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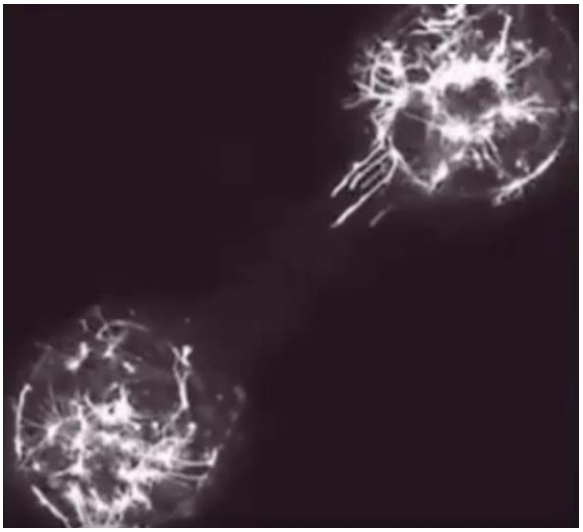
REWIRE THE BRAIN THROUGH MINDFUL-TOUCH

Neuroplasticity and How We Shape Our Brain Through What We Practice



Neurons and Neurotransmitters

When a neuron is activated in the brain, it sends an electrical signal down its axon, leading to the release of neurotransmitters into the synaptic gap. These molecules then bind to receptors on the adjacent neuron, triggering a response that continues the signal transmission. Over time, repeated communication can lead to the strengthening of these synaptic connections, a process known as **synaptic plasticity**. This is crucial for learning, memory formation, and the brain's ability to adapt to new information or recover from injury. The formation of new synapses, or **synaptogenesis**, involves not just neurotransmitter release but also the physical growth and branching of neuronal structures. This extraordinary capacity for change is called **neuroplasticity**: **the brain's natural ability to adapt, learn, and even heal itself through repeated experience**. The following footage captures just one part of the complex and fascinating process by which our brains continuously rewire themselves in response to our experiences.
(□ Small World Motion)

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How the Brain Changes

When we learn something new or practice a skill—especially when it's done with focus and care — our brain's neurons fire together, strengthening the connections between them. This process, known as synaptic plasticity, builds more efficient pathways. **The more we use them, the stronger and faster they become**. The less we use them, the more they fade. As neuroscientists would say:

"Neurons that fire together, wire together."

https://www.bbc.com/reel/video/p098v92g/neuroplasticity-how-to-rewire-your-brain

This is how learning becomes lasting, and how habits — good or bad — are formed. The exciting news is that we can *choose* what to practice and where to focus our attention. That choice shapes our brains. Our mindset is basic for rewiring our brain.

Neuroplasticity and Touch

Now consider that our sense of touch is one of the most powerful forms of sensory input we have. Our skin is the largest organ in the body, it is directly connected to the nervous system. When we experience safe, mindful touch, we activate networks in the brain that foster **connection, calm, and emotional regulation** which stimulates the body's healing potential.

This isn't just poetic—it's biological. With consistent, affective touch, new synapses can actually form, reinforcing the brain's **sense of safety, belonging,** and the

production of **well-being hormones**, such as **serotonin, oxytocin and dopamine.** Mindful-Touch Education (MTEd) directly taps into this science.

Mindful-Touch Practice Rewires

Our core message is simple but profound:

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The more we practice Mindful-Touch,
the deeper the connection grows.
The safer you feel,
the more resilient you become.
The more your self-esteem builds,
the more open you are to learning.
And the happier you feel,
more naturally success follows.

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Each time we engage in MTEd practices—whether it's mindful breathing, compassionate touch, or co-regulation—we're literally reshaping the brain by reinforcing neural pathways for:

- **Calm and focus**
- **Compassion and connection**
- **Resilience and emotional balance**

This is true for children and teens, as well as for the educators who guide them. Our brains remain adaptable throughout life. The knowledge of neuroplasticity is a powerful step to understand our potential to rewire our brain, the practice of Mindful-Touch Education offers the tools to get us there.

Read More: Pt 2: NEUROPLASTICITY & LEARNING - 6 secrets to learning faster, backed by neuroscience

On the other hand, Excessive screen time and dependence on digital devices are linked to numerous negative effects on both physical and mental health. These include increased stress, anxiety, poor sleep quality, and elevated levels of cortisol — the body's primary stress hormone. Physical health risks include obesity, hypertension, low HDL cholesterol, and insulin resistance, while mental

health consequences range from depression and suicidal tendencies to reduced mental energy and impaired brain development. This research underscores the urgent need to understand and address screen addiction, particularly in children.

Read more: Increased Screen Time as a Cause of Declining Physical, Psychological Health, and Sleep Patterns: A Literary Review

Why This Matters for Educators

When students understand that their intelligence and emotional capacity are not fixed, but instead constantly evolving, it empowers them. Studies show that students who learn about neuroplasticity feel more confident, motivated, and open to challenge—especially those who may have thought they "weren't smart enough."

By integrating MTEd into our classrooms, we're not just delivering a curriculum. **We're offering students a powerful message: you can grow, change, and thrive.**

Supporting Brain Growth with MTEd

To make the most of this potential, here are a few key strategies:

- **Practice regularly**: Repetition strengthens neural connections. The more often students engage in mindful-touch practices, the more deeply the benefits take root.
- **Make it meaningful:** When activities are relevant to students' lives and feelings, their brains are more likely to form lasting memories.
- **Talk about the brain:** Let students know how and why this works. It's not just comforting—it's motivating to understand that every practice session is literally reshaping who we are becoming.

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Brain Mapping Tool Reveals How Learning Rewires Synaptic Links

Read More:
https://neurosciencenews.com/brain-mapping-synapse-learning-28533/

By embracing the science of neuroplasticity and the transformative power of mindful touch, we give our students — and ourselves — the tools to build **healthier, more connected, and more resilient brains**.

So change is not only possible.

It's something we can practice.

One mindful touch at a time.