



Dr. Thania Acaron: Embodied Decision Making: Crucial Life Transitions



Dr. Thania Acaron is a dance movement therapist, researcher, lecturer, and performer from Puerto Rico, currently based in Wales. She is certified as a clinical supervisor and dance movement psychotherapist in the UK and US and has worked in this field for over fifteen years. Learn how to use embodied skills in decision-making to support crucial life transitions.

TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: Ask Your Body What Is, Rather Than What Was Or Should Be

Movement Experience:

- We move through predictable stages when going through any transition; these can be seen, experienced, and understood through movement.
- Join Dr. Acaron in a guided practice designed to take you through the 5 stages, which draw on the work of Peggy Hackney.

Changes in Movement: Life Changes:

- The stages, summarized:
 - **Notice** what you are doing, using awareness, not judgment.
 - Accept what you're doing, and how it serves you.
 - Know your **Intent** your goals pattern your brain.
 - **Clarify** intent use images and the whole body.
 - **Practice** over time in new situations.

Decision-Making in Movement Stages:

- Dr. Acaron explores the model of Movement Pattern Analysis developed by Warren Lamb.
- In this model, we move through 5 processes in every decision or transition:
 - **Flow/Tension** related to self-regulation and breath, tension and release.
 - **Space/Attention** when we investigate our options. We need to feel safe to do this.
 - Weight/Intention deciding priorities and throwing tantrums.
 - **Time/Action** making commitments, planning.
 - **Reflection** at the center of it all.

Resources

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