

# INSPIRATIONAL PHOTOS

These photos were collected from the Laid Off Calgary Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1699692680268327/>). Join the group, and prepare to be inspired!

**Note:** The first photo is the pinned post from Laid off Calgary founder Bianca Sinclair that discusses guidelines for the Facebook group.

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### Laid Off Calgary Facebook Group Guidelines

 BIANCA SINCLAIR · WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2016

Welcome everyone!

I would like to clarify the aims of the group. The main intention is for support!

The group is primarily intended for people who are laid off and job searching in Calgary. It's a place where people can process their lay-off experience, share their job-search journey with one another, learn specific stress management and mindfulness skills as well as opportunities for job search tips and networking.

This initiative - Laid Off Calgary was founded voluntarily by Bianca Sinclair. Laid Off Calgary continues to be supported by other volunteers now including our awesome volunteer page moderators, coaches, social workers, psychologists, recruiters and other for-profit and non-profit organizations - all with a big heart and the goal of sharing.

Members of the group may also meet weekly - or as often as they wish! rRegistration is required in advance for these free, professionally facilitated meetings, each week has a different theme. **To register for a meeting visit [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for "Laid Off Calgary"**. Add yourself to the waitlist in eventbrite if a meeting is full and we will contact you if a space opens up.

If you're feeling distressed and need to talk with someone right now here is the 24 hr Distress Centre number in Calgary at 403.266.HELP (403-266-4357). This is an incredible resource and you can call as often as you need. Just having someone to vent to is very helpful and they also have current information on available resources.

[laidoffcalgary.ca](http://laidoffcalgary.ca) also provides more info and resources (note: this site is currently under development, bear with us!)

Laid Off Calgary is a non profit self help group. It's a great group to share and learn a few things and get ideas on how to help.

This group is a closed/private facebook group. You may see posts from this group within your own newsfeed but your facebook friends (who aren't members of this group) will not be able to see yours or anyone else's posts in this facebook group.

We ask that members:

- Respect confidentiality and anonymity
- Post things only related to the group and group objectives
- Choose encouragement and compassion over judgement
- Respect others thoughts and ideas

In the Laid Off Calgary facebook page and support group there is :

- **No judgement**
- **No soliciting**
- **No selling**

[This applies to both the in-person meetings and the facebook group].

I welcome knowledge sharing of resources/workshops that would be relevant for the group - there will opportunity to put these on the whiteboard during group times and members are free to capture what's relevant for them, or you can contact me if you are unsure about whether to post or not. Please keep in mind this is an evolving resource in Calgary and this is provided free to you, and from my own initiative. If you have some feedback relevant to the administration of the group or hosted meetings/workshops, I would love to hear from you.

Thanks again for signing up for the group and respecting and supporting one other.

**p.s. Bianca can also be reached by private email to [laidoffcalgary@gmail.com](mailto:laidoffcalgary@gmail.com)**

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### COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

As a Laid Off Calgary participant we agree to:

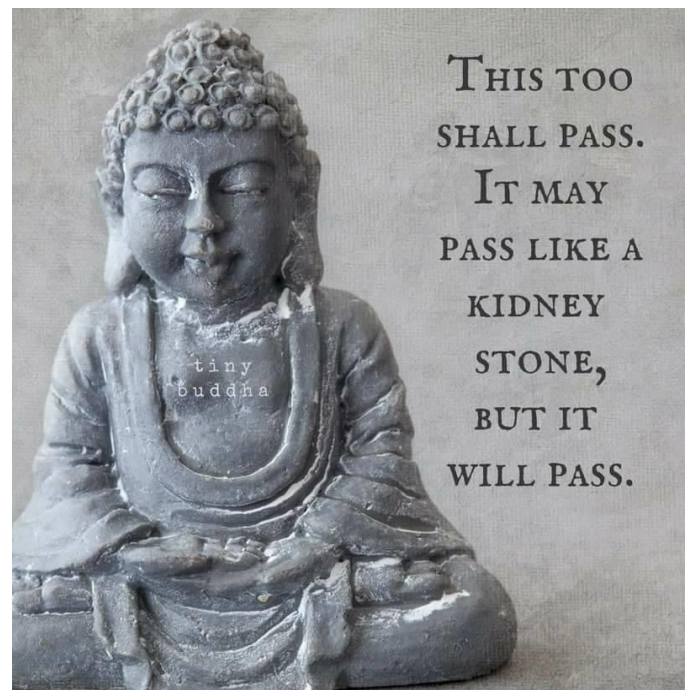
- maintain confidentiality
- be respectful
- listen to each other and ourselves
- share from our own experience
- find the positive
- ask for resources if needed

