Universal Human Needs/Values Handout

The needs below are grouped into 3 meta-categories and 9 subcategories of core needs

WELL BEING

Safety

confidence comfort consistency courage equanimity order predictability protection from harm security stability shelter trust, reliability

Health

abundance balance, exercise, movement flexibility food, water, air, shelter nutrition, nourishment prosperity, richness simplicity sleep sustainability wellness

Peace

beauty calm ease, flow energy, vitality enthusiasm exuberance fun, joy, happiness harmony humor play recreation rejuvenation rest, relaxation tranquility, serenity



CONNECTION

Care

acceptance, affection appreciation fairness, justice generosity intimacy, closeness kindness love mattering, importance nurturing unconditional pos. regard valuing, prizing, dignity warmth, touch

Empathy

awareness acknowledgment communication compassion consideration presence recognition receptivity seeing, being seen sensitivity understanding

Community

belonging companionship collaboration, cooperation friendship, fellowship help, support inclusion, equality interdependence home hospitality, welcoming mutuality, reciprocity partnership team synergy

SELF-EXPRESSION

Freedom

adventure self-actualization aliveness autonomy, choice courage creativity fun growth independence innovation joy, happiness spontaneity wonder, discovery

Honesty

authenticity congruence dependability integrity, trust openness power, empowerment presence realness reliability respect, honoring

Meaning

achievement, success appreciation, gratitude celebration, mourning challenge contribution efficacy, effectiveness excellence, mastery, skill inspiration, learning, focus passion, commitment purpose structure, discipline vision, clarity wisdom