## **Tension - relaxation**



**Goal:** The s to promote and preserve mobility, increase flexibility, and reduce the risk of stiffness and injuries.

## Tension - relaxation:

- Sitting on a chair, in a comfortable position
- Close your eyes and breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth.
- Repeat all movements 3-5 times:
  - Shake your arms and legs, feel them relax.
  - o Tighten your fists, hold the tension for a few seconds. Relax.
  - Now bend your right arm. Tighten all arm muscles while inhaling and relax while exhaling. Repeat with the other arm.
  - Raise your shoulders to your ears, hold the tension for a few seconds. Relax.
  - Hug yourself, hold the tension for a few seconds. Relax.
  - Then tighten your abdominal muscles. Hold the tension during an inhalation and exhalation. Then relax.
  - o Tighten your thigh muscles. Hold for a few seconds, then relax.
  - Tighten your gluteus muscles as hard as you can. Hold the tension for a few seconds
  - o Put your toes up and down at a gentle pace.
  - o Then keep your toes up, with your ankle bent, and hold the tension for a few seconds.
  - Then turn your toes down and hold the tension for a few seconds. Relax.
  - Breathe in through your nose and out through your mouth.
  - Open your eyes

Time: Short Activity: Calming Fellowship: Together or alone



About 15 minutes.



Source: The activity is created with inspiration from models and ideas from national material banks (<u>Balance and strength training for older people Guide for peer instructors</u>) and ChatGTP's proposal