WHY GRATITUDE WORKS

GRATITUDE IS AN EASY AND EFFECTIVE WAY OF RETRAINING YOUR BRAIN, IF YOU FOCUS ON THE GOOD, SOON YOU WILL SEE MORE, ENJOY MORE AND APPRECIATE MORE.

Gratitude

is strongly and

consistently

associated with

GREATER

HAPPINESS

LIGHTS UP THE **BRAIN'S REWARD** PATHWAY

Thinking about other people doing nice things floods the brain with positive chemicals and sparks brain activity critical to sleep, orgasms, mood regulation and metabolism.



LESSENS ANXIETY AND **DEPRESSION SYMPTOMS**

Challenging negative thought patterns, helps to calm the anxious and boost the moods of those who are depressed.



IMPROVES PHYSICAL HEALTH

Strengthens the immune system, lowers blood pressure, reduces symptoms of illness, and makes us less bothered by



SHIFTS THE **HEART RHYTHM**

Increases coherence of body functions, which facilitates higher cognitive functions, creating emotional stability and facilitating states of calm.

INCREASES

HEART RATE VARIABILITY

Heart patients who practice gratitude show

better moods, better

sleep, less fatigue and

lower levels of

inflammatory biomarkers

related to cardiac health.

aches and pains.



INCREASES RESILIENCE

Helps you bounce back from stressful events and helps you deal with adversity by acting as a buffer against internalising symptoms.

INCREASES SOCIAL CONNECTION

You can feel greater connection and feel more satisfied with friends, family, school, community and yourself.



The more thankful we feel, the more likely we are to act pro-socially toward others. causing them to feel grateful and setting up a beautiful virtuous cascade.



