# Tip sheet Keeping hope

Today's world is often overwhelming, making us feel down or uncertain about the future. Please give these practical tips a try.



## **Holding onto hope**

#### Limit news consumption

Stay informed but avoid constant exposure to distressing news. Set specific times for checking updates and do your best to avoid doomscrolling.

#### **Practice self-care**

Ensure that you're eating well, exercising and getting enough sleep. Physical wellbeing supports mental health and a positive outlook.

#### **Connect with others**

Join groups with similar interests or values and a positive outlook. Spend time with friends and family.

#### **Engage in positive actions**

Volunteer your time and energy, donate or participate in community activities. Contributing to positive change can boost your sense of hope for the wider world.

#### Create a 'hope kit'

Having a collection of inspiring photos, music, keepsakes and mindfulness routines on standby can be a great boost when you need it most.

### Spend time on hobbies

Prioritise hobbies or activities that bring you joy and relaxation, helping to lift your spirits and keep you hopeful.

#### Practise gratitude

Reflect on things you are grateful for daily. This practice can shift your focus from what's wrong to what's right in your life.

#### **Embrace your spirituality**

Faith can provide great comfort, hope and a reminder that you are loved, protected and that everything will be all right.

#### Seek professional help

Please don't hesitate to reach out to a therapist or counsellor. Professional guidance can offer new perspectives and coping strategies.

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