

# **Developing the Art and Science of Critical Care Nursing**

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# **“Moral Courage: Meeting the Challenges of a Contemporary Healthcare System...”**

## **Reflecting on the brief, my initial thoughts:**

- If we are to keep people using services safe and to offer the best care and services we need to care for staff and keep them safe too.
- In order to develop nurses and practice we need to first focus on values and culture.
- To enable change, we need to think about and ‘do’ leadership differently.
- Tapping into creativity might help blend more effectively the art and science of nursing to better serve contemporary practice.

# Challenges Impacting on Nursing Practice



Health reforms

Changing to workforce and education

Demographic changes, ageing population and new technologies

Increasing reports of poor practice

Growing impact on staff wellbeing

# Culture, Person-centredness & Practice Development



Through my work at FoNS supporting practice development and innovation, I have become attuned to the impact of culture and context on successful outcomes has grown in significance.

Contributing factors include the nature of the places where health/social care is delivered, the process of care delivery and the values and behaviours of the people delivering services.

**There is a wealth of knowledge and evidence that we need to become better at using.**

# Culture?

‘How things are done around here.’

Drennan (1992)

## Workplace Culture?

The most immediate culture experienced and/or perceived by staff, patient, users and other stakeholders;

It is the culture that impacts directly on the delivery of care and opportunity for change and improvement;

Ultimately, people make culture.

Drennan, D. (1992) *Transforming Company Culture*. London: McGraw-Hill. p 9.

Manley, K., Sanders, K., Cardiff, S. and Webster, J. (2011) Effective workplace culture: the attributes, enabling factors and consequences of a new concept. *International Practice Development Journal*. Vol. 1. No. 2. Article 1.

# Person-centredness

‘...An approach to practice established through the formation and fostering of healthful relationships between all care providers, service users and others significant to them in their lives. It is underpinned by values of respect for persons, individual right to self-determination, mutual respect and understanding. It is enabled by cultures of empowerment that foster continuous approaches to practice development.’

(McCormack et al., 2013, p193)

McCormack, B., McCance, T. and Maben, J. (2013) Outcome evaluation in the development of personcentred practice. Chp 10 in McCormack, B., Manley, K. and Titchen, A. (Eds.) (2013) Practice Development in Nursing. (2nd edition). Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell. pp 190-211.



