# PROMOTING LIFESTYLE CHANGE THROUGH MOTIVATIONAL INTERVIEWING

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## • 'Spirit' of MI

## Some core concepts & skills

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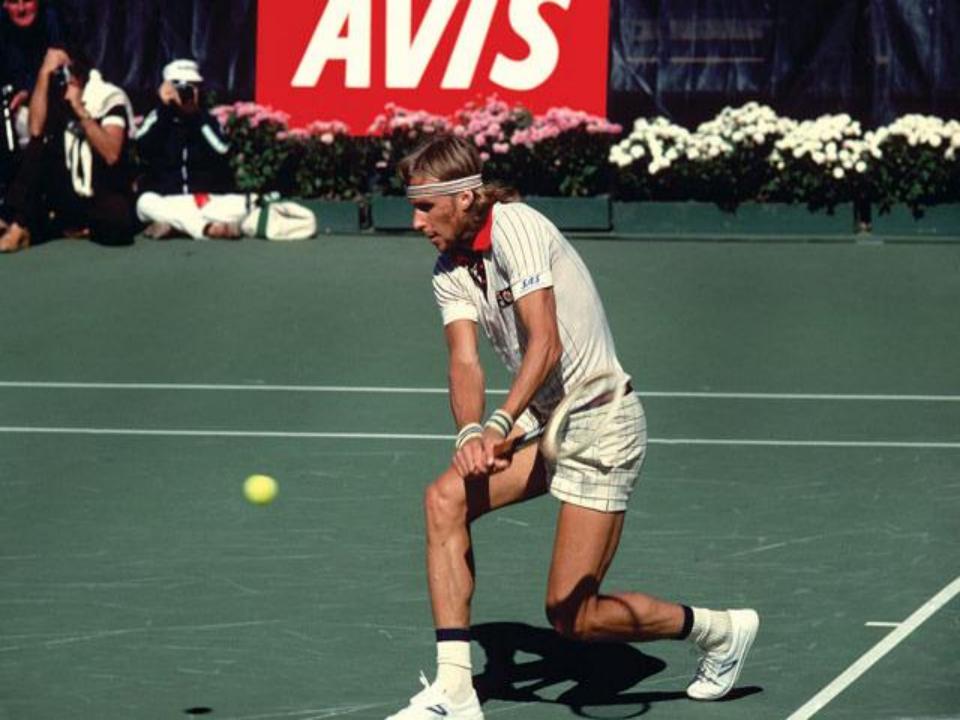
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- Help facilitate change effectively
- Help with key tasks:
- Building relationships
- Rolling with resistance
- Exploring Ambivalence
- Agenda matching
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### "What day is it, Pooh?", asked Piglet.

### "Ohh, err – why ít's today!" Saíd Pooh

"Today!" squeaked Piglet "Why that's my favourite day!"



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#### Slipped up

I couldn't keep it going and went back to familiar ways. I feel a bit of a failure but it's also a relief. Not sure what to do next – give up or try again?

- Discuss with partner:
- "It sounds like you're at .... because....."

## If we listen, we can hear....

### Importance & Confidence

Now explore with your partner, these two questions....

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# How *Important* is it to you to make or maintain this change?

