



List of Resources for Adults



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Topic	Title	Author	Review
Anger	A Guide to Anger Management	Mary Hartley	Looks at anger in women, causes of anger, communication skills & handling anger in public places (e.g. road rage).
Anger	Overcoming Anger-When Anger Helps & When it Hurts	Dr. Windy Dryden	Detailed book, looks at triggers & gives tips on how to manage unhealthy anger.
Anxiety	Overcome Panic & Anxiety	Linda Manassee Buell	Short book written in bullet points by a person who suffered from anxiety. Gives practical tips on breathing exercises & how to support someone with anxiety.
Anxiety	Anxiety, Phobias & Panic	Reneau Z. Peurifoy	Looks in detail at different kinds of anxiety & stress. Outlines how to challenge unhelpful thinking & discusses topics such as self-esteem, anger & assertiveness. Outlines a step by step programme but reading individual chapters may also be helpful.
Assertiveness	Assertiveness Step by Step	Wendy Dryden	Detailed account of what assertiveness is. Looks at specific skills for different areas from relationships to work.
Assertiveness	The Assertiveness Handbook	Mary Hartley	Looks at how to be assertive in challenging situations. Clearly written with lots on guidelines & exercises to complete.
Bereavement	Overcoming Grief	Sue Morris	Practical, helpful book. Outlines realistic expectations about bereavement & tips on how to manage challenges such as dealing with grief triggers.
Cancer	Breast Cancer-The Essential Guide	Kathleen Locke	Very good, sound & practical in advice.
Cancer	Coping with the Psychological Effects of Cancer	Robert Bor, Carina Eriksen & Ceilidh Staplekamp	Sensitive but practical, to help patients & families cope with complex treatment options. Focuses on emotional, spiritual, physical & psychological needs.
Child Abuse (Adult Survivors)	Overcoming Childhood Trauma	Helen Kennerley	Sensitive. Links past & present difficulties. Practical tips for specific problems. *
Child Abuse (Adult Survivors)	Breaking Free: Help for Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse	Carolyn Ainscough & Kay Toon	Sensitively written. Shows range of feelings involved. Optimistic. Strategies for coping. *

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Dementia	Contented Dementia	Oliver James	Very practical & hands on. Written by a psychologist with personal experience of dementia in a family member. Helps the reader to step into the world of the person with dementia. Reviewed by Sheena Cadoo, HSE Occupational Therapist for adults with dementia.
Depression	Coming Through Depression (Includes CD)	Tony Bates	Follow on from previous book "Common Sense Approach ". Includes section on meditation as way to managing depression. Mindfulness meditation CD included.
Depression	Overcoming Depression	Paul Gilbert	Detailed book, describing causes of depression & ways to cope.
Depression	I Had A Black Dog	M. Johnstone	Excellent short book with humorous illustrations showing what it is like to have depression & how to tackle it.
Depression	Living with A Black Dog	M. Johnstone	Very helpful short book for carers which uses humorous illustrations to show what depression is like. Highlights helpful & unhelpful ways to offer support to the person with depression & suggestions for looking after yourself as a carer.
Eating Disorders	Overcoming Body Image Problems	David Veale	Well written book that covers how to identify body image problems, how to help someone with body image problems & ways to challenge unhelpful thinking.
Meditation/ Mindfulness	Quiet The Mind	M. Johnstone	Clear, jargon-free guide on meditation for beginners. Describes practical ways to manages obstacles to meditation.
Mindfulness	Mindfulness: A Practical Guide to Finding Peace in a Frantic World	Mark Williams & Danny Penman	User- friendly, comes with a CD with simple guided meditations. Also available as an audiobook. Useful for stress management, coping with anxiety & depression & chronic pain. Takes just 10-20 minutes a day to use & is supported by research.
Mood Difficulties	Mind Over Mood- Changing How You Feel by Changing the Way You Think	Dennis Greenberger & Christine Padesky	Clear & easy to follow workbook. Written by two clinical psychologists. Looks at how to deal with unhelpful thinking styles & how to use problem-solving skills to cope with a variety of difficulties from anxiety to guilt.

