



Managing micro-incivilities in the workplace

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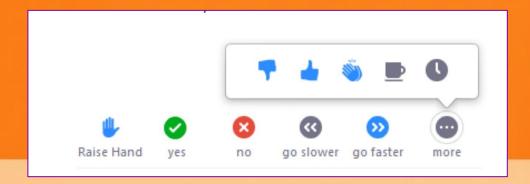


Using Zoom

Mute button

Chat

Polling





Micro incivilities



'The kinds of daily, commonplace behaviours or aspects of an environment which signal, wittingly or unwittingly, to members of out-groups that they do not belong and are not welcome.'



Everyday racism: micro-incivilities



Ignored and interrupted



Not giving eye contact



Constantly criticised



Not pronouncing name correctly



Stereotypical judgements



Assumptions about skills/abilities/temperament

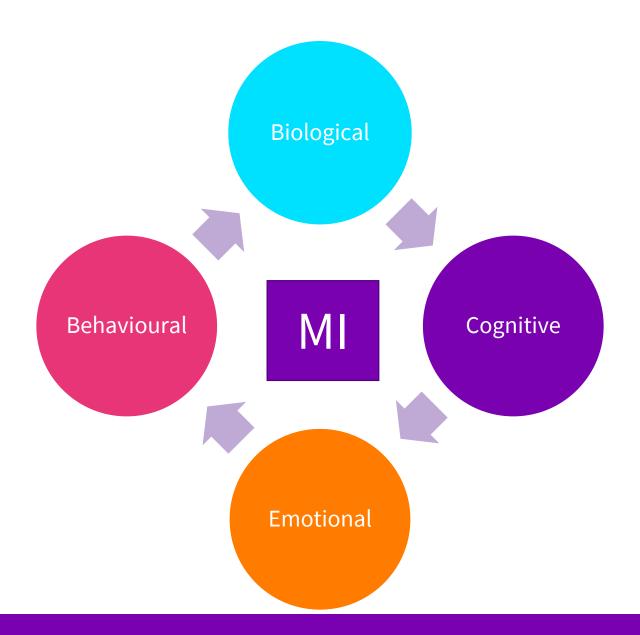
Polling Q1

How often have you witnessed MIs within the last 3 months?

- 1. Frequently
- 2. Sometimes
- 3. Never



Impact





Polling Q2

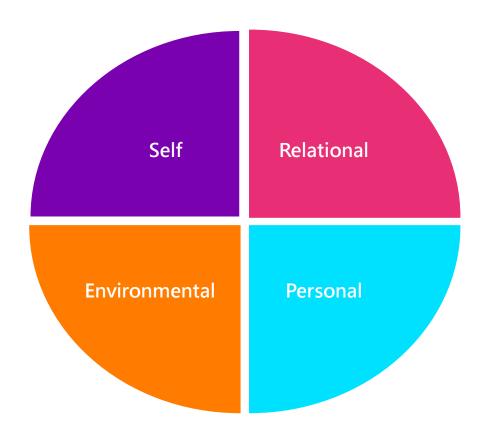
How often have you experienced MIs within the last 3 months?

- A. Frequently
- B. Sometimes
- C. Never





The Workplace Micro-Resistance Response Framework





Polling Q3

How often have you perpetrated MIs within the last 3 months?

A. Never

B. I think I probably have but I couldn't identify when

C. I have and I can identify when





- Recognise MIs
- Understand own bias
- Recognise and challenge cognitive dissonance
- Be open to challenge





Environmental: Micro-affirmations



- Eyes
- Body language
- Acknowledgement
- Time and attention



- Remembering (name, details)
- Recalling (contribution)



- Involving
- Encouraging
- Inviting
- Building



Relational

- Mentoring programmes
- Strong support networks





Personal

Be a second pair of eyes – reduce ambiguity

Challenge MIs

Support when others challenge





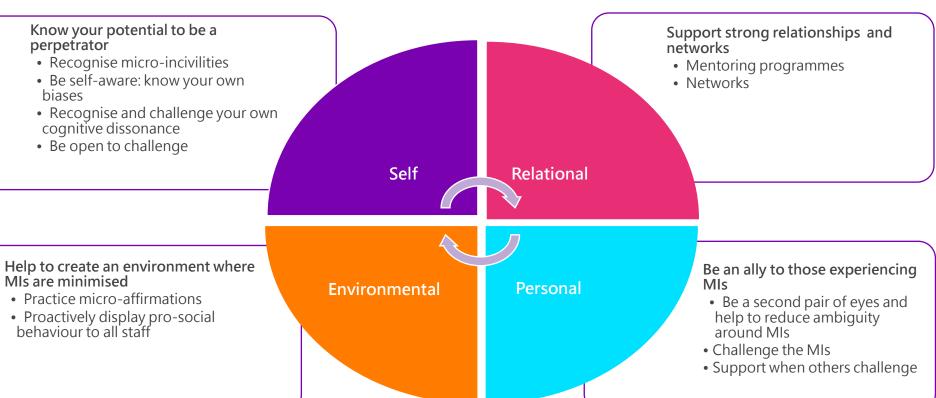
Challenge: ACTION

Ask Questions: Curious exploration Carefully Listen: Active, open listening Tell what you've observed: behaviour Impact exploration: ask for impact Own your thoughts: Share view Next steps: what would you like happen



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