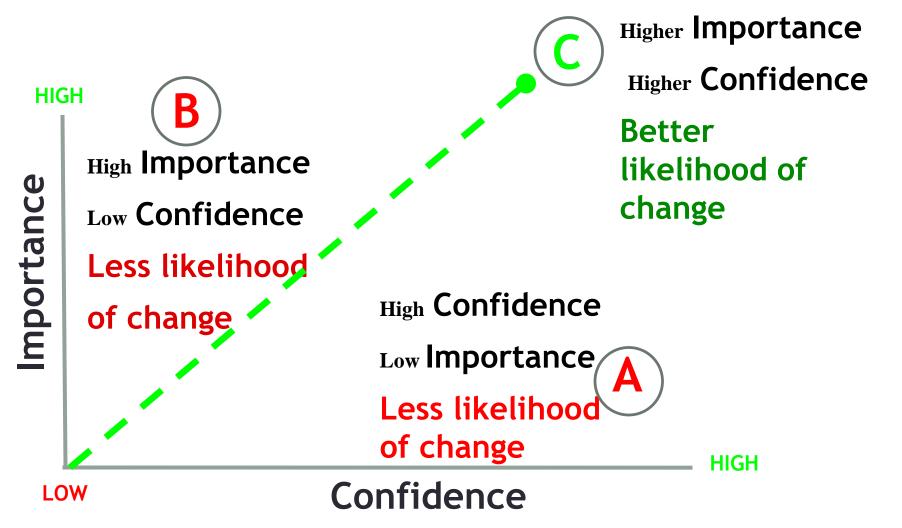
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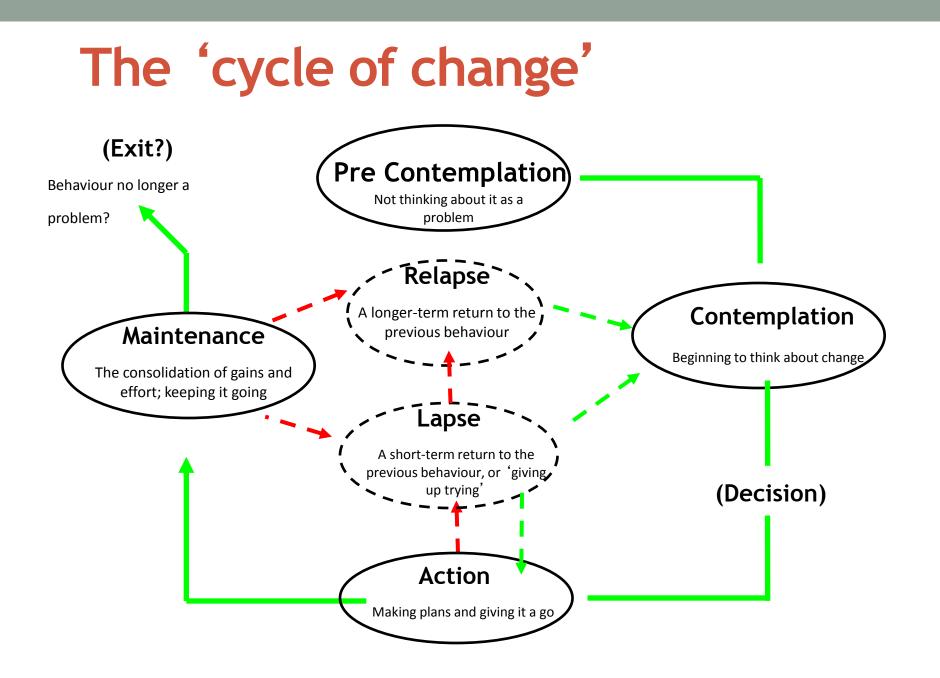
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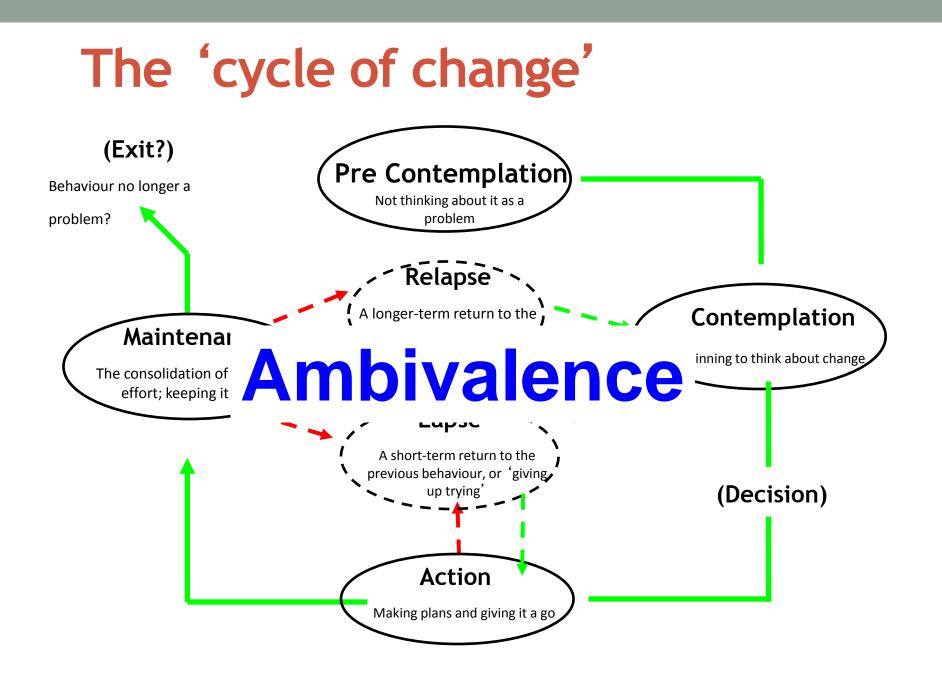
# How *Confident* are you that you could make or maintain this change if you decided to?