# Definition of Practice Development

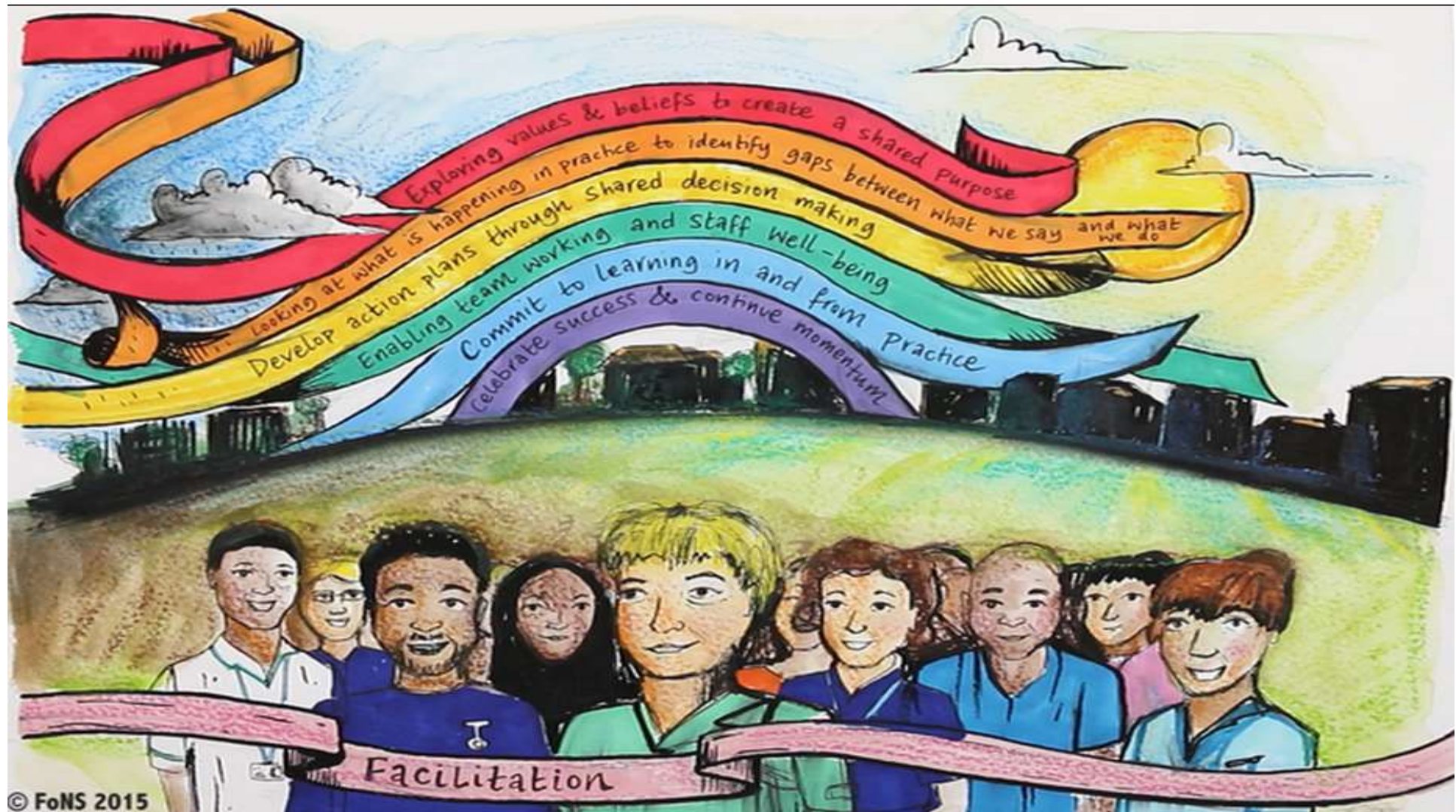


...is a continuous process of developing person-centred cultures. It is enabled by facilitators who authentically engage with individuals and teams to blend personal qualities and creative imagination with practice skills and practice wisdom. The learning that occurs brings about transformations of individual and team practices. This is sustained by embedding both processes and outcomes in corporate strategy.

Created by IPDC members  
(published in Manley, McCormack  
and Wilson, 2008)

# 'Getting Started with Culture Change' Model

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[Animation and culture change resources](http://www.fons.org/learning-zone/culture-change-resources.aspx)

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So how  
do we get  
started?



## Creating Caring Cultures Animation

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZyN\\_UZvYnQ&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZyN_UZvYnQ&feature=youtu.be)

