

HEALHealthy Environment And Lifestyle

Background "The coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic will leave a deep and lasting scar on the mental health of millions in this country. The devastating loss of life, the impact of lockdown and loneliness, and the inevitable recession that lies ahead will affect all of us. Prioritising mental health has never been more critical than it is now. New mental health problems have developed as a result of the pandemic, and existing mental health problems have gotten worse." Mind – The Mental Health Emergency

The HEAL Project is dedicated to making healthy lifestyle choices available to the community as a whole, while exploring the many safe and effective medicines and therapies that could be made accessible and affordable to everyone, through collective collaboration and transformative action.

Sadly, the global provision of 'healthcare' today is dominated and controlled by a powerful and influential disease management industry, that operates primarily for the purpose of symptom suppression and maximum shareholder profit, with very little consideration and/or attention to long term healthy outcomes. This approach is unfortunately and ironically proving to be diametrically opposed to human health and wellness in most respects. It is especially inexcusable considering that we have a number of far superior, safer and more effective options available to us in the public domain, outside the influence of pharmaceutical patents.

For example, it is now widely accepted and well understood that a nutrient-dense biodynamic diet and healthy lifestyle choices, are two extremely safe and highly effective means of enhancing both mental and physiological wellbeing, while at the same time reducing the burdens of stress and chronic disease and without the need for pharmaceutical drug intervention. Who would have thought that natural magnesium is safer and more effective than pharmaceutical 'anti-depressants'? There is also a growing body of scientific evidence, that having access to nature, such as spending time in a garden and growing our own organic food, or even being in a forest practising Shinrin-Yoku, is profoundly beneficial to our physical, mental and emotional health.

Exploring and researching all aspects of healthy and conscious living at community level, allows us to investigate for ourselves what works and what doesn't. The actual experience of improved health and wellbeing, is a far better indicator of safety and efficacy of a therapy or treatment, than many of the 'clinical trial' pharmaceuticals that have a long list of dangerous side-effects and questionable efficacy.

The HEAL Project involves itself in working with mindful and well-informed health and wellbeing professionals and community members, to research, verify and proffer safe and effective treatment and disease prevention options for improved physical, mental and emotional health in the community, including but certainly not limited to:

Optimum Nutrition "The interesting part to this observation is that building a good relationship with food is significant in building a good relationship with yourself. Allowing yourself to receive the foods that nourish and satisfy you is an important step towards a long-term healthy lifestyle.

Also, the love that goes into the preparation of the food and the love that we share and give back to ourselves in the eating, is all important to understanding the sacredness of food." Silverdragon Wellbeing

Heart Brain Coherence "Science has become the contemporary language of the mystical. In fact, it is science that demystifies the mystical. When we started seeing measurable changes in people's health, as well as in their lives, it became evident that something was happening within a person's mind and body and we felt it was important to measure those changes. We all have our own personal limits, whether they are related to our ability to create abundance in our life, our capacity to make some type of change in our health or our body, our inability to stop recreating the same outcomes, or just our ability to believe in ourselves. When we step beyond our limitations, we become more unlimited."

Dr Joe Dispenza

Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation "The National Health Services (NHS) of the United Kingdom has released a new study on the clinical and cost effectiveness of Alpha-Stim®, a non-drug medical device designed for easy, at-home use. The study, which was published in the *Journal of Affective Disorders*, included 161 volunteers suffering from Generalized Anxiety Disorder (GAD), who had experienced unsatisfactory relief with other therapies. According to Dr. Richard Morriss, principal investigator of the study and Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Nottingham, this could take a huge burden off the workload for Improving Access to Psychological Treatment (IAPT) services in England which sees GAD as 1 of 2 common problems with 4.4% of the British population affected." Alpha-Stim

Nature Therapy "There is scientific documentation that people who live in greenspaces generally seem to be happier, and may live longer than those who don't. Passmore is taking that research further. This study is one of a series by a research team in UBC Okanagan's psychology department known as the "Happy Team" which is providing evidence that nature can increase happiness. "The difference in participants' well-being—their happiness, sense of elevation, and their level of connectedness to other people, not just nature—was significantly higher than participants in the group noticing how human-built objects made them feel and the control group." Passmore's research, recently published in the <u>Journal of Positive Psychology</u>, is supported by the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada." University of British Columbia

Psilocybin Assisted Psychotherapy "At COMPASS, our vision is for a world of mental wellbeing. Every one of us is committed to discovering and developing new therapies that will help patients and their families, and ease the burden on our overstretched healthcare systems. For too many people, mental health care today isn't good enough. We are determined to change that. Our first major initiative is developing psilocybin therapy through late-stage clinical trials in Europe and North America for people with treatment-resistant depression." Compass Pathways

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