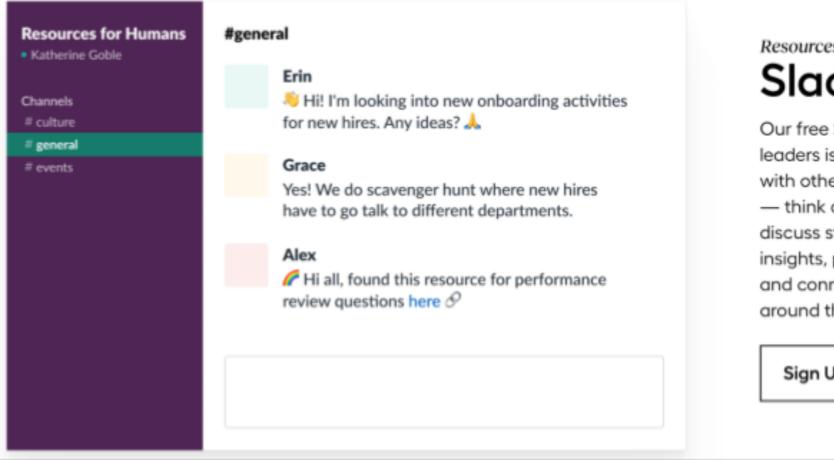
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Resources for Humans: What Actually Works for Preventing Burnout and Navigating Uncertainty Mollie West Duffy



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Where are you joining from?

In one word, how are you are feeling right now?



- 1. Emotions at work
- 2. Combating burnout
- 3. Change exhaustion and uncertainty
- 4. Q&A



Emotions at work

Loneliness, depression, and mental health concerns are on the rise (and are highest in Gen Z)*

"Having open personal conversations and linking them to work and to organizational health and performance matters. It mattered before the pandemic, but it matters more than ever now." -Bryan Hancock, McKinsey

This represents an opportunity for organizations and leaders to embrace emotional fluency in order to help people feel engaged and cared for at work



Google's Project Aristotle showed a high-performing team needs three things:

- 1) a strong awareness of the importance of social connections or "social sensitivity,"
- 2) an environment where each person speaks equally
- psychological safety where everyone feels safe to show and employ themselves without fear of negative consequences.

Employees who feel cared for by their organization are...

10 times more likely to recommend their company as a great place to work.

- 9 times more likely to stay at their company for three or more years.
- 7 times more likely to feel included at work.
- 4 times less likely to suffer from stress and burnout. 2 times as likely to be engaged at work.

Source: THE SCIENCE OF CARE, Kelly M. Hamilton, M.S., Reetu Sandhu, PhD & Laura Hamill, PhD

Combating burnout

Myths about burnout

1. Burnout is obvious

Early signs of burnout

Basic activities feel overwhelming

Vacation is an opportunity to "recover"

The thought of getting mildly sick sounds nice

You've started to cut out activities you know are good for you

You're familiar with "revenge bedtime procrastination"

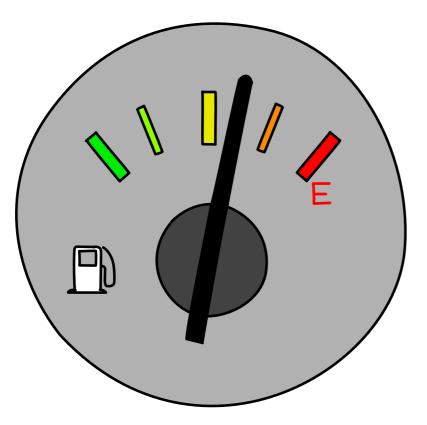
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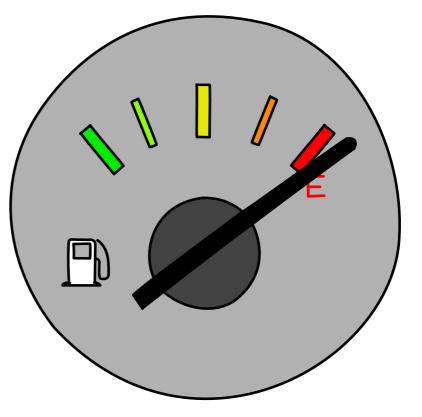
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3. Burnout always looks the same

What really causes burnout

If you feel...