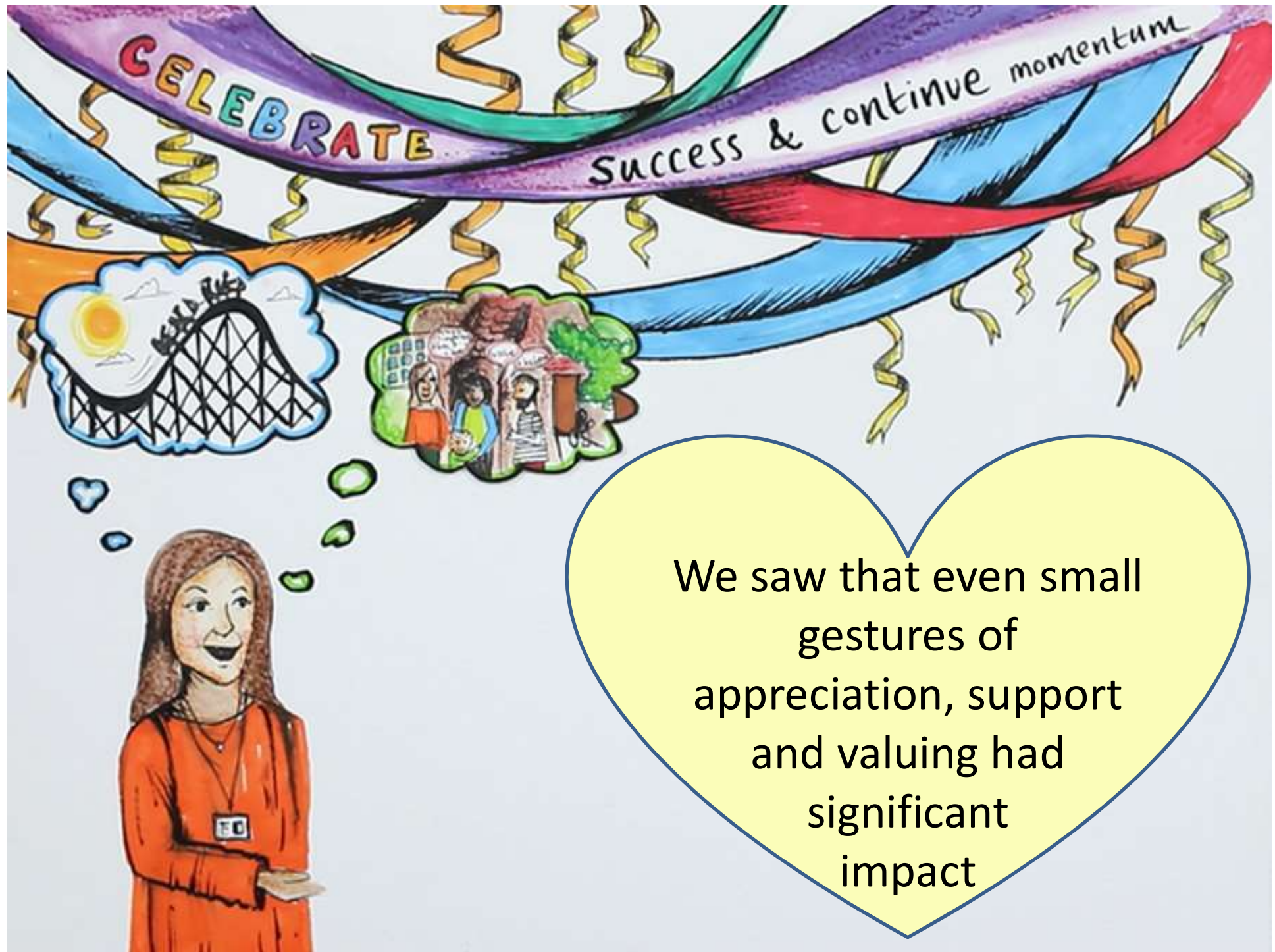
# Commit to Staff Well-Being



Staff are 'persons' too!  
There are strong links between staff engagement and patient outcomes, and staff well-being, motivation and patient experience

If we want staff to give of their best and speak out on safety they need to feel cared for and safe too!





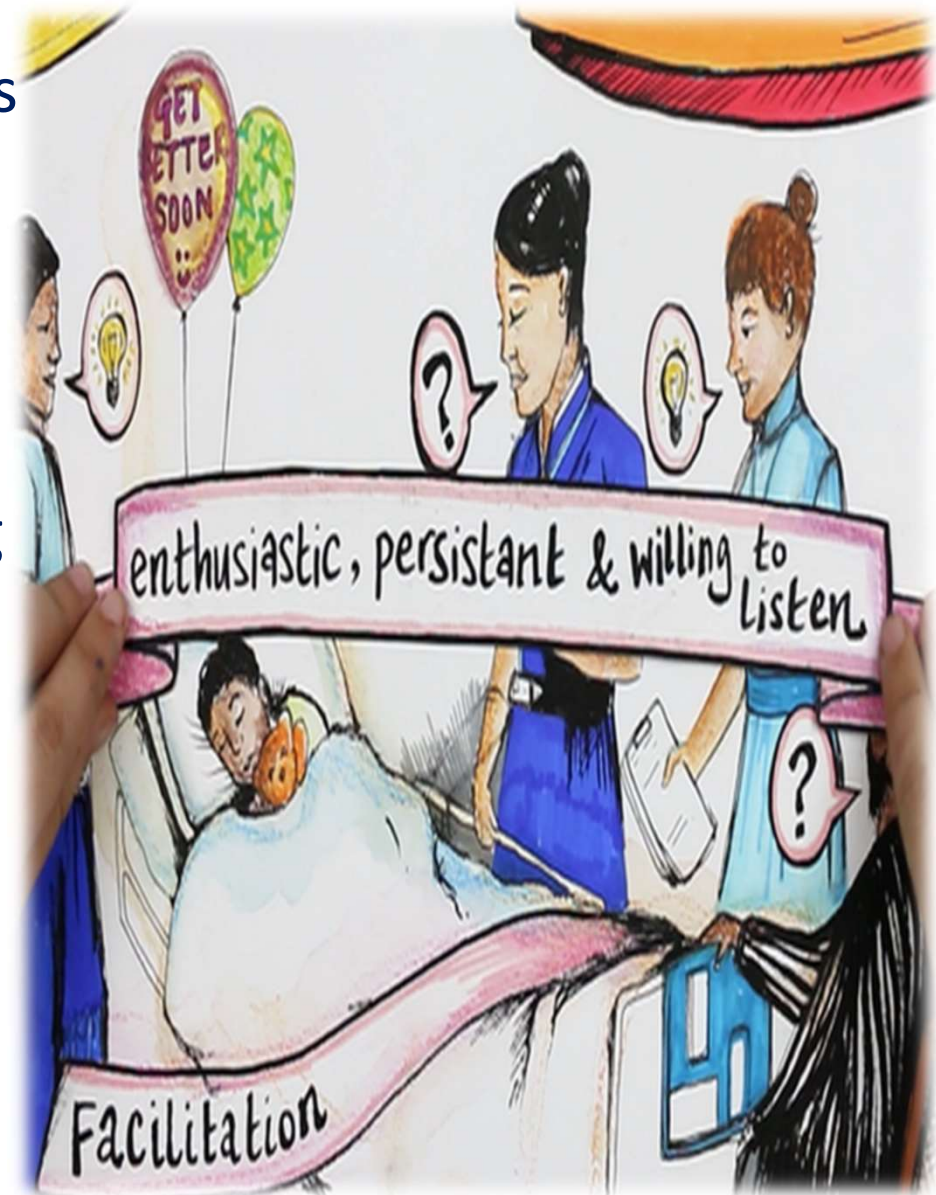
We saw that even small gestures of appreciation, support and valuing had significant impact