CONNECT



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PLEASE NO SELLING, SOLICITING, NO JUDGEMENT  
(CHECK YOUR FACEBOOK MESSAGES FOR A NOTE  
FROM OUR FRIENDLY VOLUNTEER MODERATORS)



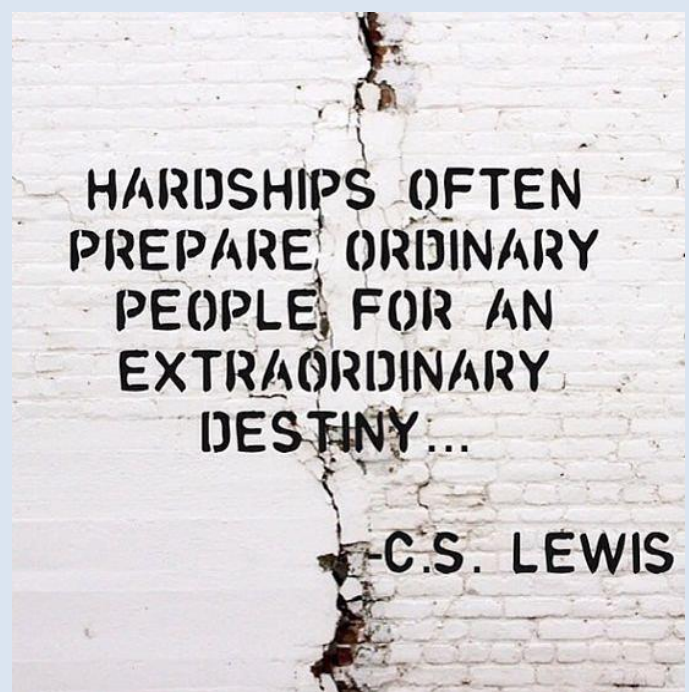
## 12 STEPS TO HAPPINESS

 <p><b>Thank</b></p> <p>Thank someone and be appreciative toward your colleagues, every single day.</p>	 <p><b>Experience</b></p> <p>Experience new things, try stuff out, and let people run all kinds of experiments.</p>
 <p><b>Give</b></p> <p>Give something to another person or make it possible for others to offer gifts.</p>	 <p><b>Hike</b></p> <p>Hike outdoors, enjoy nature, and allow people an escape from the office and the city.</p>
 <p><b>Help</b></p> <p>Help someone who is in need of assistance, or enable colleagues to help each other.</p>	 <p><b>Meditate</b></p> <p>Meditate and get people to learn and adopt mindfulness practices.</p>
 <p><b>Eat Well</b></p> <p>Eat well, and make good, healthy foods easily available for everyone.</p>	 <p><b>Socialize</b></p> <p>Socialize, relate to other people, and make it easy for colleagues to develop connections.</p>
 <p><b>Exercise</b></p> <p>Exercise and work out regularly and make it easy for people to take care of their bodies.</p>	 <p><b>Aim</b></p> <p>Aim for a goal and get people to understand and realize their own purpose.</p>
 <p><b>Rest</b></p> <p>Rest well, sleep sufficiently, and enable colleagues to refresh their minds.</p>	 <p><b>Smile</b></p> <p>Smile whenever you can, appreciate humor, and get colleagues to engage in fun activities.</p>

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CHANGE AND INNOVATION PRACTICES





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Each morning,  
we are born again.  
What we do  
today is what  
matters most.

- Buddha



## Employment Toolbox

### Career Planning, Work Search, Resumé Writing and Interview Skills

Alberta Works Workshops  
[humanservices.alberta.ca/calgary-workshops](http://humanservices.alberta.ca/calgary-workshops)

Know yourself, explore options and take action.  
Register online with a few easy clicks.

Using the Internet for Career Planning - 3 hours  
Career Planning - 3 days  
Entrepreneurial Exploration - 2 days  
Entrepreneurs in Action - 3 days  
Advanced LinkedIn Profile Writing - 3 hours  
Advanced Resumé Writing - 3 hours  
Resumé Writing - 2 days  
Work Search 2.0 - 2 days  
Interviewing Skills - 2 days

ALIS  
[alis.alberta.ca](http://alis.alberta.ca)

The Alberta Learning Information Service (ALIS) is the gateway to information and other resources for career explorers and job seekers. Resources include:

Career Information Hotline  
Get advice from career counsellors.  
1-800-661-3753 (toll-free)  
780-422-4266 (in Edmonton)

Resumé Review Service  
Career advisors will review your resumé and provide feedback.

Publications  
Researched and easy to understand employment resources that are free of charge.

Job Banks  
Searchable by region and industry.

Occupational Profiles  
Information on wages, educational requirements and advancement opportunities for 550 jobs.

Career Insite  
Career planning tool.

Labour Market Opportunities and Trends  
Learn what employers are looking for now and forecasts for future employment.

Click the boxed hyperlinks to pick up each tool!