Overextended: You have too much to do

Disengaged: You're disconnected from your team and/or no longer find your work meaningful

Ineffective: Your perception is that you aren't doing well or making progress

Burned out: You're experiencing all of the above

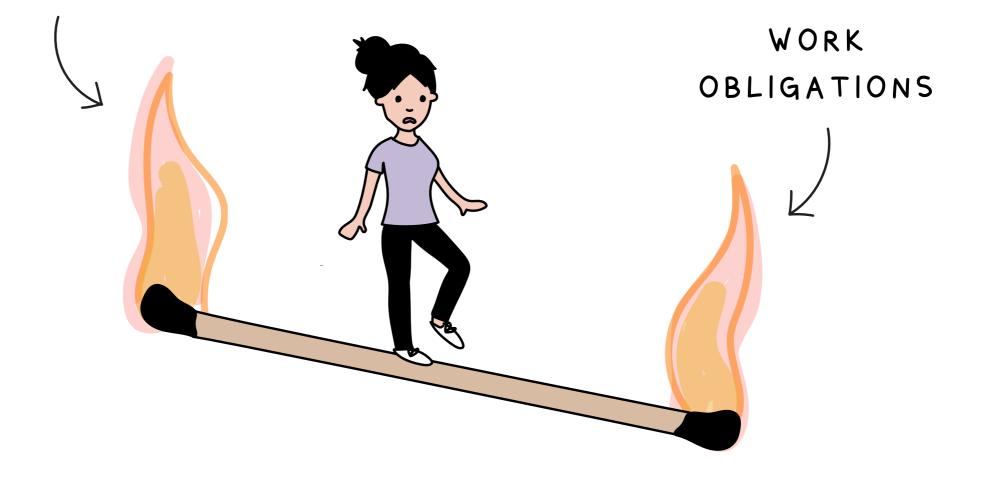
Poll:

What type of burnout are you experiencing?

Social conditioning

Researchers find that people tend to believe it is "their personal, individual fault that their work took up so much of their lives: It was because of their personalities, or their specific situations."

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITIES



Tips for individuals

If you're overextended

Set up an after-work ritual

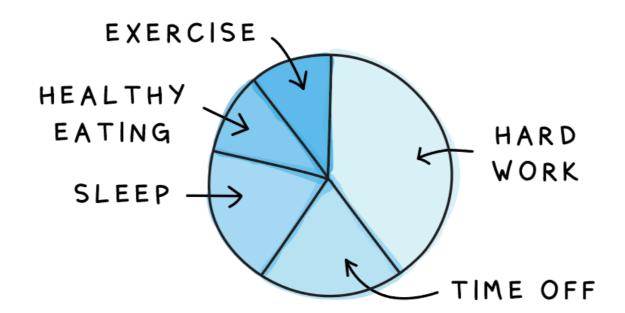
Get comfortable living at 80%

Draw and respect your own boundaries

WHAT I THOUGHT WOULD MAKE ME PRODUCTIVE



WHAT ACTUALLY DOES



If you're disengaged

Reconnect with colleagues

Identify what drains you—and what you enjoy

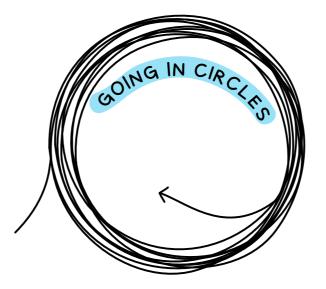
If you feel ineffective

Set 5 monthly priorities

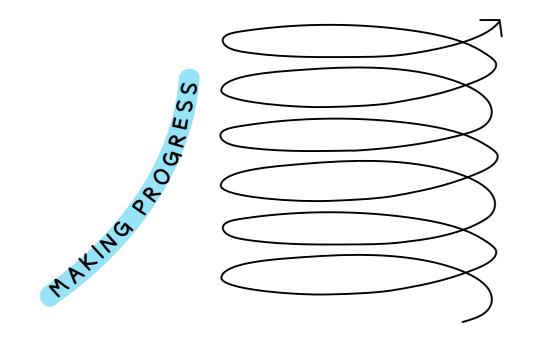
Learn something new

Look back at how far you've come

WHAT IT CAN FEEL LIKE



WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING



If you're burnt out

Make time for "garbage time"

Remember that wellbeing is a state of action

Tips for managers and teams

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Make wellbeing a collective practice

Be supportive of one another

Train managers to create reasonable workloads

Share in the chat:

As an individual, what leads you to burnout and how do you avoid it?

As a leader, how can you prevent and alleviate burnout?

Change exhaustion and uncertainty

Change exhaustion

Defined as: Exhaustion or overwhelm due to continued change and uncertainty

Researchers have found our ability to cope with change is half of what it was pre-pandemic