# Enable Clinical Leaders Develop as Facilitators

Clinical leaders are key to creating person centred cultures

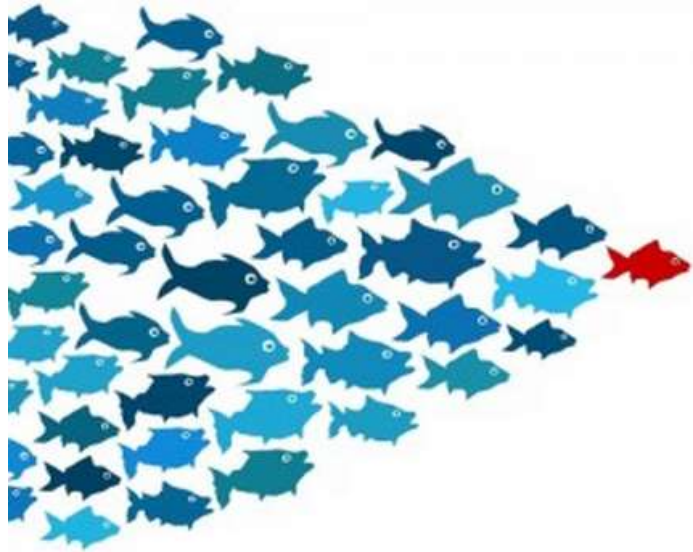
Being enthusiastic, persistent and willing to listen are key characteristics; the ability to bring staff together to look at/talk about what is happening in practice

Skills in facilitating and enabling others rather than doing and telling will help realise the best intentions staff have for high quality services that are caring effective and safe





# Traditional View of Leadership



# Taking a More Facilitative and Collective Approach...



# Kouzes and Posner identify 5 Characteristics of effective leadership... 'honesty is essential to each'

## Model the Way

- Clarify Values
- Set the Example

## Inspire a Shared Vision

- Envision the Future
- Enlist Others

## Challenge the Process

- Search for Opportunities
- Experiment and Take Risks

## Enable Others to Act

- Foster Collaboration
- Strengthen Others

## Encourage the Heart

- Recognize Contributions
- Celebrate the Value and Victories





**Welcomed warmly and guardedly – why here?**

**Why us? Politely, firmly.**

**Delving in; messy, chaotic, barriers.**

**Entrenched yet beauty and potential waiting to be realised.**

**Worked in the moment, seizing opportunities, not always feeling in control as nature around takes its course.**

**Coming together, teams making progress.**

**Tentative but much to shout about and celebrate.**



**Viewing the landscape, walking  
alongside  
Swimming in deep water  
Moving too fast – slowdown, think!  
See, hear, new perspectives  
Constraints, frustration  
Leadership, teamwork, possibilities  
Small steps, long climb  
Glimpse the potential**







We desperately need more leaders who are committed to courageous, wholehearted leadership and who are self-aware enough to lead from their hearts, rather than unevolved leaders who lead from hurt and fear.

**Brené Brown**



IMPERFECTIONS ARE NOT INADEQUACIES;  
*they are reminders  
that we're all in  
this together.*



**Brené Brown**

**Thank you**

**Questions, challenge, feedback?**

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