### Other Resources

Employment, Training and Career Services Directory  
[humanservices.alberta.ca/skillupYYC](http://humanservices.alberta.ca/skillupYYC)  
Catalogue of employment programs and services.  
Contact information provided for each program.



Canada-Alberta Job Bank  
[jobbank.gc.ca](http://jobbank.gc.ca)  
Canada's largest job bank features job-search, job-match and job-alert services that will help you find your next job faster and easier.

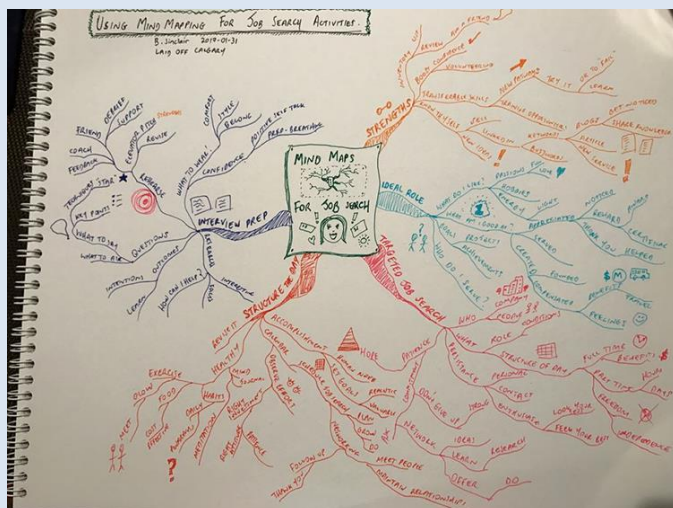
Job Search Boot Camps  
[humanservices.alberta.ca/jobfairs](http://humanservices.alberta.ca/jobfairs)  
Strategies to improve your employability fitness.

Labour Market Information - Calgary and Area  
<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/services-near-you/2395.html>  
Compiled quarterly and containing survey results from employers on recruitment and retention.

**myAlbertaSUPPORTS**  
connecting you to services

Find and apply for services and benefits for work or training, low income, disabilities, personal safety, homelessness, and more.  
1-877-644-9992 or 780-644-9992  
[myalbertasupports.ca](http://myalbertasupports.ca)

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When you can't control  
what's happening,  
challenge yourself to  
control the way you respond  
to what's happening.  
That's where your  
power is.





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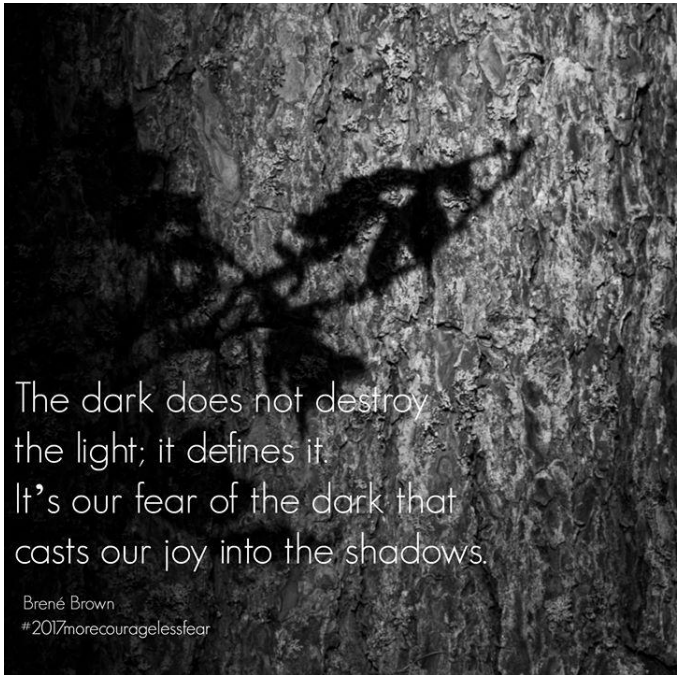
Sometimes there is no way to get over something.  
You have to go through it instead.  
A new view of life awaits on the other side.



bronnieWare.com

The dark does not destroy  
the light; it defines it.  
It's our fear of the dark that  
casts our joy into the shadows.