Myths about uncertainty

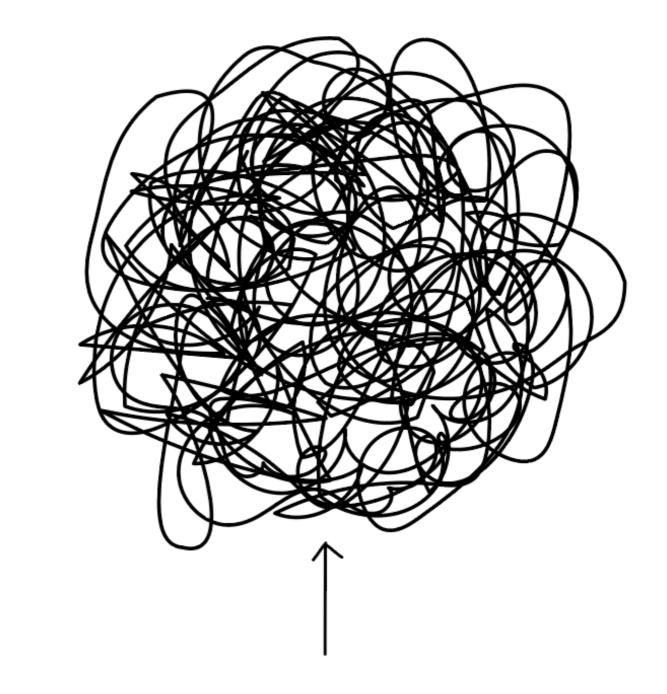
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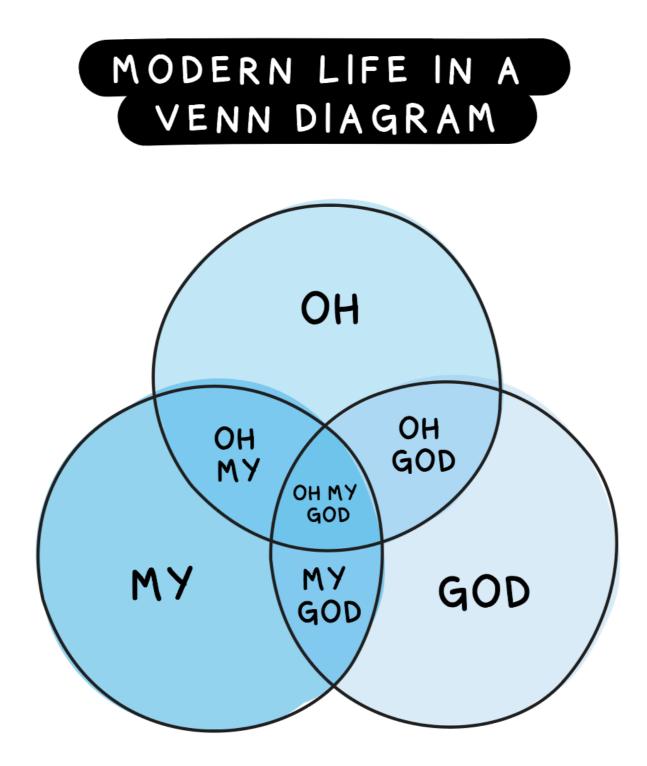
THE SIZE OF THE PROBLEM

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MY ANXIETY ABOUT THE PROBLEM

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- 3. You just need to be more resilient



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What new kinds of uncertainty have you dealt with over the past six months?

Tips for managing change exhaustion + uncertainty

Managing change exhaustion + uncertainty

Stop anxious fixing

ANXIOUS FIXING

FEEL ANXIOUS BECAUSE YOU'RE AVOIDING THE PROBLEM

AVOID FACING THE PROBLEM BECAUSE YOU FEEL ANXIOUS

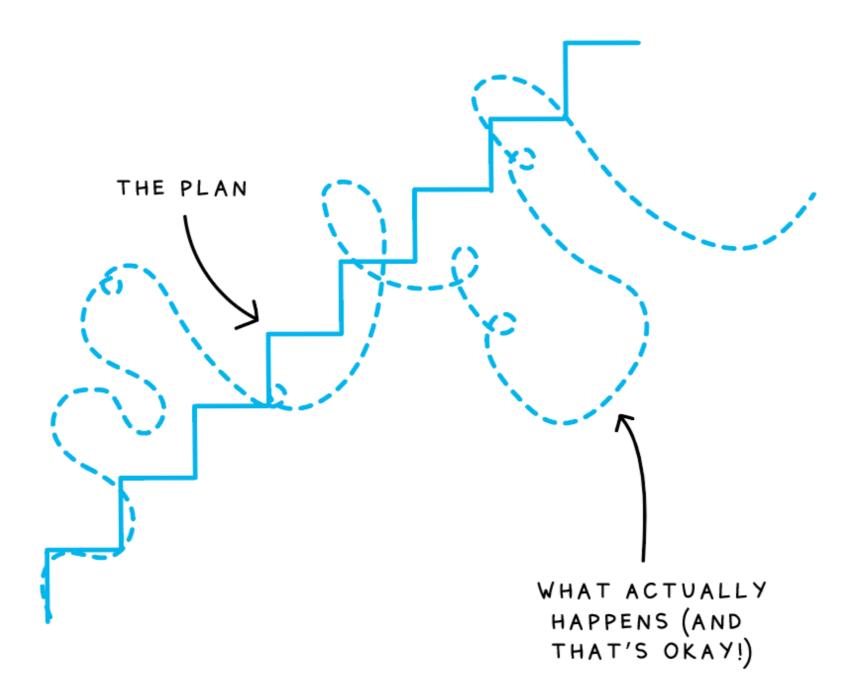
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Understand your unique uncertainty tolerance

Poll:

What is your uncertainty tolerance?

Share in the chat:

As an individual, how do you work through uncertainty?

As a leader, how can you help you team work through uncertainty?

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