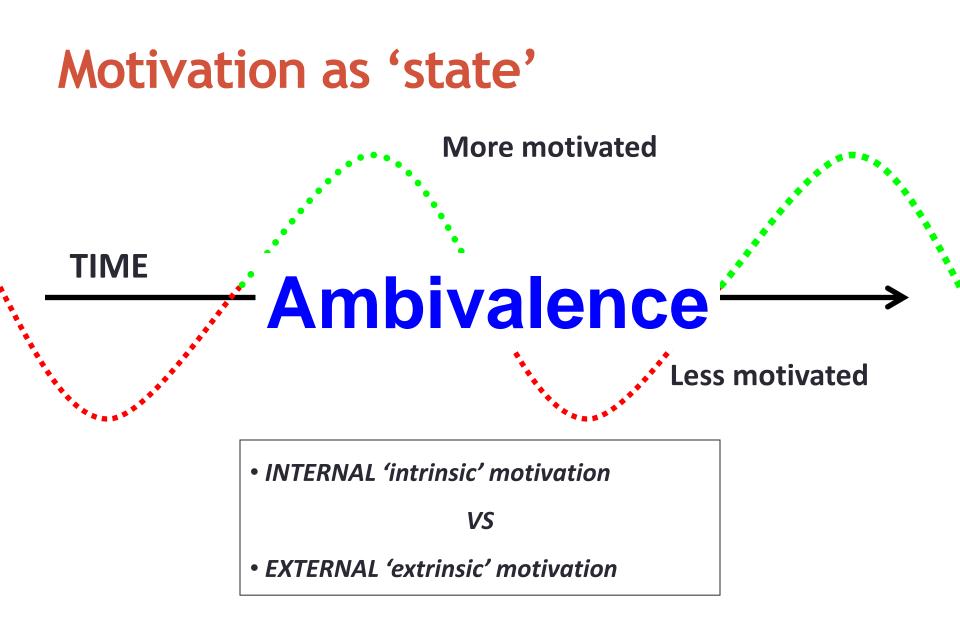
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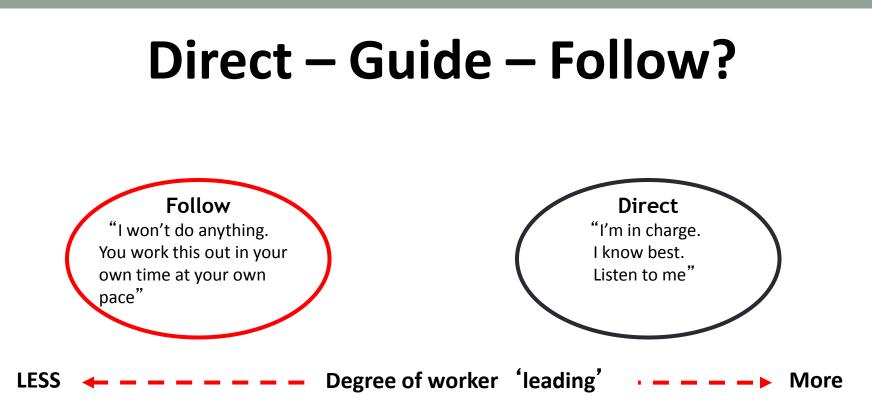
### **Group exercise:** The Abyss....





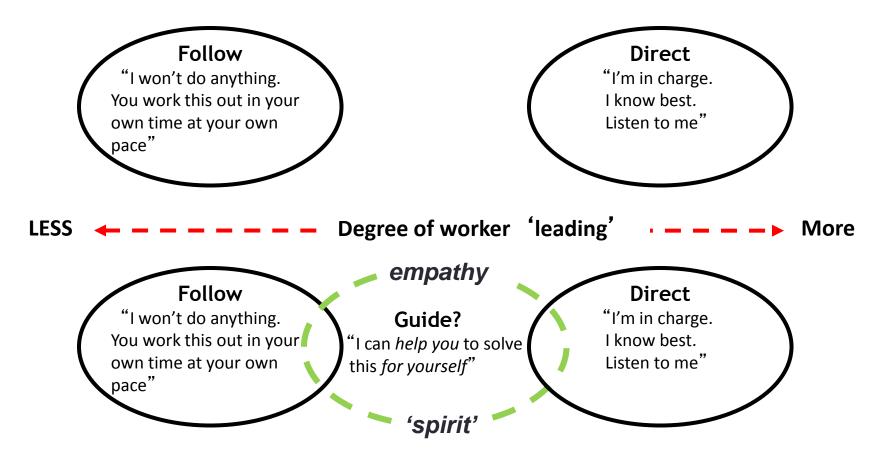
### **KEY TASKS**

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- Rolling with resistance
- Exploring Ambivalence
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### **Direct – Guide – Follow?**

MI "... directive, person-centred intervention focussing on behaviour change."



#### **Core skills: OARS**

### The 'how' of 'guiding'

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Open questions (strategic)
Affirmations
Reflections
Summaries

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#### Guide: doing the right thing at the right time



Core training followed by support and supervision

Skills focussed with spirit

# Thank you

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