Brené Brown  
#2017morecouragelessfear



WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS  
TO BE GOING AGAINST YOU,  
REMEMBER THAT THE  
AIRPLANE TAKES OFF  
AGAINST THE WIND,  
NOT WITH IT.  
HENRY FORD

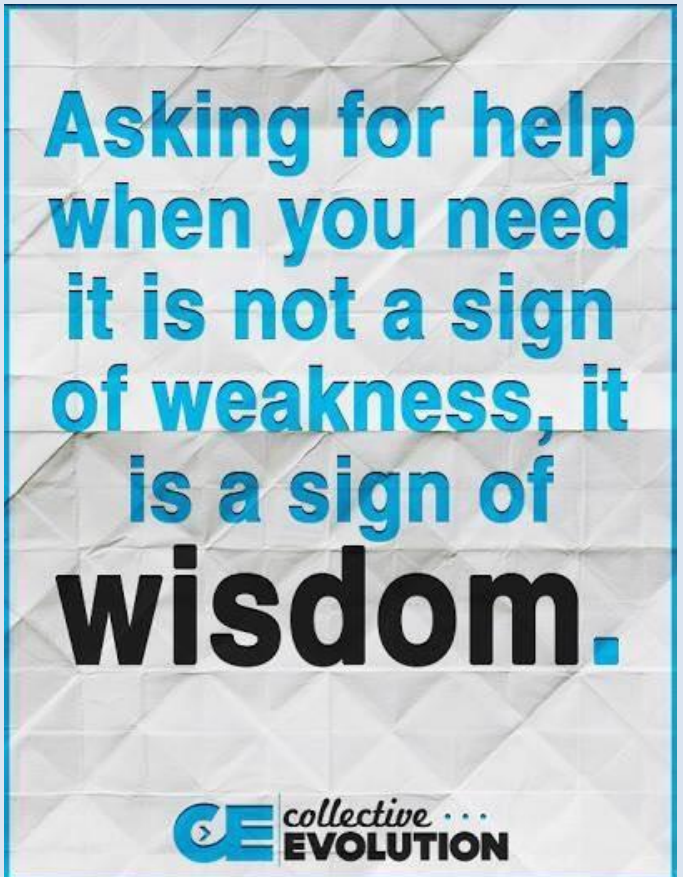


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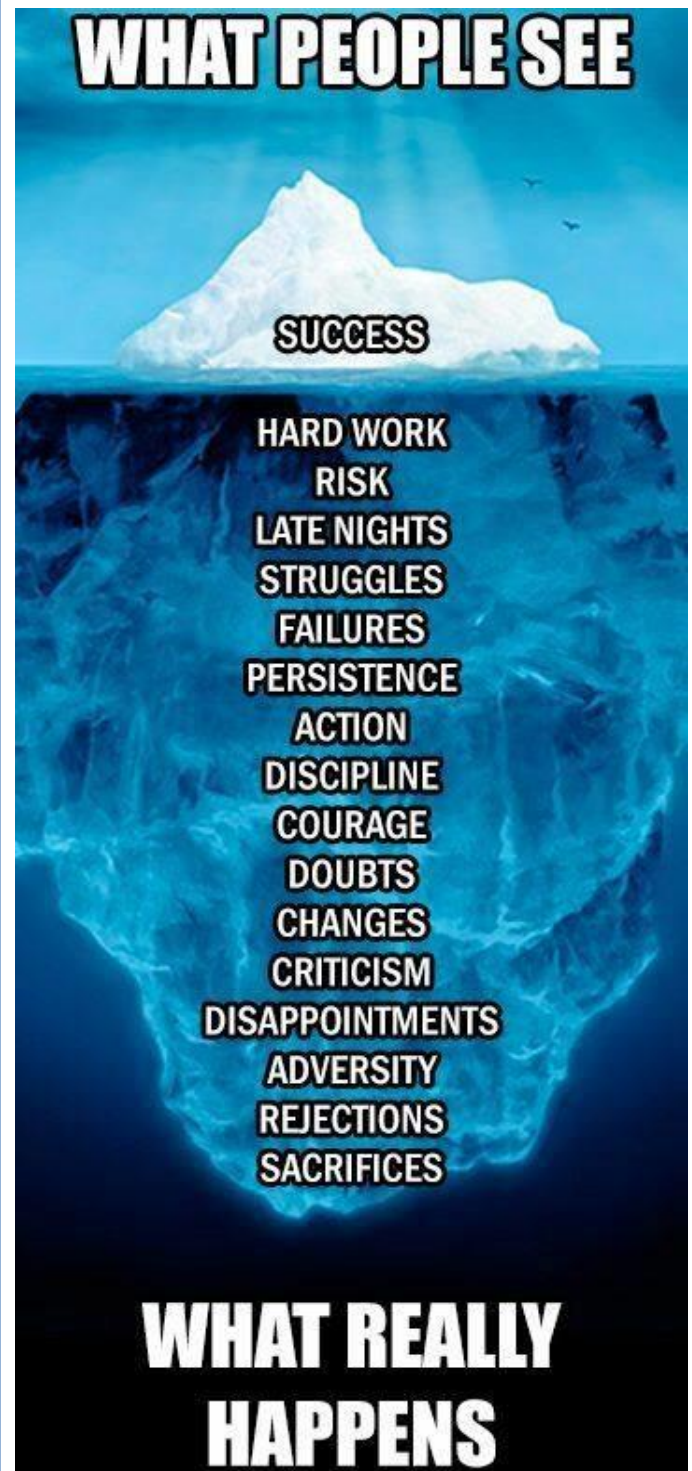
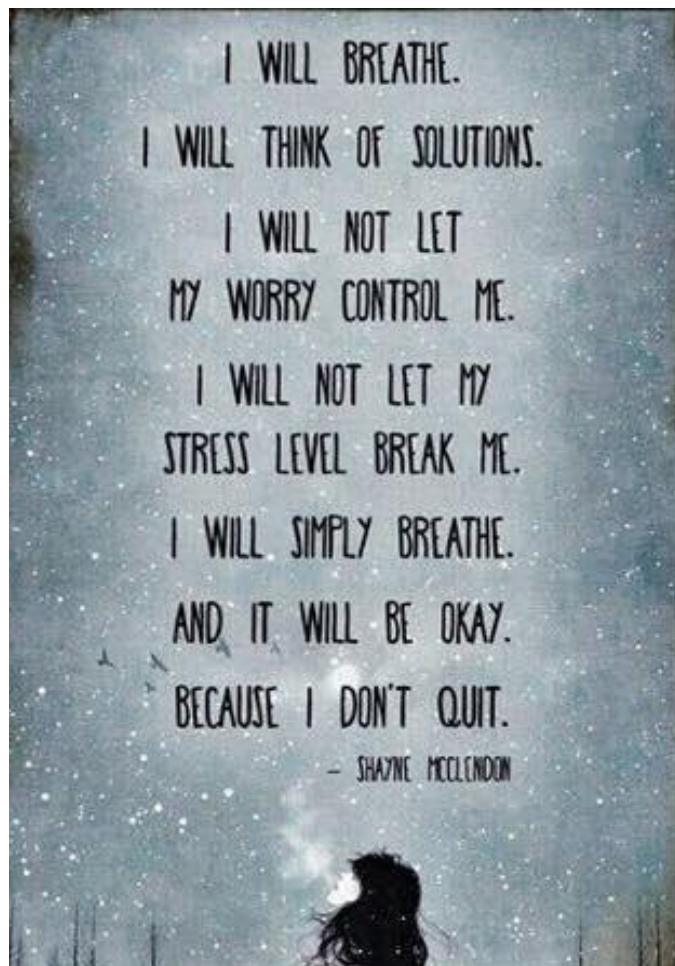