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Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)	Overcoming Obsessive Compulsive Disorder: A Self-Help Guide Using Cognitive Behavioural Techniques	David Veale & Rob Wilson	Step by step guide to tackling OCD, looks at causes & gives information & practical ideas.
Pain	Living Beyond Your Pain: Using ACT to Ease Chronic Pain	Joanne Dahl & Tobias Lundgren	Covers symptoms, causes & impact of pain. Step-by-step exercises & user-friendly layout.
Panic	When Panic Attacks (Includes CD)	Aine Tubridy	Very thorough text & excellent accompanying CD. Engaging while educating & offering coping skills.
Postnatal Depression	Postnatal Depression-The Essential Guide	Catherine Burrows	Sensitively written; easy read with sound advice & information.
Relationships	Overcoming Relationship Problems	Michael Crowe	Detailed book looking at a variety of relationship problems (e.g. separation, domestic violence) as well as how to start new relationships. Discusses communication skills & how to set boundaries.
Relationships	Overcoming Sexual Problems	Vicki Forde	Useful book that looks at issues like the impact of childbirth, medication, the internet & aging on sexual relationships. Has information for single people & couples on sexual health & advice on topics from loss of sexual desire to contraception.
Self-Esteem	Overcoming Low Self-Esteem	Melanie Fennell	Helpful book with lots of exercises to complete, looks at ways to tackle self-criticism.
Self -Esteem	Get the Life You Want-Finding Meaning & Purpose through Acceptance & Commitment Therapy	Dr. F. Jackson Brown	Contains exercises to help identify what is important in your life, how to set goals, how obstacles occur & how to overcome them. Also has a chapter on mindfulness.
Social Anxiety	Overcoming Social Anxiety & Shyness	Gillian Butler	Written by a clinical psychologist this book clearly describes where social anxiety comes from & how to tackle it. Also looks at assertiveness.

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Social Anxiety	I think They Think-Overcoming Social Phobia DVD	Ronald M Rapee	DVD where therapists explain what social phobia & how to tackle it step by step. Also includes clients reporting on their experiences. Looks at the role of medication & how to deal with setbacks.
Social Anxiety	10 Simple Solutions to Shyness	Martin Anthony	Detailed book with lots of information. Written by a psychologist. Looks at what social anxiety is & includes a chapter on getting ready to make changes. Covers topics including confronting difficult situations, communication & social skills. Also contains a chapter on making presentations.
Stress	The Happiness Trap	Russ Harris	Positive, practical book, looking at ways of dealing with stress, fear & anxiety.
Stress	Stress-The Essential Guide	Frances Ive	Concise, clear book looking at aspects of stress including work-life balance, identifying stress & relaxation skills
Substance Abuse	Get Your Loved One Sober: Alternatives to Nagging, Pleading & Threatening	Robert Meyers & Brenda Wolfe	Based on a well researched effective programme. Clearly written with helpful summaries & activities to complete. Covers topics like communication, safety & looking after yourself if you have someone in your life who abuses alcohol or other drugs. Easy to follow guidance on gathering more information about the problem & how to support your loved one to get help.
Substance Abuse	Overcoming Problem Drinking	Marcantonio Spada	Examines how drinking can become a problem & the process of change. Contains tips on dealing with thoughts that contribute to problem drinking & ways to deal with cravings. Also looks at getting social support & how to maintain positive changes in drinking habits.
Trauma	Overcoming Traumatic Stress	Claudia Herbert & Ann Wetmore	Comprehensive book looking at reactions to a variety of traumatic experiences from natural disasters to violence. Looks at how to deal with difficult memories & issues like guilt. Lots of exercises to complete

