# Safe Spaces, Brave Spaces

Reflective practice and team wellbeing

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#### Connection

"....and she looked me in the eyes, and we were sad together for a while. I'll never forget how that felt. Like not being hungry.

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver



"I am because we are" - Ubuntu

"We interact, therefore I become"

Ryle & Kerr, 2002 Introducing Cognitive Analytic Therapy





# Illbeing

# Wellbeing



### Creating safe spaces

- Create a 'container' that works:
- Agreed time/place
- Agreed guidelines
- Commitment
- Dialogue







### Dialogue

Asking questions that matter

Listening with the whole body

Appreciating from the heart

#### Questions that matter

How do you care for yourself?

What inhibits the flow of compassion in your (work) environment?

What promotes the flow of compassion in your (work) environment?