Asking for help  
when you need  
it is not a sign  
of weakness, it  
is a sign of  
**wisdom.**

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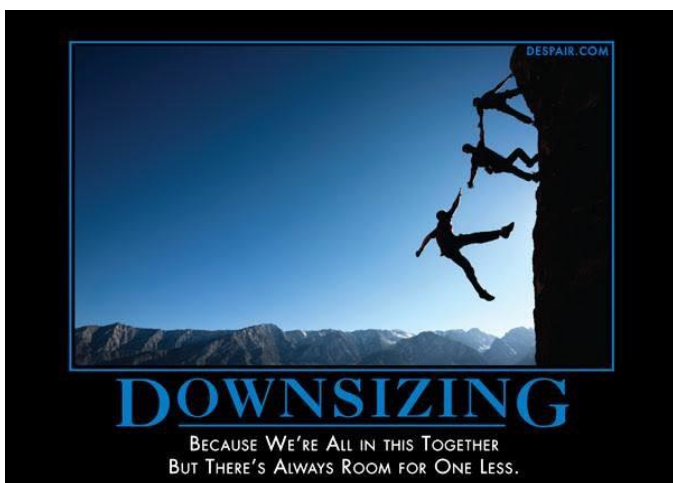
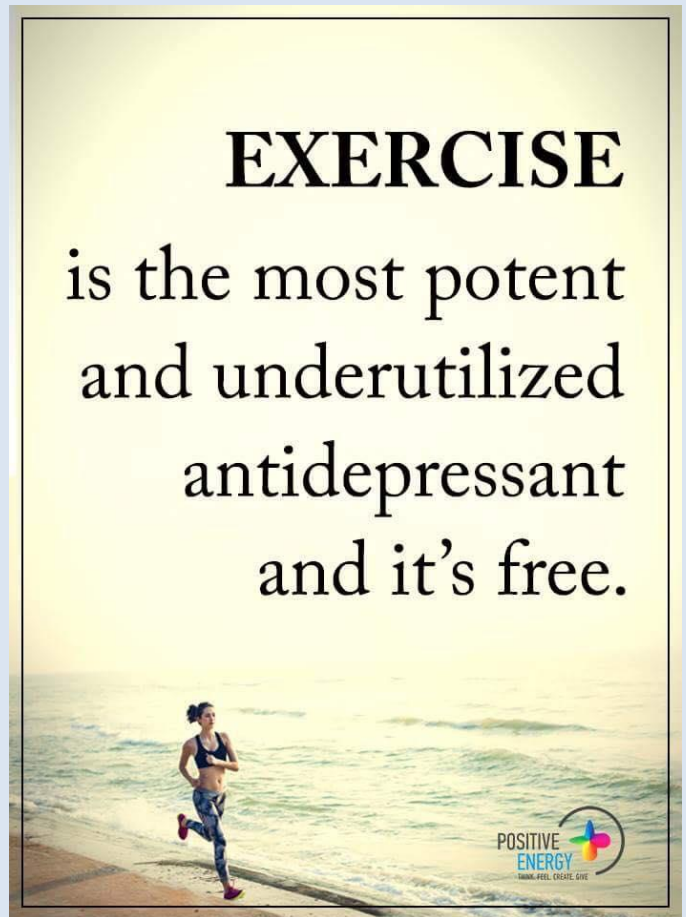


