



## **COMPLETE THE WHEEL:**

- **1. Review the 8 Wheel Categories -** think briefly what a satisfying life might look like for you in each area.
- 2. Next, draw a line across each segment that represents your satisfaction score for each area.
- Imagine the centre of the wheel is 0 and the outer edge is 10
- Choose a value between 1 (very dissatisfied) and 10 (fully satisfied)
- Now draw a line and write the score alongside (see example above)

**IMPORTANT:** Use the FIRST number (score) that pops into your head, not the number you think it *should* be!



## The Wheel of Life Exercise – Instructions

## **Notes:**

- Balance is personal and unique to each individual what may be satisfying or balanced for some may be stressful or boring for others.
- This exercise raises awareness and allows you to plan a life that is more satisfying and closer to your definition of balance. It also helps clarify priorities for goal-setting.
- Balance must be assessed over time. A regular check-in (eg. with this exercise) can highlight useful patterns and help you learn even more about yourself. You can do this with someone else or do it by yourself.
- An option is for you to ask someone who knows you well to complete the scores for you (sometimes it's helpful to see an outside perception of your life 'balance'). Important: This must be someone you trust and whose opinion you value
  and remember that others may have hidden agendas.

## **Detailed Instructions:**

- 1. Review the 8 categories on your Wheel of Life. The categories should together create a view of a balanced life for you. If necessary you can split category segments to add in something that is missing, or re-label an area to make it more meaningful for you. Examples of changes are:
  - 1. Family and Friends: Split "Family and Friends" into separate categories.
  - 2. **Significant Other:** Changing the category name to "Dating", "Relationship" or "Life Partner".
  - 3. Career: Changing the category name to "Motherhood", "Work", "Business" or "Volunteering".
  - 4. Finances: Changing the category name to "Money", "Financial Security" or "Financial Wellbeing".
  - 5. **Health:** The category name could be split or changed to "Emotional", "Physical", "Fitness", "Spiritual" or "Wellbeing".
  - 6. Home Environment: The category could split or change to "Work Environment" for career or business clients.
  - 7. **Fun & Leisure:** The category name could change to "Recreation"
  - 8. **Personal Growth:** The category name could change to "Learning", "Self-Development" or "Spiritual"
  - 9. Other categories to add could include "Security", "Service", "Leadership", "Achievement" or "Community".
- 2. **Think** about what success or satisfaction would feel like for each area.
- 3. **Rank your level of satisfaction** with each area of your life by drawing a line across each segment. Place a value between 1 (very dissatisfied) and 10 (fully satisfied) against each area to show how satisfied you are currently with each category in your life.
- 4. The new perimeter of the circle represents your Wheel of Life. Based on what you see today, "Is it a bumpy ride?"
- 5. Now, looking at the wheel here are some great questions to **take the exercise deeper**:
  - 1. Are there any surprises for you?
  - 2. How do you feel about your life as you look at your Wheel?
  - 3. Where have you invested time, attention, money or other resources? Does it correlate to what you see on your wheel? How would you *like* to spend time in these areas?
- 6. **Come to the Habit Change Lab** to get partnership in this and accountability for change.