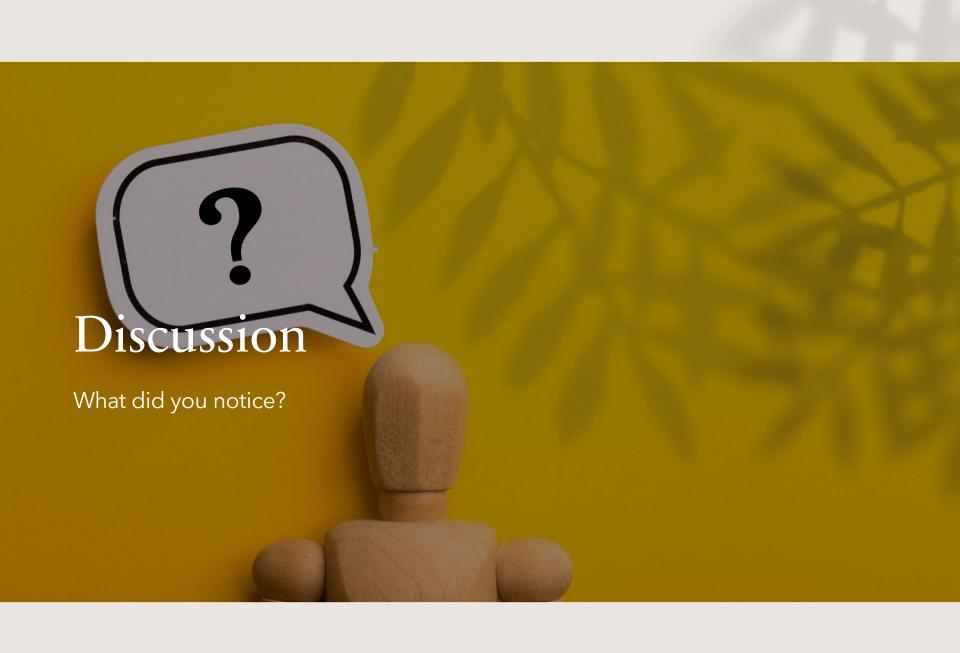
# What is somatic experiencing?

- The body can get stuck in a dysfunctional response of somatic behaviours (fight/flight/freeze). We bring focus to our body to calm and relax it.
- Allowing for our nervous system (stress response) to relax, calm, and find soothing in body movements.
- Good way to reset the our nervous system (baseline).
- I.e. ever had a body response to an event?
   Shaking before a presentation, trembling when talking to a certain person, heart beat racing with no trigger?

### Somatic Experiencing Interventions

- 15 min practice
  - Feet, seat, back
  - "Voo"/ Butterfly hug/ Body container

 Levine, P. (2008). Healing Trauma: A pioneering program for restoring the wisdom of your body.
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