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## HOW TO SCHEDULE YOUR DAY WHEN YOU'RE UNEMPLOYED

### Wake up, throw on your gym shorts and dust off your yoga mat.

Research from Belgium suggests that working out early in the morning — **before you've eaten breakfast** — doesn't just help you meet your fitness goals but could even give you more energy than those few extra minutes of shut-eye.



7:30 am

8:15 am



### Hit the showers.

Use this cooling-off time to ponder the meaning of life and **what you truly want** to get out of it.

### Eat a healthy breakfast and sip your coffee outside.

Research suggests eating within an hour of waking **boosts your mood and mind**, and exposure to natural light in the morning tells your body to stop producing melatonin, a hormone that makes you sleepy. Light is also a natural antidepressant.



8:30 am

9am–12pm



### Search for and apply to long-term jobs.

Before you start, make sure your résumé is up to date. Write a custom cover letter for each job, being sure to include the job details, show your value, infuse some of your personality, use phrases from the job description, and **include only relevant information**.

### Eat lunch.

Take an hour-long lunch break — you've earned it. If you want to watch a little TV while you break, go for it, though a walk in the park might be better for you. Keep your lunch light so that you can **maintain your energy levels**.



12–1pm

1–2pm



### Search for and apply to short-term jobs.

If you're not earning an income and don't have rainy-day funds to fall back on, things can get tight quickly. Spend an hour each day applying for jobs that can **hold you over** while you look for something more sustainable.

### Learn a new skill.

There are plenty of online resources for learning new or brushing up on skills that could help set you apart. Use platforms like Coursera for free online courses in fields that interest you or that could **help you in your career** and spend an hour each day on lessons and coursework.



2–3pm

3–4pm



### Network.

Networking is an important step in finding a job. Use this time to email contacts you might have in the industry, set up and attend coffee meetings, and **follow up with contacts**.

### Volunteer.

Volunteering isn't just a great way to boost your spirits; it can help you network, **gain experience**, and add something special to your résumé.



4–6pm

6:00 pm

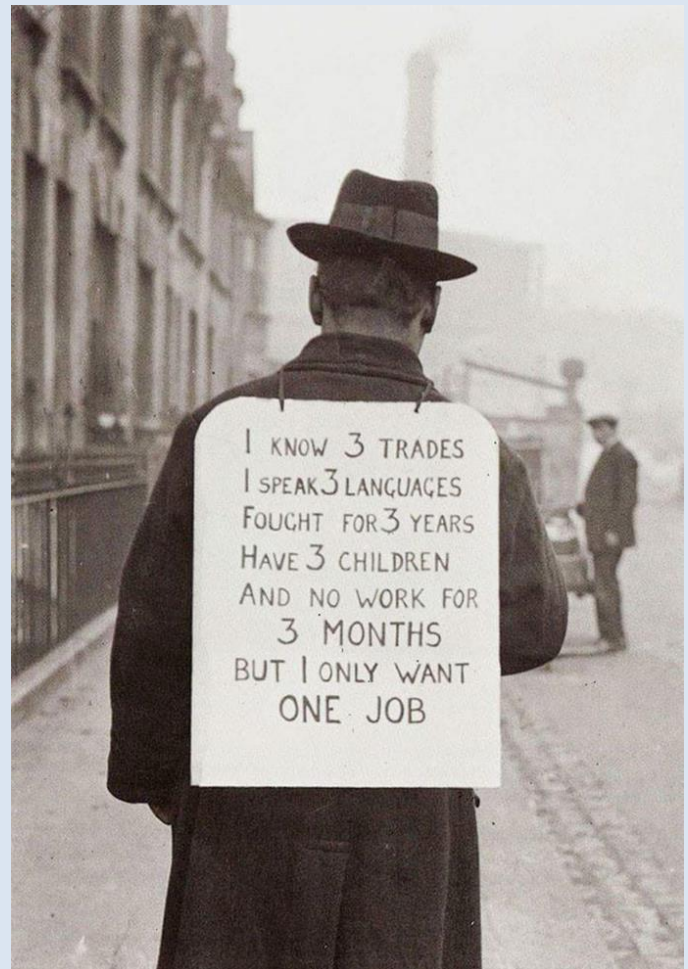


### Socialize and relax.

After a day's hard work, keeping in touch with family and friends is important for maintaining your sanity, and these close contacts might also prove **useful in your job search**.

