goals for the tenth evening



compassion: stages of change

- precontemplation: not yet realizing how important compassion
 & lack of compassion are for the health of both ourselves & others
- *2. contemplation:* understanding how crucial it is to reduce toxic forms of self- & other criticism, and to nourish empathy & caring, but not knowing yet how to change these engrained responses
- *3. preparation:* developing an action plan that might include emotional processing, compassion training, good therapeutic relationships (individual & group) & outer behavioural changes
- *4. action:* putting the plan into practice, monitoring what works and what doesn't, adapting or adding components as needed
- *5. maintenance:* putting in place check-ins, reminders & 'fire drills' for the expected times when one slips back into old habits

main components of the journey

- basic skills: exercise, diet, weight, alcohol, smoking, sleep
- meditation: autogenic training, applied relaxation, visualisation, mindfulness, compassion
- relationships, emotional intelligence, social networks
- wellbeing: positive emotions, self-determination, happiness



four aspects of helpful inner focus

reducing negative states

nourishing positive states

exploring & processing

encouraging mindfulness

working with past & future images



future

lack of encouraging positive memories lack of encouraging positive futures

identification and various forms of emotional <u>connection</u> – field view, sensory focus, mastery, compassion, dialogue, felt-sense

intrusive (or over general) negative memories *intrusive (or avoided) negative futures*

identification and various forms of emotional **processing** – desensitisation, rescripting, mastery, compassion, dialogue, felt-sense

negative

development & maintenance of distressed states

* after a series of distressed episodes e.g. in recurrent depression, external triggers become less important