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Anger	Overcoming Anger and Irritability. Audio CD	Dr. William Davies	Series of talks on why we feel irritable & how we can make changes in our habits, thinking & actions to help us get on better with others & feel better about ourselves. Uses lots of examples.
Cancer	The Cancer Survivor's Companion- Practical Ways to Cope with your Feelings after Cancer	Dr. F. Goodhart & L. Atkins	Lots of information about dealing with feelings like worry & anger. Deals sensitively with topics like self-esteem & relationships.
Dementia	And Still the Music Plays	Graham Stokes	Written by a clinical psychologist. Composed of 22 short stories. Explores why some people with dementia behave in the way they do. Easy to read & hard to put down. Reviewed by Sheena Cadoo, HSE Occupational Therapist for adults with dementia.
Dementia	Dancing with Dementia	Christine Bryden	The author of this book was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease at the age of 46. She describes how she became an advocate for people with dementia & looks at practical issues such as the impact of environment, communication & coping with anxiety. A powerful read that is both inspiring & practical. Reviewed by Sheena Cadoo, HSE Occupational Therapist for adults with dementia.
Depression	Managing Depression, Growing Older	Kerrie Eyers, Gordon Parker & Henry Brodaty	A positive book aimed at carers & professionals with personal detailed case studies. Dispelling myths about depression in old age. Informative on range & types of depression & depression specific to aging. Strategies for maintaining a positive outlook.
Depression	Overcoming Depression (CD). Talks with Your Therapist	Paul Gilbert	CD1 – Very good introduction to mindfulness meditation for the novice. CD 2 – Good introduction to being kind & compassionate to yourself & a clear introduction to managing depression.
Memory	Memory & Brain Health. DVD	FreeDem Films	Series of short animated films about helping to identify memory problems, memory tips & information about dementia. Clear & user friendly.

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Pain	Manage Your Pain: Practical and Positive Ways of Adapting to Chronic Pain	Dr Michael Nicholas	Defines chronic pain, looks at different medical tests & gives information on ways to manage pain like pacing, relaxation & challenging your thoughts. Very clear & practical book.
Positive Aging	The Mature Mind. The Positive Power of the Aging Brain	Gene Cohen	Very detailed book that challenges our ideas about aging. Lots of information about brain development & research. Highlights positive developments in aging such as creativity & personality. Helpful chapter on assessing "retirement readiness". Last couple of chapters have ideas on how to maximize positive aging.
Positive Aging	Seven Strategies for Positive Aging	Robert Hill	For the reader who is interested in the research behind positive aging. Very detailed & technical at times. Lots of activities to complete & useful resources. Explores important areas such as learning in old age, forgiveness & gratitude.
Positive Aging	The Challenge of Retirement	Trish Murphy	Written for those looking to overcome obstacles & gain more enjoyment from their retirement years. Challenges misconceptions associated with retirement & address common difficulties including stress, low mood & relationship problems using strategies such as mindfulness. Includes quotes from retired people & a list of useful resources.
Positive Aging	Aging and Caring: A Guide for Later Life	Des O'Neill	A detailed & comprehensive handbook that gives a balanced view on aging & looks at issues that can cause difficulties in families such as safety, driving & maintaining independence. Has a chapter on policies relating to older people in Ireland & has practical information on allowances & benefits. Contains a chapter for carers.
Self-Esteem	An Introduction to Improving Your Self-Esteem	Melanie Fennell with Lee Brosnan	Short workbook. Good introduction to how low self-esteem can develop & how to develop realistic expectations for yourself.

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Online Resources for Adults

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Useful Websites for Adults

Topic	Website	Review
Anxiety	www.anxietybc.com	Canadian website with very useful handouts & info on anxiety for children & adults. Practical & clear.
Bereavement	www.hospicefoundation.ie	Comprehensive website about loss, bereavement & end of life matters. Helpful videos on grief & bereavement leaflets available.
Child Abuse (Adult Survivors)	www.hse-ncs.ie/en	National Counselling Service website providing information about counselling, impact of abuse & links to other useful sites.
Dementia	www.alzheimer.ie	Very helpful website providing information on how to live with, & cope with dementia. Information packs available.
Depression	www.aware.ie	Information on coping with depression, local support groups & helping loved ones with depression.
	www.deprexis.com	An on-line computerized professional programme for dealing with depression.
	www.ifightdepression.com	Useful website from the European Alliance Against Depression. Information on identifying mood depression & practical tips on how to improve your mood
Drugs	www.na-ireland.org	Information for those who think they may have a drug problem. Also providing information about local meetings.
Eating Disorders	www.bodywhys.ie	Irish website providing information on different eating disorders, supports available, help-line & local service directory.