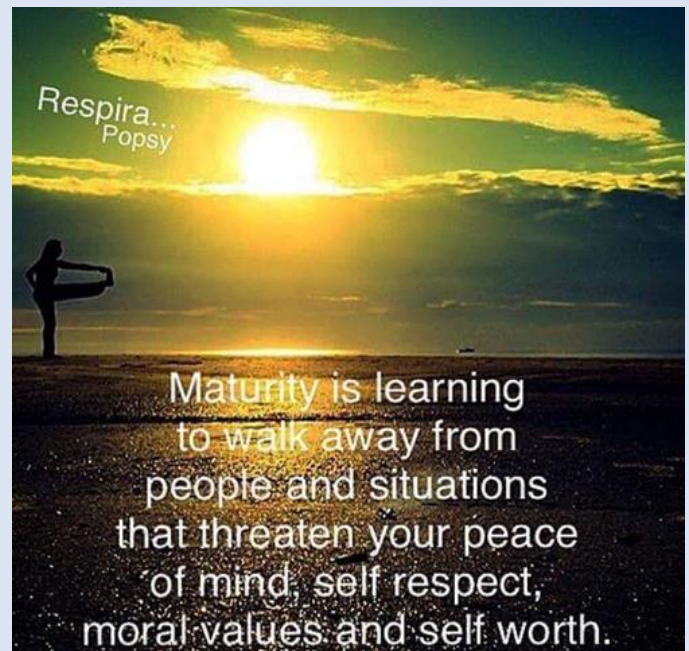
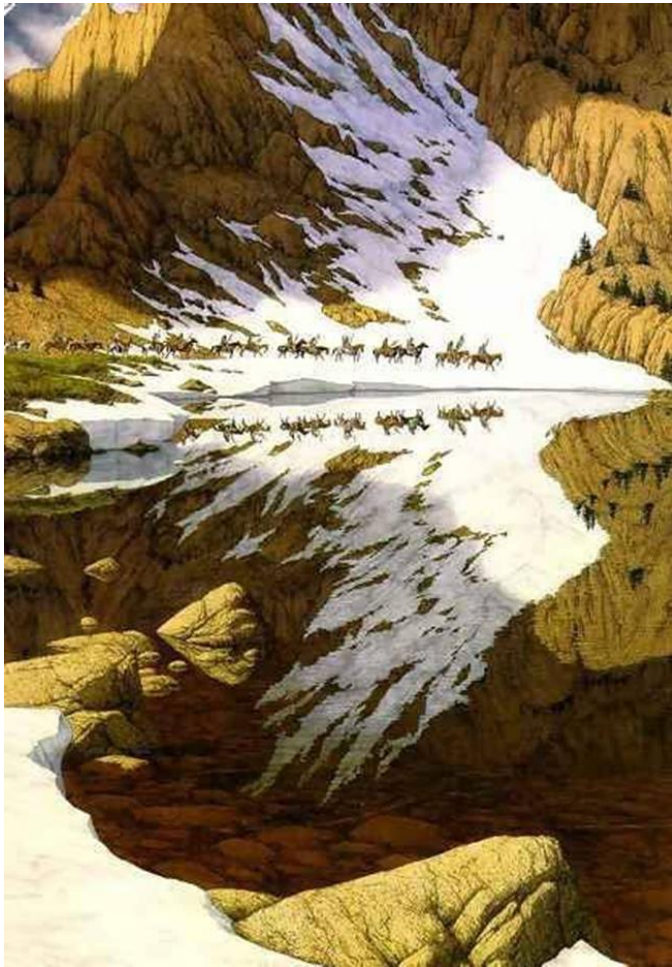
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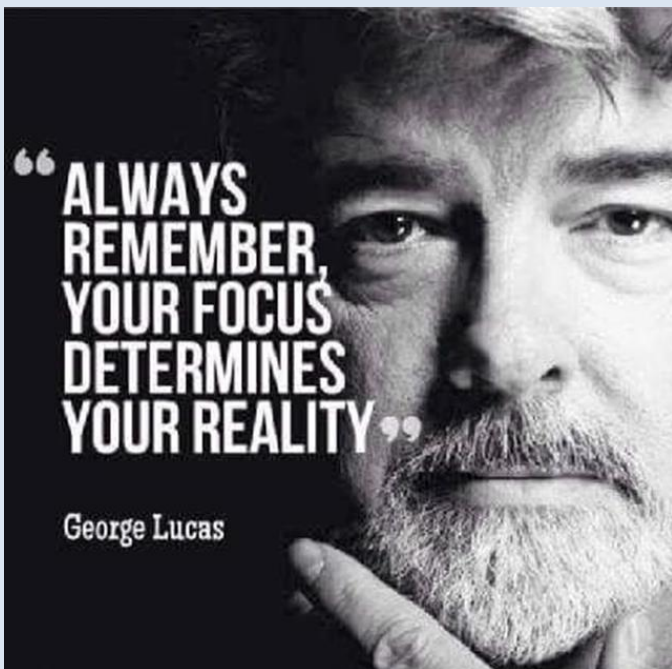


