

A TOOLKIT FOR PROFESSIONALS
MINDFULNESS AT WORK

Identifying Your Core Values

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What are the values that live at the core of your being?

What is it you care about most in this world?

Our core values can be used as a guiding light to help us navigate whatever might come our way – in the workplace, at home, or in the community



IDENTIFYING YOUR CORE VALUES:

Reflect upon the following prompts, or write your responses in a journal. Identify 3–5 core values.

- Consider the people you admire most. What is it you admire about them?
- What would your perfect world look like? What principles would govern this world?
- As a young child, what did you care most about? Are these values still alive within you?
- What would you like to see more of in this world?

There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. Each of us holds a unique set of core values. For extra insight, come back to these questions in a few days and see if anything new arises.

EXAMPLES OF CORE VALUES:

- Compassion
- Commitment
- Authenticity
- Integrity
- Respect
- Open-Mindedness
- Honesty
- Equality
- Freedom
- Tolerance
- Beauty
- Fairness
- Originality
- Sustainability
- Diversity
- Belonging
- Kindness
- Excellence
- Intelligence
- Harmony
- Responsibility
- Integrity
- Courage
- Creativity

Consider the difference (if any) between your work values and your home values. If there is a gap, how can you bring these different sets of values into greater alignment?

"Open your arms to change, but don't let go of your values." – HH the 14th Dalai Lama