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Gambling	www.gamblersanonymous.ie	Information about gambling & local meetings.
General Health	www.hse.ie	Find information about your local health service. Also has a useful A-Z section where you can find out more about physical & mental health difficulties
General Mental Health and Wellbeing	www.getselfhelp.co.uk	Very useful self-help website with complete programmes for depression, anxiety, anger & related problems.
	www.yourmentalhealth.ie	Very comprehensive website giving information about looking after your mental health; giving support to others; where to find help & support in your local area.
	www.cci.health.wa.gov.au	Australian website with well-researched online courses on topics such as assertiveness & anxiety (see "Consumers" section of the website)
Life-Skills	www.lltff.com	Living life to the Full is an on-line life-skills course, free of charge with easy access, audio lectures & more on topics like depression, worry and self-esteem
Mindfulness	www.self-compassion.org	Comprehensive website providing information about self-compassion & many free downloads on meditation and more.
	www.mindful-monkey.com	UK website promoting mindful living, positive relations & contributions to well-being. Free downloads on meditation available & a very useful tag cloud linking relevant topics.
Pain	www.chronicpain.ie	Very helpful website with information & videos about living with chronic pain, as well as information about courses & workshops around Ireland about chronic pain
Positive Change	www.actionforhappiness.org	Information on how you can bring about positive change to make your life more fulfilling.
Psychology	www.psihq.ie	Website of the Psychological Society of Ireland with a list of registered psychologists working in Ireland, information sheets on topics like exam stress & updates about various events around Ireland
Social Anxiety	www.socialanxietyireland.com	Providing information, advice & support for people with SA, also with a self-help section.

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Useful Online Videos for Adults			
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Acceptance and Commitment Therapy	Russ Harris Introduces ACT (Acceptance and Commitment Therapy) www.youtube.com/watch?v=QS13jRcaufs	YouTube	Very good introduction to ACT (Acceptance and Commitment Therapy). Explains how we can learn to manage difficult emotions & troublesome thoughts.
	Zara speaks to Dr. Russ Harris about Acceptance and Commitment Therapy. www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5UWEgC0A4c	YouTube	Series of talks explaining more techniques on how to deal with difficult emotions, memories & thoughts by using acceptance, mindfulness & other skills.
Dementia	Teepa Snow www.youtube.com/user/teepasnow	YouTube	Comprehensive series of Alzheimer's & Dementia carer training videos for professionals & families. The presenter is a Dementia Care Specialist .
Depression	I had a Black Dog – his name was Depression www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiCrniLQGYc	YouTube (World Health Organisation)	Animated video of Matthew Johnstone's book about his experience of depression. Very accessible video & positive about recovery. Gives tips on managing and overcoming depression.
Mental Health	Talking About... www.youtube.com/watch?v=m82jEQXRurg	YouTube (Mind the Mental Health Charity)	Series of videos of groups of people talking about their experiences of about difficulties such as anxiety, panic attacks & self-esteem & what they found helpful. Very relaxed & positive.

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Mindfulness/Meditation	How to Quiet the Mind- Matthew Johnstone www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbqofdJk8AA	YouTube (RSA)	Matthew Johnstone talks about how to cultivate resiliency & to cope with life's difficulties by doing mindfulness meditation. He also gives instructions on how to do mindfulness meditation.
Mindfulness/Meditation	All it Takes is Ten Mindful Minutes- Andy Puddicombe www.youtube.com/watch?v=qzR62JJCMBQ	YouTube (TED Talks)	Easy to follow & entertaining introduction to the benefits of mindfulness meditation.
Grief	Understanding Grief Living with Loss www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sA4Yyq2f3w	You Tube (The Irish Hospice Foundation)	A series of Irish videos which sensitively covers topics like what grief is, real life stories of grief, coping with suicide in the workplace & loss related to dementia.
Panic Attacks	Panic Attacks Real Story www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvovkmeY7Hc	YouTube (NHS Choices)	Real life account of what panic attacks are & how to cope with their impact.
Physical Exercise	23 and ½ hours: What is the single best thing we can do for our health? www.youtube.com/watch?v=aUalnS6HIGo	YouTube (Doc Mike Evans)	Animated video providing information about the multiple benefits of exercise. Thought provoking & fun.
Self-Compassion	Self – Compassion Parts 1, 2 & 3 Kristin Neff www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tyl6YXp1Y6M	YouTube	Series of short talks by Kirsten Neff on what self-compassion entails & how to develop self-compassion.
Self-Esteem	Anxiety: Jo's Story www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Dd_VR-Ef20	YouTube (The House Partnership Therapy & CBT, NHS Choices)	Personal story of social anxiety & its impact. Encourages people to seek help & advice on how to learn to manage their difficulties.



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