## The Neuroscience of Leadership



Insights: quiet, not directly on the problem Reflection, Reward state

IMBIC SYSTEM

emotions

AMYGDALA.

fight, flight or freeze

## **Think**



Multi-tasking reducing cognitive capacity, increases stress and time

**Develop** 

Problem <

Rock, 2006

# Regulate

- Breathe
- Label
- Reappraise







Resilience: Mindfulness, brain breaks and exercise

**NOW** 





**Threat** 



executive function thinking



### **GROW-WISE**

Tell

ENHANSEN PERFORMANCE

Goal Reality Options What next

Whole-brain goal setting Insights Stretch: sub-conscious

Solution

**Explore** 



**Emotion Contagion and mirror neurons** 





### **Social Motivators**



## **Adapt**

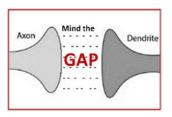


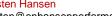
Neuroplasticity: brain's ability to change

Cells that fire together, wire together



- Goal
- Attention
- Positive Feedback





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#### **THINK**

Understand the decision making process and the innovative brain for empowering thinking strategies



**Decision Making** Problem Solving

Insight & Creativity Prioritising

Multitasking





Reward Response

Broad focus

Open to risk

More insights

More connected

Solution focused

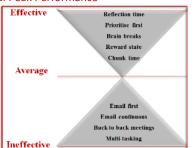
#### Threat Response

Narrow focus Risk averse Less insights Less connected

Problem focused Insights



#### Mental Peak Performance



### REGULATE

Regulate emotions, manage stress and renew your mental capacity for peak performance

My Calm Beat

#### Regulation and Renewal 3 X 3

#### Mental

- 1.Labelling
- 2.Reappraisal 3.Mindfulness

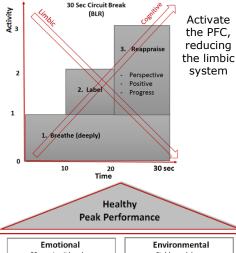
#### **Physical**

- 1.Relaxation and Activation
- 2.Diet, sleep and exercise
- 3.Brain-breaks

#### Social

- 1.Emotion contagion
- 2. Social connection
- 3. Coaching with compassion

#### BLR - Breathe, Label, Reappraise



#### 30 sec circuit breaker Stable work hours Connect with friends Holiday/Escape Coach with compassion Break from routine Spiritual Rest days/ downtime Community Home **Balance** Thinking Physical Mindfulness Positive Thinking Problem Solving Strategies Exercise/ yoga Breathe Reappraise

External

Internal

#### **ENGAGE**

Tailor your leadership and motivate others by understanding the strong social brain drivers

#### **Emotion Contagion and mirror neurons**



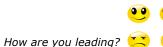
Nonconscious

Emotion

Feedforward

Time scale





Integrate Model: Minimize Danger Maximise Reward

...200 milliseconds.......500 milliseconds......Seconds, Mins, Hours.

Autonomy

Certainty

Connection

Equality

Status

Safety

Thinking

ACCESS model - Social Motivators

Feedback

Conscious

**Feeling** 

Feedback











Regulation

Feedforward

/Feedback



#### 1. ATTENTION 2. POSITIVE FEEDBACK

**Hebbs Law** 

1. Existing wiring

through

does not deconstruct

1. Create new wiring

### Neuroplasticity

Neuroplasticity is the brain's ability to change itself

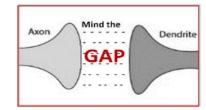
"A mind once stretched by a new idea, never regains it's original dimensions" Oliver Wendall Holmes

**ADAPT** 

Strategies to create and sustain change and

improvements in self and others, individually

and organisationally



- 1.Goal
- 2.Attention
- 3. Positive Feedback

#### **DEVELOP**

Develop yourself and others through brainbased coaching and feedback models



- embrace challenges avoid challenges
- persist despite obstacles
- give up easily due to obstacles see effort as fruitless
- learn from criticism
- ignore useful feedback
- be inspired by others' success

see effort as path to mastery

be threatened by others' success



### Whole-brain goal setting

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5	2. SMART How would you define an outcome? What time frame are you aiming for? What would you like to achieve by then? What measures could you put in place?	How would you capture that in a headline?     How can you say your goal that captures both the measure and inspiration?
	1. GENERAL     What general areas are you looking at setting a goal in?     What areas could make a difference to you?     What 3 areas would be best to focus on?	3. SAFE  - What would you like to see?  - How would you like to feel about it?  - How will you feel when you get there?  - Who would you share this with?  - What would you like to be able to se about this?