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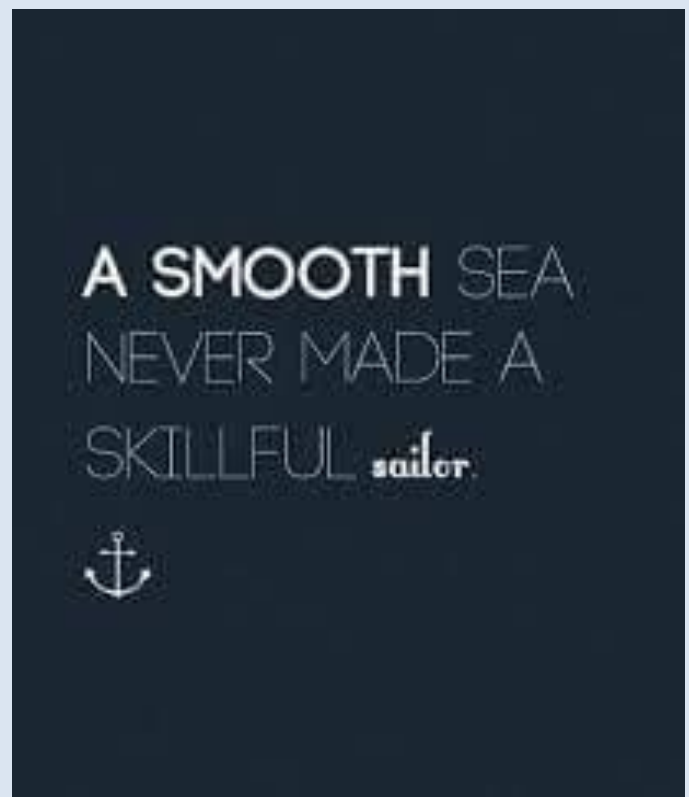
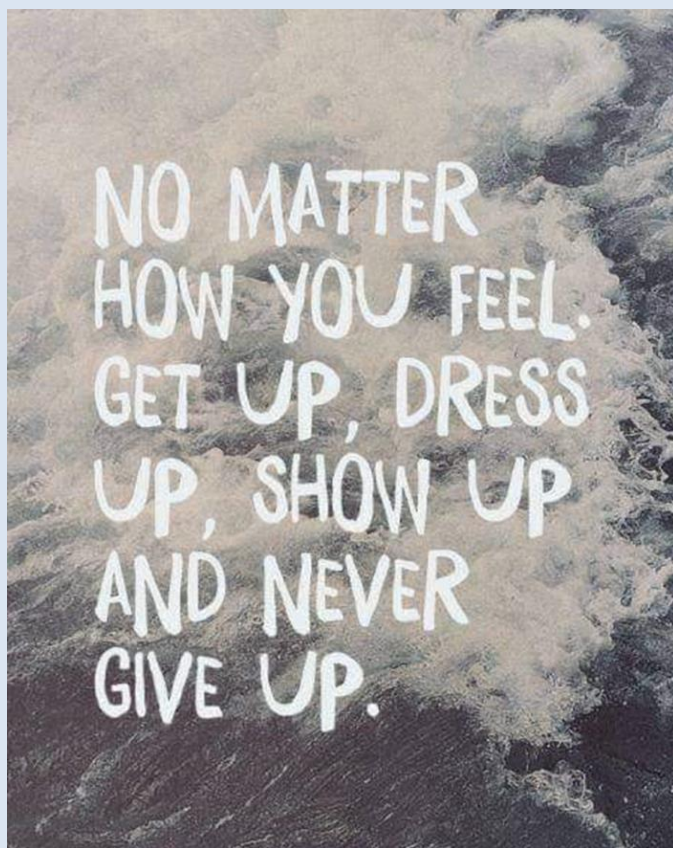




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